



APRIL 2025

UPWARD BOUND PINER



Important Dates:

April 10

College Decisions
Parent Workshop

April 11

PHS Closed

April 21

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Updates from Ms. Penning:

Happy April! The spring semester is flying by, and UBP is as busy as ever! With all the uncertainty about what's happening in the district and in the country, I want to reassure everyone that we'll be here, continuing to provide support and guidance to our students and families.

Some of the highlights this past month include our joint field trip with our friends in ATSS (scroll down for photos), as well as our students continuing to do amazing things, as outlined in this newsletter. We're looking forward to highlighting our seniors' upcoming college decisions! Parents and students, please join us on **April 10** for our **College Decisions Workshop** to help with those tough questions! The link will be emailed prior to the event.

Wishing everyone a great month, and stay tuned...there's more to come!

Ms. Garcia's Corner

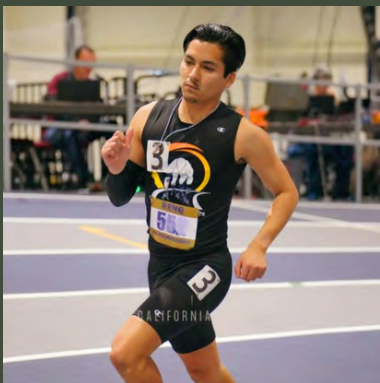
Hi everyone! I just want to thank all of those who went on our spring break field trip, it was a blast. Can't wait to do it again! If you want to be on the next one, come by the classroom and find out how you can be field trip eligible!

Ms. Penning

Junior Class Shoutout

Our juniors dove into media literacy and absolutely crushed it!

This new favorite unit had students exploring the lack of representation in true crime media—and their art projects blew us away. Each student presented a powerful case that resonated with them, using their voices and creativity to bring justice and visibility to overlooked victims. We couldn't be prouder!



Student Spotlight: Azriel Cuevas

Congrats to Azriel, who was featured in Piner's newspaper this month sharing his Upward Bound story! He's been in the program all four years, following his older brother's path—and now his younger sister is in ATSS, keeping the TRIO family strong! Azriel is headed to Dominican University next year on a Cross Country scholarship. We're so proud of you!

What are we learning?

10th Grade

Social Awareness: Voices of Change

11th Grade

Intro to the Scientific Method: Forensic Science

12th Grade

The ABCs of Voting

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UBP TAKES SOCAL

There was a lot to see down in SoCal: we toured Cal Poly SLO, UCSD, and SDSU—plus stops at Solvang Village, Old Town SD, and Belmont Park!

