**Upcoming Events**

**October**— Seniors should schedule an appointment with their advisors for assistance in completing the FAFSA or plan to attend a FAFSA night at their school.

**October 10, 17, 24, & 25**— ACT Testing Dates

**October 17th**— Saturday Program

**November 1st**— Competitive Scholarship Deadline: S&T

**November 6th**— Deadline to Register for Dec ACT

**November 7th**— Saturday Program

**November 15th**— Mizzou priority application deadline

**December 1st**— SEMO and Missouri S&T priority application deadline

**December 5th**— Saturday Program

**January 9th**— Saturday Program

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**Updates on Upward Bound Meetings and Saturday Programs**

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, Upward Bound has temporarily changed how we provide services to our students. At most of our schools, we will continue to meet with students in-person. However, some of our schools would prefer we not hold in-person meetings at this time. We also have students attending school virtually this year. In spite of all the changes and potential barriers, Upward Bound continues to serve all students in our program.

In addition to our in-person meetings, Upward Bound now offers 6 different options for virtual meetings throughout the week. Three of the six meetings are during the day and the other three are late afternoon/evening meetings. The virtual meetings not only offer options for virtual learners, but also for students who may have to miss an in-person meeting due to a scheduling conflict or illness. All Zoom links for virtual meetings can be found on the Upward Bound Google Classroom for the academic year. All students were invited to join this classroom.

Students are required to attend at least one meeting per week. This could be an in-person or virtual meeting. Enclosed, you will find a listing of all virtual and in-person meetings. In-person meetings are strictly for students from those designated schools and only for students who are attending school in-person. If your student is in need of a netbook to assist in virtual learning or online Upward Bound meetings, please contact the Upward Bound office for assistance. The office number is: 573-518-2156.

In addition to weekly meetings, Upward Bound hosts one Saturday program per month. These dates are listed under upcoming events. Students receive an agenda and bus schedule for these monthly Saturday programs. A virtual Saturday program is also being offered this year for virtual learners and those who may have to miss a Saturday program. Please encourage your students to attend!
The mission of Upward Bound at Mineral Area College is to serve eligible high school students by providing academic enrichment, cultural experiences, and a support network to ensure their success in attaining a four year college degree.

Upward Bound is one of five programs established by Congress to help low-income, first-generation students enter college and graduate. These programs are referred to as the TRIO programs.

For more information on Upward Bound I or II or for information on how to apply, contact the Upward Bound office located at Mineral Area College, (573) 518-2156. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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