



Stepping Upward

April 2014



Support the Upward Bound Fundraisers

The UB Student Council members will be hosting several fundraisers in the month of April and need your support.

- April 2nd Genghis Grill 5pm-8pm on 19th street in Moore will give 20% to program if you mention you are there to support the OCCC Upward Bound Program
- April 5th they will be hosting a car wash at the Mazzio's on 104th & Western from 10-2
- April 7th and 21st if you eat at On the Border at 544 Interstate 240 in OKC they will donate 10% of your purchase to the program if you bring in a flyer that can be picked up at the OCCC Upward Bound office or from a STUCO member.
- April 26th there will be another car wash at AutoZone on SW 29th & May Ave from 10-2

We encourage you to support your fellow students and help spread the word about the fundraisers!

Youth Leadership Exchange

Leadership Oklahoma City develops leaders for civic service. You must apply for this program and meet qualifications by April 11, 2014. For more information visit the website <http://lokc.org/>

Leadership Oklahoma City (LOKC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing the pool of volunteers who have the capacity to be effective forces of positive change in the community.

The strategies by which Leadership Oklahoma City advances this mission are:

- Educating about the community's needs, resources, and opportunities;
- Training in skills necessary for effective community leadership; and
- Connecting people from diverse backgrounds and perspectives with a common interest in community improvement.

Youth Leadership Exchange (YLX) programming currently includes:

- Leadership Skills program, for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors, a community information program;
- Youth in Action program, for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors, a skills-based program; and the
- Youth Council of Oklahoma City, for high school juniors and seniors, a project of the City of Oklahoma City managed by YLX, which educates and involves teenagers in city government.

DEADLINE: April 11, 2014

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Web Site: www.lokc.org

YLX Phone: 405-463-3340

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Remember the last day to "do" your individual is the 25th of the month not to schedule your individual. So schedule early or you might not get a spot!

College Timeline

A college education will provide you with many more options and opportunities in life. Make going to college your goal! Doing the following in high school will help put you on the path to college.

- Take college prep courses and get the best grades you possibly can.
- Develop your skills and talents, and pursue your personal interests.
- Get involved in school and community activities.
- Gather information about your college choices and options.
- Save money for college.



Following the timeline will help keep you organized and on the right track.

9th grade:

Get off to good start academically, remember courses and grades will be on your transcript and used to calculate our GPA.

Develop a 4-year high school plan. This plan should list all courses you intend to take each year including recommended college prep courses.

Talk to your parents and your high school counselor about your plans to attend college.

10th grade:

Take the PLAN if offered it is a practice test for the ACT.

Consider taking the PSAT. This test is primarily for juniors but many sophomores take for practice.

Make informal visits to colleges. Start thinking about what is important to you in school such as size, location, cost, major, etc.

11th grade:

Research and evaluate your college options meeting with college representatives, attending college fairs, visiting websites by searching your college needs and talk to your parents about college cost.

Take the PSAT in fall. Take the ACT and/or SAT in spring.

Look into college scholarships. If you are thinking about playing a sport register with the NCAA.

Meet with your counselor to discuss your college options and your senior schedule.

Make college visits in the spring and summer. If possible try to visit colleges when classes are in session.

12th grade:

Revisit colleges you are really seriously considering

Retake the ACT and/or SAT if necessary

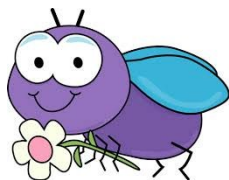
Begin filling out college application forms, watch deadlines

Meet with your school counselor to discuss your college choices, majors and financial aid

Consider your college options and compare financial aid packages

Decide where you want to go to college and return award letters and notify other colleges of your decision

Tell your counselor where to send your final transcript



If you misplace your newsletter or calendar
go to link to view
<http://www.occc.edu/upwardbound/>



Scholarships

Sports Unlimited 2014 Scholarship

Deadline: April 20, 2014

Here's how to enter:

- Write an essay on the above topic in 500-1000 words.
- Email a word doc attachment of your essay to scholarship@sportsunlimited.com
- The file name should be your full name, state, and date of birth. Example: Chase-Utley-PA-12-17-1978.docx
- Include your high school in the essay
- Submit by April 20th, 2014
- Fill out Sports Unlimited's five-question survey below.

