



# MAC TRIO

## Upward Bound

MINERAL AREA COLLEGE TRIO PROGRAMS  
OCTOBER 2025



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



## Upcoming Events

### October 1:

2026-2027 FAFSA Opens

### October 11:

Saturday Program & Dane's party

### October 18:

ACT Test Day

### November 1:

Saturday Program

### November 7:

Deadline to Register for December ACT

### November 24-28:

No Weekly Meetings

### December 1:

Scholarship application deadline for SEMO, MIZZOU, Maryville, and S&T

### December 6:

Saturday Program

### December 13:

ACT Test Day

## Congratulations Dane!!!!

Wow! Dane has been promoted to the EXCEL, Student Support Services Assistant Director at MAC! EXCEL is a TRIO program, like Talent Search and Upward Bound, for college students.

You are probably not aware, but Dane first started at MAC working in EXCEL as a tutor and then worked for UB part-time in the summer. Later, he started working full-time, splitting his time between EXCEL and UB. Now, in his new role as Assistant Director of EXCEL, he will still be tutoring students in math and chemistry, but will also take on a lot of new responsibilities in helping to administer a federal grant. But don't think you will never see Dane again! Students who attend MAC and sign up for EXCEL can still be tutored and advised by Dane.

Dane will start working for EXCEL on October 1. However, during the October Saturday program, we will be honoring Dane by "letting" him bar-b-q for us again and for his hard work with students while in UB. Be sure to attend the October Saturday program so you can wish him well in his new role.

*Rebecca Naighors*

## To the Upward Bound students,

I would like to share some exciting news. I've gotten a promotion and am now the Assistant Director of the EXCEL program at Mineral Area College. Sadly, I will no longer be an advisor at the weekly meetings, as I will be employed by another TRIO program on MAC's campus. The EXCEL program, where I will be working, is like Upward Bound but for college students. So, I will be helping college students in many of the same ways that UB helps high school students, such as with tutoring, advising, making college visits, and planning for the future. I will be working at MAC and will be in regular contact with my friends in UB. I may even be a mentor in the summer program one day, who knows? I plan to help with upcoming Saturday programs, and I hope to see you all there!

So, here's the deal: Each of you has amazing potential, but like with anything in life, especially your education, you get out of it what you put into it. Pay attention in your classes and make certain you are being challenged. Be active and engaged in everything you do. You will benefit from this effort more than you know, so take time to plan for your future and get the most out of Upward Bound meetings and curriculum. Work hard and learn new and interesting things. One of the most valuable possessions you can have in the world is an education, so take it seriously, but I hope you have fun too.

I wish you all the best, and I will miss you all so much! Stick with Upward Bound and follow through with your plans to go to college. If you attend MAC, know that you will have an ally here ready to help!

Sincerely,  
Dane Korenak



## STUDENT NEWS



- Matthew Goodson made the Farmington High School Soccer Team.
- Sophia Gidron got her learner's permit.
- Jaice Reichard got her learner's permit.
- CJ Ladd got his learner's permit.
- Isaac Rolens was accepted to MIZZOU.
- Dakota Striler bought a car.
- Jazmine Higgins got her learner's permit.

- Shane Aldridge bought a car.
- Emerson Welch is an escort for AV's Fall Festival.
- Jaidyn Reed's project won 1st place in the district fair.
- Kylie Bachand got a job & has been accepted to MAC, SEMO, OTC, and Three Rivers.
- Aby DeClue is the drama club president, and she got her learner's permit.
- Keira Mynatt got her learner's permit and a car.
- Bella Sigafos bought a car.



Abigail Cook  
Emmalee Dace  
Bailey McDaniel  
Emma Dickey  
Brooke Clark  
Jacob Lewis  
Kyree Street  
Isabella Sigafos  
Addasin Horton  
Mikel Godair

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## Bye, Dane! We Will Miss You!



### A Federally Funded Program

The Mineral Area College Upward Bound I program is a TRIO program funded with a five-year, \$374,221 per year 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.

The Mineral Area College Upward Bound II program is a TRIO program funded with a five-year, \$324,979 per year grant from the U.S. Department of Education. This represents 100% of the program cost. Mineral Area College provides a portion of indirect costs to support the program.

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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### Mission

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.

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