Upward Bound goes to the Civic Center

Hopefully you are one of the lucky ones who attended “A Very Merry Pops” at the Civic Center in Oklahoma City. The day began on the windy side along with rain but that didn’t dampen the fun. The group left on the comfortable Red Carpet bus and was treated to the Christmas movie “The Polar Express”. After arriving in Oklahoma City, the first stop was Golden Corral where everyone had plenty to eat. After eating it was time to head to the Civic Center which is neighbor to the Braum’s Ice Skating Rink. As the group was exiting and entering the bus, they were able to watch some people attempting to skate. The Civic Center was decorated beautifully with a large Christmas tree in the middle of the foyer. The seats for Upward Bound couldn’t have been better, directly in front of the stage on the mezzanine. The audience was treated to an afternoon of wonderful singing and dancing by the Philharmonic Pops Chorale, great tap dancing by Con O’Shea Creal and more. Destan Owens, who has been in many musicals, was the featured guest. “From Oklahoma City to the New York stage, in movies and on TV, Destan Owens is blazing a strong career path of talent, opportunity and hard work”, Okc Philharmonic playbill. If you weren’t able to attend this year, make it a point to go along next year! When you see your UB staff, please make sure to say a big THANK YOU!

Reminders

1) Missing Meetings: You MUST have a FACULTY signature on your card in order for the absence to be excused! Some of you still have cards that need to be sent in!!

2) Do Not forget about Comfit! This is included in your participation in UB. If you need help logging on or have questions, e-mail Paula or Jamie for instructions. If you cannot log onto comfit, e-mail us at the UB office.

3) If you have been given an Interview Sheet and have not mailed it in, please do so. We are trying to put four students in each issue, and we need more people! Ask your counselor for an UB envelope. If they don’t have one, please ask them to call us to request some.

4) January meetings are on the 12th and 26th.

Baby News!!
Kaden David Novey
Born: November 21, 2007
Proud Parents: Jamie and Don Novey
Proud Sister: Mallory

Merry Christmas
Have a blessed and safe holiday
From your Upward Bound Staff

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**Student Spotlight-Whitley Jefferson**

Whitley is a senior at Weatherford High School. She was born on July 18th and says Weatherford is known for NASA astronaut, Tom Stafford. Whitley couldn’t live without her cell phone, make-up and music. Her grandmother is her idol because she is such a nice person and everybody loves her. She is also special to Whitley because she is a true Christian. If Whitley were to describe herself in three words, it would be: lovable, perky and passionate. Freezing time would be her super power of choice because she saw it on the movie “Charmed” and she thinks that it looks fun to do. A couple of Whitley's favorites are: macaroni and cheese and Choir class. Whitley works at Braum’s Ice Cream Store and describes it as cool but frustrating. In her spare time she likes to dance around her room, “chill” with her friends and “singing her lungs out”. Whitley plans on attending college to study Marine Biology. The best thing about Upward Bound for Whitley is meeting new people and having fun.

**Student Spotlight-Danielle Zuniga**

Danielle is a sophomore at Clinton High School. Clinton is best known for football according to her. Danielle’s birthday is July 9th. Her favorite subject in school is History and her favorite food is “anything good”. The three things Danielle can’t live without are her mom and dad, her friends and boys. She describes herself as funny, pretty and very perky. Danielle is involved in vocal music and JROTC. She doesn’t have a job because she has lots of things to do but when she does have spare time she likes to eat and do nothing. Danielle plans on attending college at OU or maybe joining the military to serve her country. The best thing about Upward Bound for Danielle is meeting new friends, and she would like others to know that she now has her driver’s license!

**Occupations-Veterinarian**

Veterinarians play a major role in the healthcare of pets, livestock, and zoo, sporting, and laboratory animals. Some veterinarians use their skills to protect humans against diseases carried by animals and conduct clinical research on human and animal health problems. Others work in basic research, broadening the scope of fundamental theoretical knowledge, and in applied research, developing new ways to use knowledge. A small number of private-practice veterinarians work exclusively with large animals, mostly horses or cows; some also care for various kinds of food animals. These veterinarians usually drive to farms or ranches to provide veterinary services for herds or individual animals. Much of this work involves preventive care to maintain the health of the animals. These veterinarians test for and vaccinate against diseases and consult with farm or ranch owners and managers regarding animal production, feeding, and housing issues. They also treat and dress wounds, set fractures, and perform surgery, including cesarean sections on birthing animals. Veterinarians euthanize animals when necessary. Other veterinarians care for zoo, aquarium, or laboratory animals.
Prospective veterinarians must graduate with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M. or V.M.D.) degree from a 4-year program at an accredited college of veterinary medicine and must obtain a license to practice. There are 28 colleges in 26 States that meet accreditation standards set by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). The prerequisites for admission vary. Many of these colleges do not require a bachelor’s degree for entrance, but all require a significant number of credit hours—ranging from 45 to 90 semester hours—at the undergraduate level. However, most of the students admitted have completed an undergraduate program. Applicants without a bachelor’s degree face a difficult task gaining admittance. Preveterinary courses emphasize the sciences. Veterinary medical colleges typically require classes in organic and inorganic chemistry, physics, biochemistry, general biology, animal biology, animal nutrition, genetics, vertebrate embryology, cellular biology, microbiology, zoology, and systemic physiology. Some programs require calculus; some require only statistics, college algebra and trigonometry, or precalculus. Most veterinary medical colleges also require core courses, including some in English or literature, the social sciences, and the humanities. Increasingly, courses in practice management and career development are becoming a standard part of the curriculum, to provide a foundation of general business knowledge for new graduates. In addition to satisfying preveterinary course requirements, applicants must submit test scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), the Veterinary College Admission Test (VCAT), or the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), depending on the preference of the college to which they are applying. Currently, 22 schools require the GRE, 4 require the VCAT, and 2 accept the MCAT. Most veterinarians begin as employees in established practices. Despite the substantial financial investment in equipment, office space, and staff, many veterinarians with experience set up their own practice or purchase an established one.

Student Spotlight-Kayla LaMunyon
Kayla is a senior at Watonga High School. She was born on June 4th. Her hometown is best known for the Watonga Cheese Factory. The three things Kayla can’t live without are: God-because He made her, cell phone and food. She describes herself as a procrastinator, unique and outgoing. If she could have any super power she would feed all starving children everywhere. Her little sister is her idol because she’s been through a lot. Her favorite subject in school is ACE-Teacher Cadets and her least favorite is English IV. Kayla is involved in FCCLA, FBLA, NHS and Heritage Club and also works at Karl’s Apple Market. In her pastime she likes to read, listen to music, play guitar and texting. She plans on attending OU. The best thing about Upward Bound are the friendships she’s made.

Student Spotlight-Erin Shortman
Erin is a senior at Watonga High School and her birthday is on May 27th. She also thinks that Watonga is best known for the Cheese Factory. She says God, her mom and her cell phone are three things she can’t live without. Santa Claus is her idol because he is the world’s worst procrastinator and works in only one day but manages to get it all done! She would like to be invisible because sometimes she just needs to disappear for awhile. The three words that describe her are bubbly, caring and random. Her favorite food is anything that has to do with dripping chocolate and her favorite subject is Humanities. She is involved in NHS, FBLA, Indian Club, Spanish Club and Heritage Club. She plans on attending SWOSU for prerequisites and then transferring to OCU.