Website: <http://www.sportsunlimitedinc.com/2014-scholarship.html>

MaxEmergency University Spring 2014 Scholarship

Deadline: April 30, 2104

Write an emergency plan. \$1,000

1. Must be a graduating senior in high school, or a freshman, sophomore, or junior in college
2. We reserve the right to verify the date of high school graduation or college enrollment
3. Must not have any relationship to Emergency University or Emergency University employees

Website: <http://www.emergencyuniversity.com/news/scholarship.aspx>

Westway Electric Supply "Illuminating Ideas" Scholarship

Deadline: April 30, 2014

Seniors in high school or current college students. Write a 500-1,000 word persuasive letter to your school's administration encouraging them to adopt energy efficient lighting fixtures in their sports arenas or stadiums (similar to what the Montreal Canadiens and Seattle Mariners did).

- 2) Send your letter to scholarship@westwayelectricsupply.com and include the following information in the body of your email: First Name, Last Name, Current School, Academic Standing as of Spring '14 (Freshman, Sophomore, etc.), and major (if applicable).
- 3) Format: Send only Microsoft Word document entries, with the file name "FirstName_LastName_MMDDYY". Only entries submitted in this format will be considered.

Website: <http://www.westwayelectricsupply.com/scholarship>

AE Weber Email Marketing Scholarship

Deadline: May 1, 2014

High school seniors and current college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. To apply for the 2014 AWeber Email Marketing Scholarship, complete the following two steps: Take this nine-question survey which will ask you about how you use different communication technologies. Respond to the following essay prompt in 500 or fewer words: In recent decades, communication has changed rapidly and impacted society in dramatic ways. Think of how it has evolved over recent generations, and answer the following questions: How have communication tools and habits changed from your parents' generation, compared to yours? Has this been a positive, negative or neutral change, and why? How do you think communication tools and habits will change for your children? Will this be a positive, negative or neutral change, and why? - See more at: <http://www.aweber.com/email-marketing-scholarship.htm#sthash.iFley5dC.dpuf>

Website: <http://www.aweber.com/email-marketing-scholarship.htm>

Griswold Home Care 2014 Scholarship

Deadline: May 1, 2014

Griswold Home Care offers a \$1,000 annual scholarship to a qualified student pursuing a bachelor's or associate's degree at an accredited college or university. Please complete the below form to submit your application for consideration.

Website: <http://www.griswoldhomecare.com/scholarship/>



SCHOLARSHIPS

"Always do your best.
What you plant now,
you will harvest later."
—Og Mandino

SAT INFORMATION

Test Date	Test	Deadline	Late Registration (fee applies)
May 3, 2014	SAT I & II	April 4, 2014	April 18, 2014
June 7, 2014	SAT I & II	May 9, 2014	May 23, 2014

For more information please visit sat.collegeboard.org

ACT INFORMATION

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
June 14, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 10-23, 2014

TEST DATE: APRIL 12TH

For more information please visit www.actstudent.org



Important Reminders:

- If you miss your schools group counseling you may attend the Pathways group counseling at OCCC at the end of the month
- Please watch your calendars for upcoming events
- If you are required to attend tutoring on Tuesdays make sure you bring your own schoolwork with you
- Again please schedule your individual before the end of the month there is limited space and only one doing them
- If you are unable to attend an event make sure you call Brian to let him know 682-1611 ext. 7763
- Need more students in the UB Program so refer your friends
- Community service and volunteering helps with scholarships
- Watch for scholarship opportunities in the newsletters

OCCC Residual ACT 2014 Dates

April 8 & 22

May 6 & 20

June 3 & 17

Residual ACT exams begin at
9:30 am on Tuesdays

Pre-registration is required prior
to test date. Fee for the Residual
ACT is \$35.00. Testing fees sub-
ject to change at any time.



"Continuous effort - not strength or intelligence is
the key to unlocking our potential."

—Winston Churchill