

Parent Meeting

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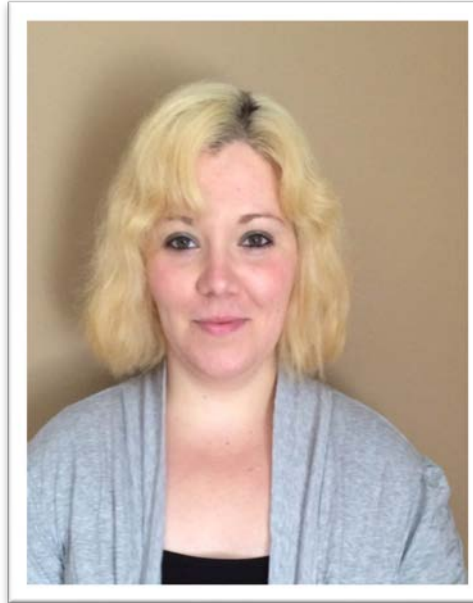


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Review of Program Objectives

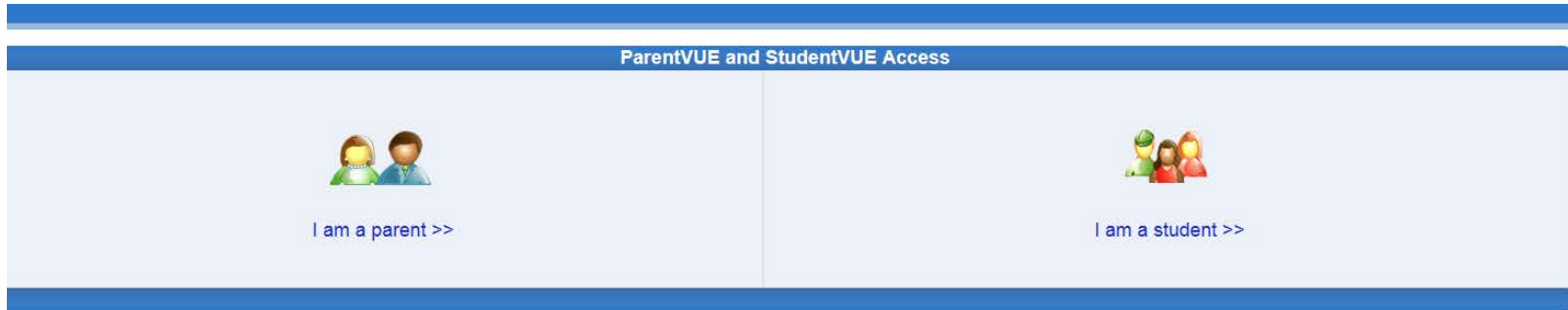
- Participants served during the project year will have a **2.5 cumulative GPA or better**
- UB seniors served during the project year will have achieved at the **proficient level on state assessments** in reading/language arts and math.
- Project participants served during the project year will **continue in school for the next academic year**, at the next grade level, or will graduate.
- Current and prior UB participants will complete **a rigorous secondary school program of study**.
- UB graduates will **enroll in a program of postsecondary education by the fall term immediately following high school graduation** (exception: spring deferment).
- Participants will **attain either an associate's or bachelor's degree within six years following graduation** from high school.

Summer Academy Wrap-Up

- 50 students participated in the 2015 Summer Academy
- Students could earn up to 2 high school elective credits or 3 college credits; bridge students could earn up to 12 college credits
- Curriculum subjects: English, math, science, world language
- Cost to the student: \$0
- Team Building activities
- College visits with cultural enrichment activities (Frostburg University, Towson University/National Aquarium, West Virginia University, Shippensburg University/Penn State Mont Alto, Hershey zoo, museum and park)



Are you registered for ParentVue?



Login

User Name:

Password:

Login

[Forget your password? Click here.](#)

The image shows a login form with a blue header and a light blue background. The header contains the text "Login". Below the header, there are two input fields: "User Name:" and "Password:". Below the input fields, there is a "Login" button. At the bottom, there is a link that says "Forget your password? Click here."

Contact your guidance office for an access code.

