

UPWARD BOUND

ALUMNI

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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Elizabeth Chase (a 2021 grad of Upward Bound and Alliance High) is currently attending UNK in Kearney, NE and majoring in International Studies. Liz lives on campus in Centennial Towers West. Her favorite part of college is how inclusive it is and the resources that are available. Liz said that UB helped prepare her for college by learning time management and getting information about financial aid.



True Thorne (a 2019 grad of Upward Bound and Chadron High) is currently attending SDSU in Brookings, SD and majoring in History Education, with a minor in Religion. True lived on campus for two years and now, as a junior, lives off campus with

three friends. She works during the school year for SDSU's TRIO program as a peer mentor. True's favorite part of college is the open minded environment. She said, "I can pretty much be myself and have found people who love me for me." True also said that, "Upward Bound prepared me for college by the quarterly meetings and learning things about finances and applying for colleges. I attended the UB Summer Program until they had to kick me out. The summer program gave me college like experience by living on campus, attending college-like classes, using the same website college students use to turn in their assignments. It was an eye opening experience that allowed me to easily transition to life on campus. UB also took me on multiple college tours—exposing me to the many options I had when continuing my education"



London Gillam (a 2020 graduate of Upward Bound and Crawford High) enrolled in UNL immediately following high school. London took a semester off to attend basic training for the National Guard. After he completes basic training, London will return to UNL where he will continue to study Elementary Education. His favorite part about college is the intramural sports. London

said that, "Upward Bound helped me by showing what college is going to be like."



Emily Beve (a 2021 graduate of Upward bound and Chadron High) is currently attending Chadron State where she is majoring in social work. Emily’s favorite classes are her social work classes stating that they “keep me on my toes and make me think a lot and I like that about them”. She also participates in the TRIO program at CSC and said “They have been so helpful with books and many other things. I have attended a few of the events they put on as well and they are fun.” Emily’s favorite part of college is the social aspect stating, “I have made so many new friends at college.” Emily lives on campus, in Kent Hall, with her roommate. She said Kent Hall is a very eventful, energetic dorm and there’s something always going on. Outside of classes, Emily works as a Certified Nursing Assistant at the local hospital. You can also find her hanging out with friends or playing pool in the pit.

“Upward Bound was very helpful in preparing me for college. UB helped me become more of a social person. During the summer program, I was able to make new friends and meet new people. UB helped me to have the chance to tour colleges that my father was not able to take me to. UB also gave me the want to adventure and explore new things and this is something that I’ve explored in college. ”



Connor Schmidt (a 2021 graduate of Upward Bound and Alliance High) is currently Western NE Community College and majoring in Secondary Education. Connor would like to move to Japan because the culture there “fits my personality and lifestyle better than the US. English was my best subject in high school, so I decided to become an English teacher to help me travel abroad.” Connor lives off-campus and currently works as a social science tutor at the college. “UB helped me develop the social skills that I needed to be a functioning member of society. The summer program pushed me to work on group projects and emailing professors, so that is no problem now.” Connor’s favorite class is Ethics because he can feel the cogs turning in his brain. He said he was surprised by how small the classes were. “In movies, classes are portrayed as large and the main character usually makes friends with people they sit next to. On my first day of class, there were only two people besides me, and they were both late.”

Kayla Campos (a 2021 graduate of Upward bound and Alliance High) is currently attending Chadron State where she is majoring in English Language Arts 7-12 as she wants to teach in the future. Her favorite class thus far is Intro to Creative Writing. Kayla participates in the TRIO program at CSC and also works at the front desk of Kent Hall. She said her first year has gone really well and that she really enjoys the campus activities. Kayla stated that, “The biggest surprised about college is how laid back it is. I was surprised to see how much free time I have to complete homework and just do my own thing. Upward Bound gave me a better understanding of what to expect from college. The workshops and meetings really gave me the knowledge I needed to prepare for college.”



Ema Ackerman (a 2019 graduate of Upward Bound and Crawford High) is currently attending Chadron State College and majoring in Rangeland and Equine Management. Ema lives off-campus and works at OHD in Chadron, and doing ranch work for local ranchers. Ema’s favorite part of college is the new experiences, opportunities, and friends. She said that “Upward Bound helped me prepare for college by teaching me to be responsible, respectful, and staying on top of my classes”.



