



# LAKE & MENDOCINO TRIO PROGRAMS



## Professional Development

This month, our Outreach staff had the opportunity to attend a conference in Waikīkī, Honolulu, Hawaii. During the conference, they gained valuable knowledge on best practices in educational travel planning through the session “Beyond the Bus Ride: Exploration with Intention in Educational Travel Planning.”

They also participated in “Stories + Data = Impact: Building Your Leadership Toolkit as a New TRIO Professional,” which focused on strengthening leadership skills and effectively using data and storytelling to enhance program impact.

## STAFF HIGHLIGHT

This month, we would like to highlight Mr. Ochoa. Mr. Ochoa is a Manager at Lower Lake High School. He holds a bachelor’s degree from UC Merced and a master’s degree from Alliant International University, and he is also a credentialed teacher.

Jaime is a funny and very heartwarming educator who is strongly aligned with the TRIO philosophy. His dedication to supporting students and creating meaningful connections truly reflects the mission of our program.

Most recently, Jaime joined WESTOP’s Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI), where he continues to grow as a leader and advocate for student success.



## Upcoming Event: Senior Retreat



Our Senior Retreat is coming up, and we are excited to celebrate this important milestone with our students! It’s inspiring to see all the hard work our seniors have put in over the years finally paying off.

Congratulations to all of our students who have been accepted into their dream schools—this is a tremendous achievement!

We hope to see you all at the Senior Retreat on May 1st as we prepare for the next steps and support your transition to college.

*Dont forget to submit your sernior survey to obatin your TRIO graduation Stole!!!*



We extend our sincere thanks to our summer program partners for their continued support.



# UPWARD BOUND - FORT BRAGG

Spring has been a busy and exciting time for our students. In the classroom, students have been focusing on building their critical thinking skills and developing their social awareness while reflecting on their role in the world. Our seniors have begun receiving college acceptance letters and are starting to plan their next steps after graduation, which has been very exciting to celebrate together. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and look forward to seeing where their journeys take them. Students also had the opportunity to attend our spring field trip where they visited several colleges, including **Chico State**, **Sacramento State**, and **UC Davis**. The trip gave students a chance to explore college campuses and start thinking about their futures. To add a little fun to the trip, we also visited the Jelly Belly Factory, which was a sweet highlight for everyone. Back on campus, students enjoyed a spring celebration bringing some extra fun and laughter to our Upward Bound community.



## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Joel is a dedicated Upward Bound representative who is doing an excellent job navigating the transition from middle school to high school. As a freshman, he has shown strong responsibility and commitment to his academic success, currently maintaining all A's in his courses. Joel continues to be a positive influence among his peers, offering support and encouragement to those around him. His strong work ethic, leadership, and willingness to help others make him a valuable member of the program.



**Joel Camacho-Ramirez, 9th**



**Ariah Orsi, 10th**

Ariah is an exceptional sophomore who is truly dedicated to making Upward Bound a welcoming and inclusive space for everyone. As an Upward Bound representative, she consistently uplifts those around her with her positivity and encouragement. In addition to being a student-athlete, Ariaah maintains strong academic performance and takes pride in her education. Ariaah brings a smile with her every time she walks into class, brightening the room and making others feel comfortable and valued. Her leadership, positivity, and commitment make her a wonderful role model within the program.



# ACADEMIC TALENT SEARCH MENDOCINO COUNTY

Hello Everyone! This March was filled with exciting opportunities for exploration, learning, and celebration! One of the highlights of the month was our educational field trip to **Chico State University, Sacramento State University, and UC Davis**. Students had the chance to walk through each campus, explore the surroundings, and get a firsthand feel for college life. From observing campus environments to learning about different academic settings, this experience helped students begin to envision their own future paths. It was both a fun and meaningful way to connect classroom learning with real-world possibilities.



## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

A special shoutout goes to the **Laytonville ATS Mock Trial students!** These dedicated and hardworking individuals advanced all the way to the state competition in Sacramento. Their commitment, preparation, and teamwork truly paid off, and they represented their school with excellence. Your dedication is admirable, and we are incredibly proud of your achievement!



We're excited to share that we are currently recruiting new students for the ATSMC program! If you or someone you know is interested in joining, [please scan the QR code to complete the application](#). We would love to welcome new students to our community. Feel free to share this opportunity with others who may be interested!



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# UPWARD BOUND - LOWER LAKE

March is always a stressful yet joyful time for our Upward Bound students. Our seniors have begun receiving college acceptance letters from the CSUs and UCs and we have begun working on ranking their colleges, deciding which school is best for them and planning out their life after graduation. It is an exciting time and we can't wait to see where the students decide to go and proud of all of their hard work. The freshmen are currently reading the book "The Money Ride" and are improving their financial literacy while participating in financial activities with their class. The Sophomores are researching different cultures and their influence/impact on US culture as well as preparing cultural dishes for our Cultural potluck to share each other's culture. The Juniors have been starting their Scholarship Prep and have begun researching different scholarships available to them based on interests, major, state, etc. They are also working on updating their Brag Sheets and Resumes.