Good Habits for UB Students

- Attendance
- Organization- binders and folders
- Time Management- scheduling and planners
- Note-taking during class (w/ date!)
- Discovering learning style (VAK)
- After-school tutoring
- Forming study groups w/ friends
- Reading 15 minutes per day



Important Testing Dates

HSAs – High School Assessments (**Biology & Government**)

- October 5 - 16, 2015
- January 11-22, 2016
- April 4 - 8, 2016
- <http://wcpsmd.com/sites/default/files/documents/Testing%20Calendar%202015-16.pdf>

PARCC – Partnership For Assessment Of Readiness For College and Careers

(**English 9, English 10, English 11, Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2**)

- April 4 – May 13, 2016
- <http://www.parcconline.org/for-parents>

Important Testing Dates

- **NEW PSAT** – National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
 - Wednesday, October 14, 2015
 - All 9th, 10th and 11th grade students
- **NEW SAT** – usually the 1st Saturday of every month at WHS or SHHS
 - Spring of junior year
 - Fall of senior year
 - <http://wcpsmd.com/secondary-instruction/sat-prep>
 - Two fee waivers available for UB students (guidance counselor)
 - Free practice: www.khanacademy.org
- **ACT** – usually the 2nd Saturday of every month at NHHS
 - Spring of junior year
 - Fall of senior year
 - Two fee waivers available for UB students (guidance counselor)

Fall Saturday Sessions

- October 10, 2015
- November 21, 2015
- December 12, 2015
- Guest Speakers
- Virtual Tours of Colleges
- Sessions by grade level
 - **Freshmen:** interest inventories, career exploration, learning styles, financial literacy, and more
 - **Sophomores:** NEW PSAT prep, career exploration, college exploration, financial literacy, and more
 - **Juniors:** NEW PSAT/SAT prep, college and scholarship research, financial literacy, resume writing, and more
 - **Seniors:** Choosing colleges wisely, submit college applications, essay writing, common application, resume writing, scholarship research, financial aid and FAFSA help, and more



2015-16 College Visits & Field Trips

Students are required to sign-up online for all college visits at least two weeks ahead of time. This will ensure appropriate transportation and food.

OCTOBER 16th University of Maryland Baltimore County Open House

NOVEMBER 2nd Mount St. Mary's College & National Emergency Training Center

NOVEMBER 3rd National Institute of Health

NOVEMBER 14th James Madison University Open House

JANUARY 18th Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY 27th TRiO Day

APRIL 16th USA Science & Engineering Festival

APRIL 30th *Maryland Day @ University of Maryland College Park*

MAY 21st New York City, NY

Incentive trip: Top 20 students (based on participation and grades) will attend

Student Service Learning Opportunities

October 14 – WCPC/HCC College Fair
@ HCC from 6 – 8pm

December – Red Cross Gift Wrapping
@ Valley Mall

Check with school guidance office for
additional opportunities

Finding the Best College Fit

What should you consider?

- Big, medium, small
- Rural, suburban, or urban
- Private vs. public
- Community college vs. university campus
- Commuter campus or residence life
- Academic offerings
- Sports (if applicable)
- Graduation rates and career outlook*

Non-Profit vs. For-Profit Colleges

What You Need to Know

What's the difference?

- Non-profits offer a learning environment designed first and foremost to serve students' interests, helping them finish their college degrees and achieve career success.
- For-profits (sometimes called “proprietary schools”) are in business to make money for owners and shareholders by offering a service; in this case education.

Money or Education: What's the motivating factor?

- Non-profit institutions operate independently of an owner structure and are free to focus on providing quality education to students.
- For-profit institutions must provide adequate financial returns for their shareholders and stakeholders. Making a profit is an absolute priority.

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Fees and costs: Which is more expensive?

- Non-profits are more affordable and typically competitive with public university tuition costs.
- For-profits are more expensive, says a recent Senate Report, which also called them “high-tuition schools.”

Governance: Who’s in charge?

- Non-profits, on the other hand, are led by an accomplished staff under the direction of a Board of Trustees with strong ties to the local community. Many also seek the input of community leaders through Advisory and Alumni Boards.
- For-profits have a number of constituents outside of students and faculty; namely shareholders. A 2012 U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Labor, Education and Pensions report indicates many for-profits are traded on a major stock exchange or owned by a private equity firm.

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Startling Statistics About For-Profits

- On average, for-profits spent \$3,017 per student on instructional costs (2009-10) vs. \$15,321 at private non-profit colleges
- Average tuition cost at for-profit colleges is \$31,000 after grants vs. \$26,600 for non-profit colleges
- 28% of for-profit college students graduate with a four-year degree vs. 65% at private, non-profit colleges
- For-profit schools spent \$8 per student on research vs. \$5,887 per student at private, non-profits

Institutions receiving the most graduate student loan disbursements, 2013-14.

