September 10, 2020

Dear Upward Bound Students and Parents,

I hope you have had a safe and restful end to your summer. The 2020-2021 academic year is upon us, and as expected, the COVID-19 pandemic is presenting some challenges to the way we normally do things. However, we are still here to support you in your academic and personal growth and have put some amazing things in place for you for this academic year.

**Academic Instruction and Homework Help**

In place of weekly tutoring, we will offer Academic Instruction and Homework Help. We have contracted with iTutor this year to provide both academic instruction and help in your classes. iTutor will provide instruction in Math, Language Arts, and Science for an hour for each subject each week. They will also provide homework help for two hours each week. The schedule is as follows:

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Weekly academic Instruction and homework help will begin on Monday, September 21st. Login instructions are forthcoming. Please contact us to let us know your email address. The ways in which you can contact us are below.

**Work Study Opportunity**

This year, Upward Bound students will have the opportunity to participate in a Work Study experience via Virtual Job Shadow. Students will have the chance to learn about careers so that they can make an informed decision about the type of work they want to do as adults. Detailed information about careers will also help students in selecting a college major that will help them to achieve their desired career path. Students who participate in Work Study will have the opportunity to earn up to $80.00 per quarter in addition to their student stipend. That means that a student who regularly attends Academic Instruction and Homework Help, attends Virtual Saturday Sessions, as well as participates in Work Study can earn up to $160 per quarter!

**Fall Distribution Day**

Distribution Day will take place on Saturday, September 19th from 10:00am - 12:00pm at Fitz Hall, 1529 Brown St (main entrance faces Stewart St). Students needing a Chromebook will be able to check one out. We will also have school supplies available. If you need supplies or a Chromebook, but are unable to attend during this time, please call us at (937) 229-3580 or email Ms. Ashantice at johnsonknoxa1@udayton.edu.
Virtual Saturday Sessions
We will still have our Saturday Sessions once a month. However, they will take place virtually via Zoom. More details on when they will be offered will be shared in our Calendar of Events.

ACT Test Prep Boot Camp
We will have two online ACT Test Boot Camps. The Boot Camps are mandatory for Juniors and Seniors, but will be open to all Upward Bound students who want to take advantage of them. More information on dates is forthcoming.

Upward Bound Student Application is now online!
Do you have friends or family members who attend Dunbar, Meadowdale, or Belmont High Schools, are in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade, and are interested in going to college? Tell them about UD-UB and let them know that our Student Application is now online! You can share the link below with them to get them started. Space in the Program is limited, so tell them not to procrastinate. We anticipate being fully residential all 6 weeks next summer. If they get in this Fall, they will already be enrolled in time for summer!

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Upward Bound Program Staff Working from Home—How you can contact us
In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Upward Bound Staff will be working from home through the end of 2020. However, you can still reach us whenever you need to via Remind, or the following:

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Phone: (937) 229-4517
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Phone: (937) 229-3580
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Remind
If you need to add yourself to the Remind text messaging:
Students: Text @udub2018 to 81010
Parents: Text @udubp to 81010
Remind is the fastest way for us to communicate with students and parents, as important communications and quick questions are communicated this way. And messages can be sent both ways through Remind.
Facebook
You can also follow us on Facebook for updates: U Dayton Upward Bound

One Call Now
We will also communicate via One Call Now to keep you updated. If your phone number has changed within the last 6 months, please email your new number to ramsey1@udayton.edu so that the calling list can be updated.

I wish you a safe and productive Academic Year. We are here to support you during these unprecedented times, so please reach out if you need anything. Please stay well and stay safe.

All the Best,

Ieesha Ramsey

Dr. Ieesha Ramsey
Director
University of Dayton Upward Bound Program