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TRIO UPWARD BOUND NEWSLETTER
College of Education
Grand Valley State University

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After—School Tutoring

Union High: Every Monday and Wednesday from 2:40 pm — 4:00 pm in Room 129

Innovation Central High: Every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:40 pm — 4:00 pm in Room 125

April Community Service Event
Baxter Community Center Fix-Up Day

Saturday, April 16, 2016
8:30 am — 12:30 pm

Fix Up Day has been part of Baxter’s history since 1978 when a small army of carpenters, electricians, plumbers, plasterers and painters put as much TLC as possible into the building. 35 years later we have over 75 volunteers come and help clean both the inside and outside of the building, complete projects, and get Baxter ready for another year of service.
Fundraisers for the 2016 summer cultural trip have been well underway.
As a reminder, to participate in this year’s cultural trip the fundraising goal is $350.00 per Upward Bound student.

Do you have a suggestion for new fundraising opportunities? Please share your idea with Mr. Brandsen or Ms. Harvey in the classroom or at after-school tutoring!

Scholarship Corner

**Earn a $500 Scholarship**

In the U.S., a home burglary happens every 14.6 seconds. Some cities have more reported burglaries than others, but there are ways communities can reduce these types of crimes.

**The Question**

What programs and strategies would you implement to better your community? How would these strengthen the city and improve its residents’ safety?

Write a 500-700 word essay describing your community program(s) to reduce crime.

Submit your name, email and essay by May 1, 2016 to scholarship@choo1homesecurity.com. All applicants must send their contact details and essay in an attached Word .doc to be considered.
Congratulations to Maryam Sharif who is leading the way as one of our top fundraisers. Currently Maryam has sold over $300 worth of candy bars and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. Maryam’s favorite UB fundraiser is the chocolate sales because it’s the easiest and most convenient to sell. When asked why she participates in the fundraisers Maryam says ‘I fundraise so I can go on the summer trip because I love traveling.’ Keep up the great work Maryam!

Cesar Chavez March

On Thursday, March 17, there was a day of activities in Grand Rapids honoring the legacy of United Farm Workers founder César E. Chávez. Students from both Union and Central participated in the 2016 Cesar E Chavez march. The day started off at 11am and the march began at The Potters House School and ended at the Edge Urban Fellowship.

Following the march, all the participants gathered at the Edge Urban Fellowship for a short program, where Pastor “PE” Troy Evans gave a welcome to all who came. The State Board of Education member Kathleen Straus was honored for her many years of dedicated service to education in the state of Michigan.

Afterwards, the students gathered on the downtown campus of Grand Valley State University. They discussed highlights of the march and what they enjoyed about it. They ended their day with pizza and pop!
Summer Residential Program 2016

The UB staff have been planning for the 2015-2016 TRIO Upward Bound Summer Residential Program. The program will begin Monday, June 13 and end with the awards ceremony on Wednesday, July 13.

Any student planning to attend the program MUST complete a summer residential program application packet. Packets were distributed at home visits during the week of spring break and are available in both classrooms at Union and Innovation Central.

More details will be shared as we get closer to June. We are looking forward to another great summer on campus!

2016 Summer Cultural Trip
Destination: Orlando, Florida
Disney World
July 17—July 21
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