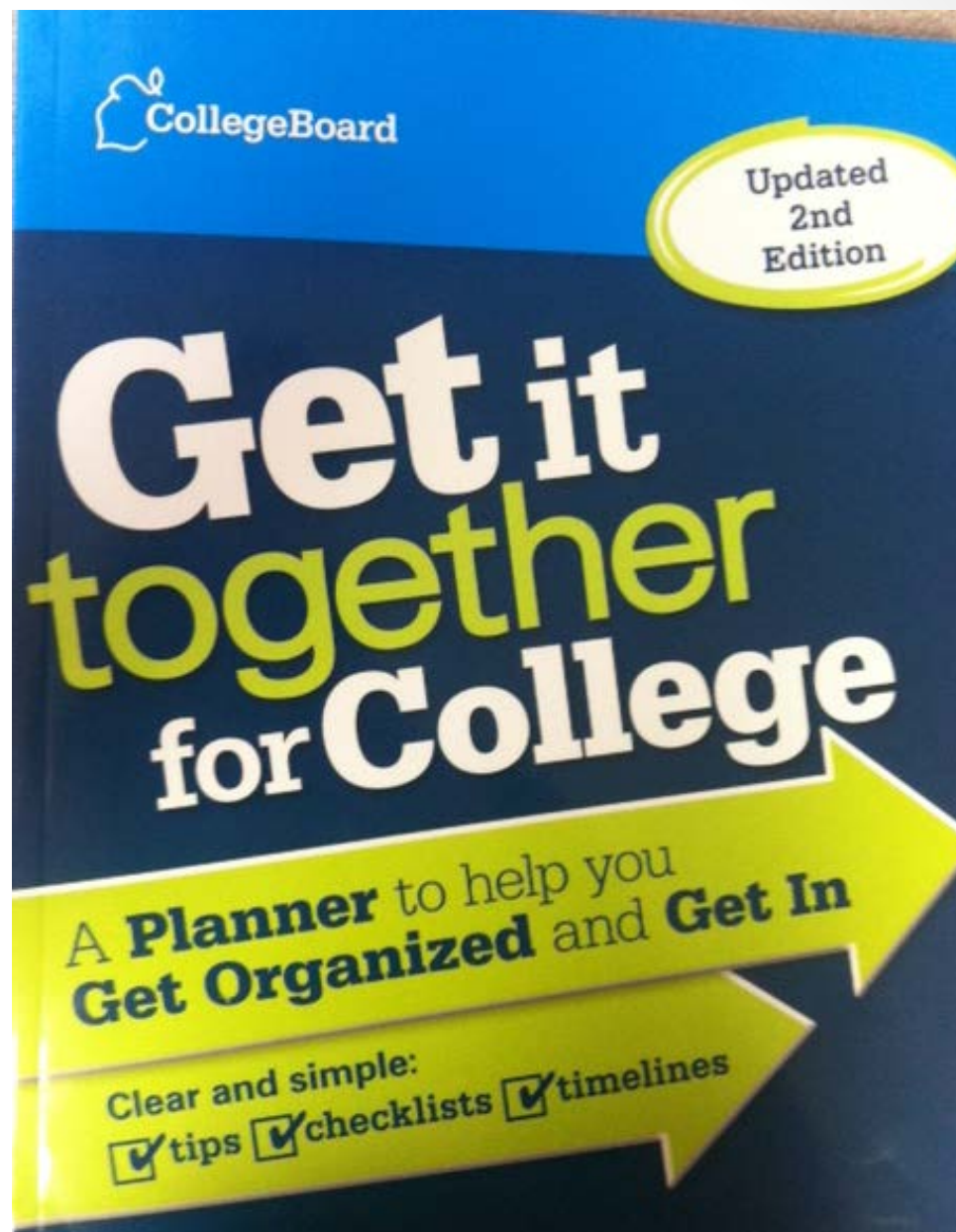
Source: Center for American Progress analysis of US Department of Education data.

