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WHAT'S UP GUB?

Official Newsletter of UNG's Gilmer Upward Bound Program



UPCOMING DATES

January

- **23rd** Lunch n' Learn: Starting out on the Right Foot
- **29th** Workshop: Cultural Fluency *Bring your own dessert!
- **31st** SAT Day: Registration Deadline

February

- **6th** Lunch n' Learn: Spring into Action Grade-Level Game Plan!
- **12th** Workshop: Career Paths
- **18th** College Tour: UGA
- **20th** Lunch n' Learn: Master Your Time
- **22nd** TRIO Day: Clark Atlanta
- **26th** Workshop: Servant Leadership

March

- **6th** Lunch n' Learn: Who are you?
- **12th** Workshop: Spending Plan
- **13th** SAT Bootcamp: Juniors Mandatory
- **20th** SAT DAY: LWC

HAPPY SPRING SEMESTER, Y'ALL!

We are thrilled to relaunch this newsletter, aiming to keep you updated on all the amazing things happening with Upward Bound throughout the school year. Even though services just started for the year in September, we have hit the ground running. As we dive into the spring semester, our seniors are eagerly finalizing college decisions and scholarship applications, juniors are honing in on college and career plans to set themselves up for success, sophomores are continuing to explore new opportunities and make their mark on campus, and our freshmen are confidently navigating their first year of high school with newfound growth and determination! Our hope for this newsletter is to highlight the work our students put into making this program as wonderful as it is, allow those not familiar with us to have a better understanding of who we are and what we do, and hopefully inspire more faculty and staff here on campus to become supporters of Gilmer Upward Bound if they are not already.

Here's to another great semester!

Daisy Luther
Upward Bound Counselor

Kayla Valle
Upward Bound Senior Advisor

FALL SEMESTER RECAP

This past semester, Upward Bound:

- From October 11-15, our seniors traveled to Los Angeles for a memorable trip, visiting Azusa Pacific University, USC, and the Cheech Marin Museum for an enriching cultural experience. Later in the month, we explored Augusta on a college tour from October 25-26 on an overnight trip and wrapped up November with a visit to the beautiful campus of Berry College on November 23. To end the semester on a festive note, we enjoyed the breathtaking Garden Lights display at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens on December 20.
- On October 17, we hosted an ACT Boot Camp designed to sharpen students' test-taking skills and boost their confidence for college admissions. With guidance from an experienced instructor, students learned strategies to tackle the ACT and set themselves up for success in their academic journeys.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES:

- Miley Hanson: College of Coastal Georgia
- Dionicio Bautisa-Loarca: Georgia State University
- Kylyn Drullinger: Berry College w/ 20K annual scholarship
- Raul Avila: Kennesaw State University

A huge congratulations to our seniors on their college acceptances! Nearly all 20 of our seniors have been accepted into at least one college, with some also receiving annual scholarships. This is an incredible achievement and a reflection of your hard work and dedication. Your acceptance marks the start of an exciting journey ahead, filled with new opportunities and growth. Best of luck as you step into this next chapter—make the most of every moment!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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DID YOU KNOW?

Upward Bound is able to serve 60 students every academic year. If you know an underclassmen student who is high-achieving and fits the following requirements, please send them our way!

Students must be:

- In 9th or 10th grade
- First-generation AND/OR income-eligible (Students can be one or the other, they do **not** have to be both)
- Income-eligible (this is determined by their parent/guardian's most recent taxes)
- Interested in pursuing a 2-yr, 4-yr, or technical college education after high school

Students can complete the online application [here](#), through the QR code below, or pick up a paper application from Dr. Dunbar or Ms. Daisy's office (located in Guidance).

