SWOSU

Graduation will be here before you know it, and you have a lot to do! First things first. SCHOLARSHIPS! By now you may have already applied for several, but deadlines are fast approaching. Here is an excerpt from www.scholarshiphelp.org:

“We know that the path to success in earning scholarships has approximately three parts. (This process is hardly so simplistic that anyone should presume to do more than approximate the components.)

*You must be able to organize and prioritize We will show you what must be organized and how to do it. Then, we will show you how to decide what the high priority items are and how to treat them in a high priority way.

*You must be able to write about a variety of topics that may or may not be exciting to you in a fluid and thoughtful way, demonstrating that you are a scholar or would like to be a scholar.

This may be the most difficult part about becoming a successful scholarship winner. However, we know that with some help, you can do it.

*You must understand yourself well enough to create a compelling portrait of who you are. You must understand your audience well enough to be able to position your skills and strengths as deserving of their support.

Knowing yourself takes more work than writing down a list of extracurricular activities. We will help you learn how to find the “method behind the madness” of your life and present it in a winning way.

Why? Because scholarship committees award funding to candidates they can understand and relate to and who distinguish themselves from other candidates by their ability to communicate their specialness.

Should you apply for scholarships? We think so. Why? Beyond the obvious fact that every extra dollar can help you and your family, the scholarship process is also a way to develop the winning skills that will serve you well in whatever you do in your life. The ability to organize, prioritize, write well, match message to audience and most of all, know yourself, are gifts you should give yourself as soon as possible. Use this website and the scholarship process to get yourself ready for the rest of your life.”

Never count yourself out for a scholarship. Many scholarships go without any applicants. You have to make an effort to get results!

January Birthdays
10th Dalton Holdge
13th Taylor DeVaughan
15th Logan Sellers
25th Izaac Izaguirre
29th Amy Ratliff
31st Lea Hernandez

February Birthdays
16th Justin Johnson
18th Bianca Gutierrez
Student Spotlight-Lea Hernandez

Lea is a Sophomore at Anadarko High School. Anadarko is best known for football as well as other sports and Indian City USA, according to Lea. Her birthday is January 31st. Family, friends and electricity are three things she can’t live without. Her mother is her idol because she has gone through hard times but has never stopped until she achieved her goals. If she had to describe herself in three words they would be: funny, outgoing and caring. If Lea could have any super power it would be infinite knowledge so that she could help to find cures for diseases and help people. Italian and Mexican are among Lea’s favorite foods, and her favorite subject is Art. Her least favorite subject is Math. Lea is Historian for the Art Club. In her pastime, Lea cooks, cleans and takes care of her little brothers. After high school Lea plans on attending culinary school or art school and would like to possibly open a culinary store. What she likes best about being in UB is meeting all of the goofy, crazy people! Other information she would like others to know is that she trips a lot………..so look out this summer!

What are YOUR responsibilities as an Upward Bound Student?

**Comfit** is an online learning center that Upward Bound **REQUIRES** each participating student to do each month. Did you know that if you do not do your Comfit lessons you could be terminated from the program? It usually only takes a few minutes to work on one Comfit lesson. If you do not have a computer at home, you should have access to one at school. If this is a problem, you need to let someone know in the UB office. If you don’t tell us, then we don’t know. Please make it a point to check messages as frequently as possible. There may be important information that you are missing!

**Meetings** are required every month. If you are going to miss any meeting for a school related activity, you need to send your **SIGNED** postcard the Friday **PRIOR** to the Saturday Academy. Postcards will not be accepted without signatures from a counselor or sponsor from the activity which is causing you to be absent. Be a **RESPONSIBLE** UB Student!

Student Spotlight-Jared Weber

Jared Weber is a Sophomore at Watonga High School. His birthday is December 1st. Like many others from Watonga, Jared says that it’s best known for the Watonga Cheese Factory. He couldn’t live without books, video games and his animals. If he could describe himself in a couple of words, he would say that he is: quiet and intelligent. He would like to have the power of Shapeshifting so that he could turn into any kind of animal that he wanted. Jared’s favorite food is rice and his favorite subject in school is Science. He doesn’t have any least favorites. He is involved in Band and the Ecology Club. Jared works at the Easy Shop where he cooks pizzas. In his spare time, Jared likes to read or play video games. After high school he would like to go to college and double major in Biochemistry and Computer animation.
Occupations—Accountant

Who doesn’t like to work with money? Accountants do…….well, sort of. Most accountant and auditor positions require at least a bachelor’s degree in accounting or a related field. Beginning accounting and auditing positions in the Federal Government, for example, usually require 4 years of college (including 24 semester hours in accounting or auditing) or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Some employers prefer applicants with a master’s degree in accounting, or with a master’s degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting. Some universities and colleges are now offering programs to prepare students to work in growing specialty professions such as internal auditing. Many professional associations offer continuing professional education courses, conferences, and seminars. Some graduates of junior colleges or business or correspondence schools, as well as bookkeepers and accounting clerks who meet the education and experience requirements set by their employers, can obtain junior accounting positions and advance to accountant positions by demonstrating their accounting skills on the job. Most beginning accountants and auditors may work under supervision or closely with an experienced accountant or auditor before gaining more independence and responsibility. Accountants and auditors held about 1.3 million jobs in 2006. They worked throughout private industry and government, but 21 percent of wage and salary accountants worked for accounting, tax preparation, bookkeeping, and payroll services firms. Approximately 10 percent of accountants or auditors were self-employed. Many management accountants, internal auditors, or government accountants and auditors are not CPAs; however, a large number are licensed CPAs. Most accountants and auditors work in urban areas, where public accounting firms and central or regional offices of businesses are concentrated. Some individuals with backgrounds in accounting and auditing are full-time college and university faculty; others teach part time while working as self-employed accountants or as accountants for private industry or government.

Student Spotlight—Saranda Keesling

Saranda is a Senior at Weatherford High School and was born on July 1st. Her hometown is best known for SWOSU. Saranda is involved in soccer, and she works at Braum’s Ice Cream Store. Her favorites are: food—pizza and class—Math. In her spare time she likes to text message. God is Saranda’s idol because he is the best! A few things she couldn’t live without are her cell phone, Whitley and Lorena, and food. If she could have any superpower it would be to fly so that she wouldn’t have to drive anywhere. After she graduates from high school she plans on attending college. The best thing she likes about Upward Bound is meeting all the new people.

Student Spotlight—Jessica Sawyer

Jessica Sawyer is a Sophomore at Ft. Cobb-Broxton High School. Her birthday is November 22nd. Her hometown is best known for its football. Three things Jessica couldn’t live without are her friends, family and basketball. Her idol is her mother because she is always there for her and she is stronger for her when Jessica can’t be. Three words that describe her are crazy, fun and outgoing. Jessica would like to have the super power to read minds so she would know what was wrong with people. Her favorite subject is American History, and her favorite food is chicken. Jessica is involved in softball, basketball, and Beta Club. She likes to hang out with friends and family and plays basketball in her spare time. She plans on attending college after high school.