Institution	Sector	Grad student debt	Rank
Walden Univ	For-profit	\$756,336,024	1
Nova Southeastern Univ	Nonprofit	\$532,479,305	2
Univ of Phoenix	For-profit	\$493,078,509	3
New York U.	Nonprofit	\$471,627,155	4
Univ of Southern Calif.	Nonprofit	\$460,167,597	5
Capella U.	For-profit	\$399,450,066	6
Liberty U.	Nonprofit	\$351,847,277	7
Midwestern U.	Nonprofit	\$335,146,070	8
Grand Canyon U.	For-profit	\$329,153,677	9
Strayer U.	For-profit	\$284,209,616	10

UB Student Resources

- <http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges/rankings/national-universities/data/page+3>
 - Schools in the National Universities category, such as Columbia University and the University of Pennsylvania, offer a full range of undergraduate majors, plus master's and doctoral programs. These colleges also are committed to producing groundbreaking research.
- www.collegedata.com – a place to start
- www.collegeboard.org (big future section)
- The Upward Bound website
- PSAT/NMSQT Review Books or websites
- SAT Math Review Books or websites
- SAT vocabulary cards
- We encourage students to utilize student planners at all times

All juniors will receive this book during a Saturday Session. They should be using it as a guide. We will be going through this with students during future Saturday Sessions.



UB Scholarship Fund

- Summer 2015 we awarded two \$500 scholarships
- I'd like to award at least one \$1000 scholarship for 2016
- Completely based on fund-raising
 - ✓ Zumbathon Event, with 50/50
 - ✓ Basket raffles
 - ✓ Restaurants
- We really need student & parent involvement for fund-raising
- Ideas?

Upward Bound & Social Media

- Facebook- announcements, conversations, & photos
- Flickr – photo sharing

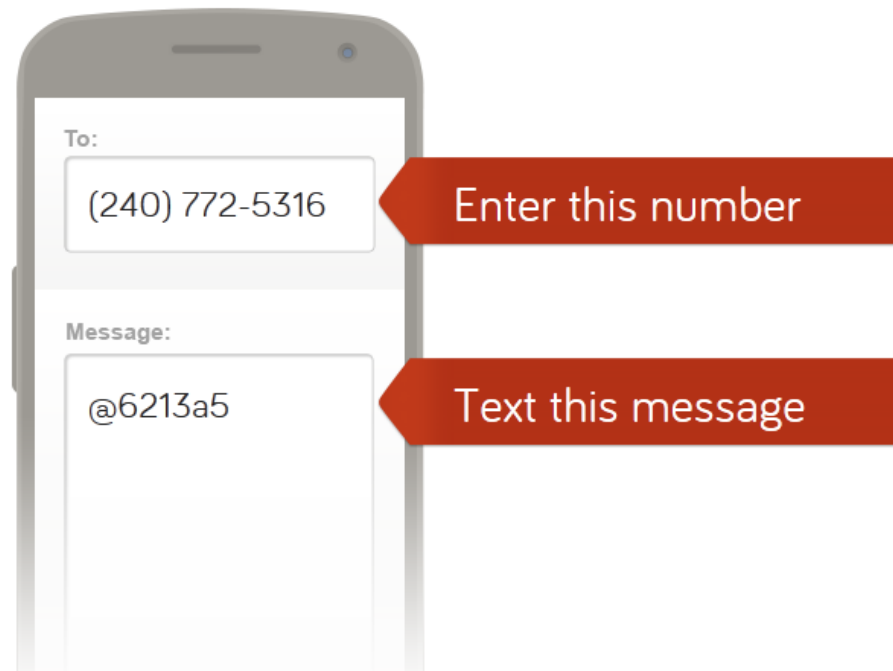


Remind 101– Get Updates

- Sign up for Upward Bound text updates and reminders
- Please use your own name (not your child's name)
- Recipients cannot send messages in response to reminders
- To subscribe via email: 6213a5@mail.remind101.com

Grab Your Phone!

Tell students & parents to grab their phones and follow the steps below to sign up for your Upward Bound messages.



HCC/WCPS College Fair

- **Wednesday, October 14th 6:00PM-9:00PM**
- HCC Athletic, Recreation, & Community Center
- Hundreds of colleges will be represented
- Students can earn UB Incentive Points for signing in at the Upward Bound information table.



Next UB Parent Meeting

- Tuesday, November 24th
- BSH-103 (same place!)
- Reminders will be sent out 2 weeks in advance



Questions/Concerns?