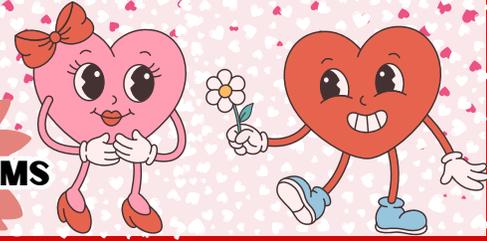


MAC TRIO Upward Bound

MINERAL AREA COLLEGE TRIO PROGRAMS
FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events

February 14th:

February ACT Test

February 16th:

No Weekly Meetings

February 21st:

Saturday Program

February 27th:

Step Application Due

March 6th:

Deadline to Sign Up for April ACT

March 9th -13th:

No Weekly Meetings

March 21st :

Saturday Program &

Senior Celebration

March 30-April 2nd:

No Weekly Meetings

April 11th:

Saturday Program &

ACT Test Day

May 4-7th:

Last Week of Weekly Meetings

May 16th:

UB Open House for

Summer Program 2026

June 1st-July 10th:

Summer Program

2026

July 6th:

Upward Bound Summer

Awards Banquet

February Check-In: Staying on Track & Finish Strong

By the time February arrives, it is easy to feel like the school year is on autopilot. Winter feels long, routines are familiar, and for many students, grades can start to slip simply because effort slips. February is the reminder month: what you do now still matters, and staying focused through the end of the year can make a real difference.

This is often when students become complacent. Assignments may feel repetitive, deadlines may not feel urgent, and it can be tempting to say, "I'm doing fine" and stop pushing. However, grades earned in the spring count just as much as those from the fall. Colleges, scholarships, and programs look at your full academic record, not just the first half of the year. Staying organized, turning in all work, and preparing for tests are habits that protect your progress.

A strong strategy for February is to reset your expectations. Take a few minutes to check your grades, review missing or low-scoring assignments, and talk with teachers about how to improve. Small actions—like completing every assignment, studying a little each day, and asking questions early—can prevent last-minute stress and grade drops later in the semester.

Seniors: This Message Is Especially for You

Seniors often feel "checked out" by this point, especially after college applications or plans are submitted. While senior year is almost over, it is not over yet. Colleges can review final transcripts, scholarships can be affected by spring grades, and strong finishes reflect responsibility and maturity. Finishing strong also prepares you for the expectations of college, work, or training programs, where staying motivated without constant reminders is essential. February is not about burning yourself out—it is about staying consistent. Keep showing up, keep putting in effort, and keep your goals in sight. The finish line is closer than it feels, and the work you do now helps ensure you cross it successfully.

STUDENT NEWS

- Bailey McDaniel was accepted into Webster and Mizzou.
- Faye Serviss was accepted into Mizzou.
- Kylie Bachand received her OSHA Certification.
- Keira Mynatt was student of the month.
- Jude Poncet scored 87 on the ASVEB
- Kelly Bronaugh just finished her training for alternative hospice
- Serena Ray graduated EMT school and is waiting to take her test
- Sophia Gidron made a competition for cheer at Farmington High School.
- Paige Barton placed 1st in the Bloomfield Robotics Tournament and took home the Skills Champion Award and the Excellence Award.
- Faith Russell and Sariah White made high honor roll.
- Kimberlee Jackson made honor roll.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Patrick Akers

Ryker Gates

Lily Dickerson

Masson Hammers

Dica Wallace

Ayden Brayfield

Kelsey Woods

Ailyn Sanchez

Colton Jackson

Grace Johnson

Keira Mynatt

William Woods

Eryn Valle

Karson Lee

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LET'S GO
ADVENTURE

Wisconsin Dells Summer 2026

Road Trip

This summer's theme, "Juggling Academics, Balancing Life, Soaring Toward College," will come to life! Get Ready to WORK HARD and play hard! At the end of the summer program, you will have the opportunity to travel to Wisconsin Dells! Our trip will include exciting waterpark adventures, group activities, sightseeing, and time to explore some of the area's most popular attractions. Here are a few details about specific activities...full schedules will be shared soon — get ready for an amazing summer

The Resort we are Staying at During our Visit:



Circus World



Aquavia Lumina



Dells Boat Tours



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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