



Upward Bound Piner



NEWSLETTER

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October Student Spotlight: Michelle Chavez

Michelle is a junior and new to the program this year. She sat down with Ms. Penning to talk about her experience in UPB so far.



- Why did you apply to Upward Bound?
"During middle school, I noticed that many people already knew how college applications operated. I asked a few friends if they recommended any programs and I was told that Upward Bound helps with first generation students and college applications. This program was the best decision to make, I feel included and supported!"
- What do you like about UPB?
"I enjoy the inclusivity and the many routes one can choose after high school. This program has always supported all the decisions I have had to make for my education. I feel as though I can ask questions about anything and get the help I need to become the best student I can be."
- What has UPB encouraged you to do?
"UPB has encouraged me to advocate for myself when I am not getting the help needed. This program has taught me to explore new environments that I have never been in before. I feel like I have the necessary material to feel confident when entering college!"
- How has UPB helped you?
"UPB has helped me feel confident when talking about college. At first, I was unaware of what I needed to do to apply, but this program has helped me tremendously with decision making. I feel like tutoring has helped me raise my grades and I find myself thinking about how I can achieve a better outcome every single time."

October Shoutout: This month's shoutout goes **Ximena, Dalila, Carol, Jocelyn, Naomi, Dani, and Alexa, who are starting college applications this month. You've all worked hard and now you're about to start seeing the payoff!**



Curriculum Updates

- 9th Grade: Writing Boot Camp
- 10th Grade: Cultural and Personal Awareness
- 11th Grade: Financial Aid & Test Prep
- 12th Grade: CSU Applications

Important Dates

- Oct. 2 - 5 | Learning Styles Presentations (9th Grade)
- Oct. 3, 4, 6, 11, 19, 25, 30 | CSU Application Workshops
- Oct. 8 | Seawolf Passport Deadline
- Oct. 31 | Progress Reports Due

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