Our 9-11 grade students had the chance to attend the spring field trip where we visited three colleges: **Chico State**, **Sacramento State**, and **UC Davis**. The students had a chance to explore college campuses, eat at the dining halls and determine if the college was a good fit for them. We were also able to take the students on a fun trip to visit the Jelly belly factory which was the Cherry Jelly Bean on top of an amazing Spring Trip.



## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

**David Santana, 11th**

David Santana has been accepted into the **Blue Devils Drum & Bugle Corps** – it's one of the most elite and competitive marching music organizations in the WORLD. Even more impressive and exciting, he earned a Tenor Drum Section Leader contract at only 16 years old. This is so unheard of! This is an accomplishment that very few performers reach, even at the collegiate level. For a student from a small, rural county program to earn this type of leadership role on a world-class stage, it's something we should all be incredibly proud of. Please join me in congratulating him when you see him and celebrating this massive achievement!



# UPWARD BOUND - UPPER LAKE

March has been a month of fun for UBU! We have been hosting our weekly Coffee and Chat event at Double D's, our local shop shop. Each week, our students are able to receive goodies, such as backpacks, check-in about upcoming events and our summer session over coffee and pastries. Thank you to the students who have shown interest in the event, we appreciate your participation!



## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

### **Corbyn Woolley, 11th**

Corbyn Woolley is a Junior at Upper Lake, and he is one of the students that always comes in for the coffee and chat events. Thank you Corbyn for showing consistent participation and interest. I appreciate you!



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# UPWARD BOUND - CLEAR LAKE



Greetings from Upward Bound Clear Lake! We had a great time on the spring field trip; the students would not stop talking about it on the ride back home. I had 17 UBC students sign up for the trip, and 17 attended. I was so happy with the perfect attendance! Since I don't get to see my students every day, this trip felt special because we were having fun together. They explored the college campuses and had a fun time learning about the history of the Jelly Belly at the factory. Thank you, UBC, for showing up and having a great attitude.

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

Francis is one of my Seniors at Clear Lake High School. He is an exemplary UB student, he is always eager to participate and he is punctual. Even though I have only known him for two years, I can tell that after graduation he is going to go out there and do his part in making his community a better place. I can't wait to see all the amazing things you will do after graduation. I am so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Congratulations on getting accepted into **UC San Diego, UC Davis, San Diego State, Cal Poly Pomona, Sac State, CSU Fullerton** and more to come! Thank you Francis for sharing your kindness and always having a great attitude, I appreciate you!



**Francis Rivera, 12th**

Upward Bound Clear Lake (UBCL) students are encouraged to meet with their outreach advisor once a month to receive academic and college-readiness support. These meetings provide assistance with tutoring, academic advising, school supplies, college-bound materials, and updates on field trips and workshops. Please note that monthly advisory sessions take place on campus **every 1st Wednesday of the month**, providing students with a dedicated time to connect in person with their outreach advisor. Students and families may also communicate with the outreach advisor via Zoom or email as needed.

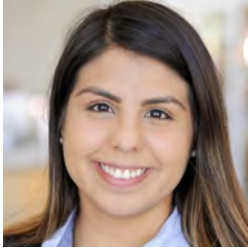


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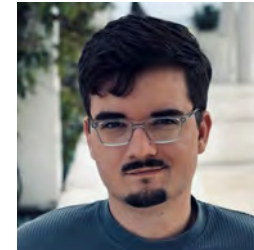
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# UPCOMING EVENTS & REMINDERS



## April workshops

### community college & transfer process

**learn about the california community college system and the transfer process.  
explore resources such as assist.org and the cal-gete.**

Tuesday, April 7 @ 4:30pm

Tuesday, April 21 @ 4:30pm

[meet.google.com/hcu-ffpd-qvi](https://meet.google.com/hcu-ffpd-qvi)



### exploring majors and minors

**not sure what to major in? this workshop will focus on identifying your values,  
skills, and interest to see how it aligns with your future goals.**

Tuesday, April 14 @ 4:30pm

Tuesday, April 28 @ 4:30 pm

[meet.google.com/hcu-ffpd-qvi](https://meet.google.com/hcu-ffpd-qvi)



### managing emotions

**understanding emotions, recognizing them, and managing them in a healthy way**

Wednesday, April 8 @ 4:30 pm

[meet.google.com/bmv-jywr-qne](https://meet.google.com/bmv-jywr-qne)

Saturday, April 11 @ 11:15 am

[meet.google.com/kvy-rber-vmt](https://meet.google.com/kvy-rber-vmt)

### ats field trips must knows

**interested in attending ats field trips? this guidewalks you through the process step by  
step and includes helpful information to keep in mind**

Wednesday, April 22 @ 4:30 pm

[meet.google.com/bmv-jywr-qne](https://meet.google.com/bmv-jywr-qne)

Saturday, April 25 @ 11:15 am

[meet.google.com/kvy-rber-vmt](https://meet.google.com/kvy-rber-vmt)



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Event	Date	Grade
Senior Retreat - Redwood Alliance	May 1-3, 2026	12th
UBFB Awards Night	May 21, 2026	12th
UBL Awards Night	May 22, 2026	12th
UBU Coffee & Chat	every Wednesday	all grades
Online Workshops	every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturdays	all grades