By ‘taking the cheaper route, as Connor stated, he is not only saving money, but getting paid to go to college!



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Kayla Schoeneberg

(a 2019 graduate of Upward Bound and Chadron High) is currently attending Chadron State College and majoring in Early Childhood. She lives off campus with her boyfriend and is working as a Correctional Officer. Kayla said her favorite part of college is meeting new people. She also said that, "Upward Bound helped prepare me for college with all of the SAKAI assignments, introducing me to new people, and also what it would be like to live with a roommate I didn't know."



Kelcarah Demeritte (a 2021 graduate of Upward bound and Chadron High) is currently attending WNCC where she is majoring in Criminal Justice as she wants to make a change in her community. Kelcarah is a part of the TRIO program at WNCC, lives in the dorm, and also works part-time. Kelcarah's favorite class so far is Environmental Science and she loves to sleep in when class gets canceled. Kelcarah said that UB helped prepare her for college by giving her the experience of having a roommate and learning how to live with someone else.



Herny Bien (a 2020 graduate of Upward Bound and Chadron High) attended Northeast Community College and studied welding. He graduated in May 2021 with his welding certificate. Herny is now working at Valmont Industries, in Columbus, NE as a welder. He said his favorite part of college was the food, becoming friends with some amazing people, and the fun field trips with the TRIO program. Herny said, "Thanks to UB for all those gatherings with all the amazing people. I learned that talking to strangers isn't as scary as I thought." Herny plans on visiting home (the Marshall Islands) in the near future.

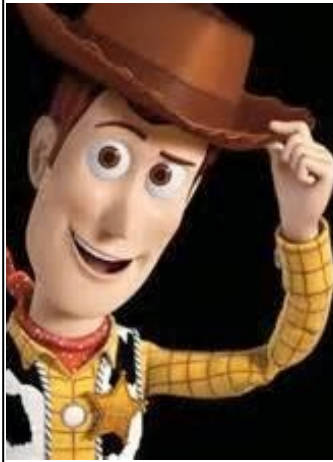
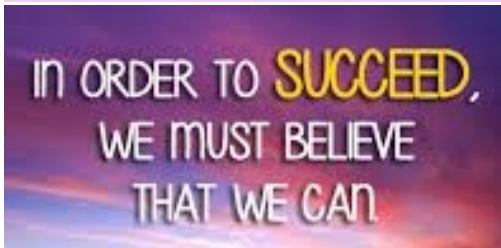


Elizabeth Harrison (a 2021 graduate of Upward bound and Chadron High) attended the Arizona Culinary Institute immediately following graduation. She completed her classes on Feb. 11th and is now working on an externship. She is currently working as a pastry chef at The Phoenician, a luxury resort in Scottsdale, AZ. Her favorite part of school is the friends she has made. Elizabeth said that "Upward Bound prepared me for the different types of people I would be working with and the work that it takes to keep up with school and a job."





3/5—Heather Barry
 3/30—Ta'te High Hawk
 3/30—Ty Brady



Tip of the Hats

Alex Williams Hardy—chosen to participate in the High Plains Honor Band

Christian Hanson—Earned AHS Science Student of the Week

Leah Weber—Accepted into Bryan College of Nursing

Hayes Fraham & Wyatt Brady—Great enthusiasm in cheering on the girls bball team in Paxton

Hayes, Talen, Jacob, and Madi - earned straight A's the week before the quarter ends

Neffie, Wyatt, Ty, and Taizah—winners of the Leadership Essay contest

Christian Hanson —March Student of the Month



Hometown: Alliance **School/Grade:** Alliance High School, 10th grade.

What is your favorite class? “Sociology.”

What is a goal that you want to accomplish this year? “Get great grades and participate in Upward Bound to help me get into college”

What are your hobbies? “Video games, going to the pool, writing stories and hanging with friends.”

What is your favorite part of Upward Bound? “Getting to travel places.”

Where do you want to go to college? “Chadron State College.”

Teacher Quote:

“Christian has been working very hard the past couple weeks to get all of his assignments turned in. He is motivated and determined to pass his classes this semester. Christian has done a great job staying on task and focusing during class.

He has shown a ton of growth and maturity recently and I know he will continue to shine. Christian is always kind to those around him and he’s a very good friend. He is a pleasure to have in class.” - Ms. Sofi Fox, AHS Science Teacher