

MARCH 2025

UPWARD BOUND PINER



Important Dates:

March 17-20 San Diego Field Trip

March 17-21 PHS Spring Break

March 27 Dual Enrollment

Workshop

March 28 Progress Reports Due

Ms. Garcia's Corner

I'll be away for the first week of March for a short vacation, but I'll be back in time to help us gear up for our Spring Break field trip!

Director's Update

Happy March, everyone!

The spring semester is flying by! I'm definitely relying on coffee to help me wake up in the mornings and get through the long workdays. We have a lot going on this month, including our upcoming **Spring Break Trip** and our **Dual Enrollment Workshop** (3/27). Make sure you're following our Instagram account (@ubpiner) to stay informed! A lot has been happening in the district over the past few months, and I'm especially proud of our students for surviving through so much adversity and uncertainty. Upward Bound Piner continues to provide as much support as possible, and we are in the midst of interviewing applicants to start the program over the summer.

As always, I look forward to continuing our work together and can't wait to unveil some more of the exciting plans we have coming up. Stay tuned!

-Ms. Penning



San Diego, here we come!

This year's Spring Break field trip is taking us to Southern California! Along the way, we'll stop at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo for a campus tour and explore the charming town of Solvang. Once in San Diego, we'll visit UC San Diego and San Diego State University for campus tours, ride some coasters at Belmont Park, and check out the penguins at the Birch Aquarium.

Don't miss out on the fun—follow us on Instagram @ubpiner to stay updated on our adventure!

What are we learning?

10th Grade

Social Awareness & Advocacy

11th Grade

Media Literacy

12th Grade

Adulting 101



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Meet our new Executive Director!

We are excited to welcome Mr. Gonzales to Sonoma State and our ATSS and UB programs—all the way from Arizona! As an Upward Bound alumnus himself, he also brings 15 years of experience working with TRIO programs. We're fortunate to have him join us and look forward to him meeting you all!