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**January Birthdays**

- Dezaray Bacon
- Richard Couch
- Ashelynn Courtney
- Cooper Durr
- Keely Holland
- Avery Jones
- Dalton Pinson
- Mariah Storie

**Rolling out 2021 (Pun intended!)**

To say it has been a crazy year would be an understatement. 2020 started out like any "normal" year, and then COVID-19 hit.

School was cancelled, businesses shut down, and everything changed.

Upward Bound jumped into action and began finding new and different ways to serve our students, some successful and some not so successful.

As we "roll" into the new year, Upward Bound plans to continue serving our students both virtually and in-person. We also plan to move forward with plans for the 2021 summer program.

During weekly meetings this Spring, UB will be working on career readiness, financial literacy, ACT prep, and much more. We also have several educational and fun Saturday programs planned, including presentations from several area colleges.

In addition to the previously mentioned, advisors will continue to monitor students’ grades. UB sets higher grade expectations for our students, as we are preparing them for college. If a student is struggling in a subject, tutoring can be arranged by contacting their advisor.

2021 holds the promise of a fresh start. Maybe you have fallen behind in your classes, or have become complacent about school work. January 2021 begins a new year and a new school semester. Refocus your academic goals and work hard to achieve them. And remember, Upward Bound is here to support and encourage you along the way! Happy New Year!

**Student News**

- **Destiny Lore** has been accepted to Jefferson College, MAC, and Culver Stockton.
- **Jayla Eckhoff** has been accepted to Duke University through the Quest Bridge college match program.
- **Trey Dedear** was inducted into the National Honor Society.
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.

The Mineral Area College Upward Bound I program is a TRIO program funded with a five-year, $1,495,566 grant from the U.S. Department of Education. This represents 100% of the program cost. Mineral Area College provides 25% of indirect costs to support the program.

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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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