

# UPWARD BOUND

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NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA A & M COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer 2024

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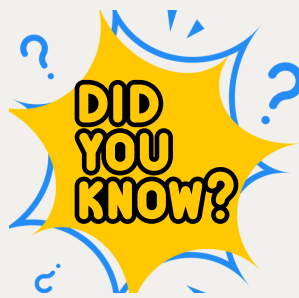
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**We want to welcome our new  
Director Jonathan Wengert to  
NEO A&M Upward Bound.  
We are happy to have him on board.**

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# UPWARD BOUND NEO

2023/2024 FACT SHEET

7 Schools  
with  
Participants



**Afton**  
6 Students



**Commerce**  
14 Students




**Fairland**  
13 Students



**Grove**  
7 Students



**Miami**  
14 Students



**Quapaw**  
9 Students



**Wyandotte**  
9 Students

72 participants  
\$362,941 in Federal Funding



College Campus  
Tours  
Washington U,  
Julliard, NYU,  
PSU, NSU, UCO

Community  
Service  
Events

SATURDAY  
SEMINAR

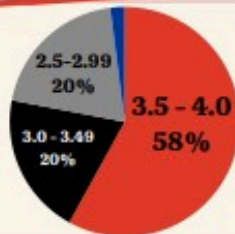


Team  
Building  
Activities



Cultural Trips  
St Louis, New York,  
OKC Capital,  
Tulsa Greenwood,  
Modoc Tribe Bison  
Ranch

GPA's



**PERSIST**  
Students  
persisted to  
next grade  
level

SENIOR  
HIGHLIGHTS

**16** Senior Graduates  
**15** Seniors entered college



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# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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NEO A & M College and NEO Upward Bound Program sponsored an ACT Bootcamp for students and individuals in the surrounding area.

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Students enjoyed TRIO Day at the Oklahoma State Capital. They were given the opportunity to hear House Leaders and State Representatives speak in the House of Representatives along with visiting Miami's own District 7 Representative Steven Bashore.

# COLLEGE TOURS

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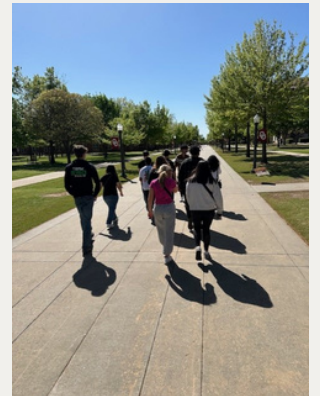
College Tours are a special part of the Upward Bound Program. Our UB Students have enjoyed visiting several in the last few months.

**School of the Ozarks in Branson, MO**

**OU in Norman, OK**

**MSU in Springfield, MO**

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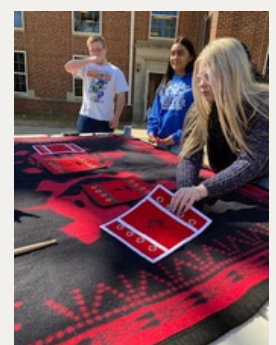


# SATURDAY SEMINARS

Students in the Program are required to attend a Seminar on one Saturday of every month where they learn about college, career, finances, life skills, team building, etc.

## APRIL SEMINAR

Students participated in a presentation given by Joshua Sutterfield introducing them to the **Miami Nation** and the concept of **TEK- Traditional Ecological Knowledge** to better understand indigenous views of human/environment relationships. After the presentation students also participated in Native games hosted by the **Miami Tribe of Oklahoma**



These Upward Bound students have worked hard and now it is paying off for them. From Upward Bound to College Bound, we are proud of them!

# 2024 BRIDGE STUDENTS



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**NEO**



**NEO**

**Jordy Andres**  
Business Major

*Congrats*



**John Crawford**  
NEO Nursing Program

**NEO**

*Congratulations*

**Jasmin Bravo**  
Business Major



**NEO**

*Congratulations*

**Jozie Jameson**  
Early Childhood Major

Attending **NEO**



**CONGRATULATIONS**

*La'Nayea Lina*

Attending **NEO A & M COLLEGE**



**NEO**

Psychology with Social Work emphasis

*Congrats!*

**RONNY LOPEZ**



Attending **NEO A&M College**  
Fall 2024

Business/Technology Program

**NEO**

*Congratulations*

**Madison Martin**  
Majoring in Biology with a Minor in Biomedical Engineering



**THE UNIVERSITY OF TULSA**

**NEO Bound**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Jackie Medina**

Majoring in Natural Science with Dental Hygiene emphasis



*Congrats!*

**KADENCE SMITH**

Soon to be a **SOONER** in the Architecture Program



**OU**

*Congratulations*

Graduate, We are proud of you!

**UCo** **NURSING MAJOR**

**2024**

**Karsten Wickliffe**



*Congratulations*

**Cara Vue**

Attending **NEO** Engineering Major



**NEO**

# SUMMER ACADEMY 2024



This summer the UB program hosted a residential summer academy on campus at NEO A&M College. The Upward Bound students get the opportunity to live on campus, take courses, and participate in group activities. The diverse range of classes are designed to ignite curiosity, challenge students, and expand career options.

The array of captivating subjects included: Math, Science, English, Agriculture, Athletic Training, Sport Management, Aviation, Cooking, Medical Skills, Criminal Justice, Dance, Art, Drama, Fitness and STEM. Aside from taking classes, the Upward Bound Students get to live on campus in Milligan Hall. Living on campus gives the students an understanding and realization of what traditional college students experience. The dorm is monitored by six Residential Advisors, and one head RA. Our Residential Advisors this summer were: Rachel Black, Fabio Franklin, Forson Kede, Connor Rice, Lexi Santiago, and Hannah Young. Our Head RA was Steven Clay. We appreciate our RA's so much for all that they do to make our Summer Academy a success. They were a huge help in making sure our students stay engaged, learning and having fun!





# UPWARD BOUND ALUMNI

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Upward Bound Alumni Oprah Winfrey was given the opportunity to be a part of the TRIO/Upward Bound Program. Her teacher Eugene Abrams nominated her and she was accepted into the program in her middle school years.

Oprah's studious nature and hard work paid off for her future as a media personality, famous talk show host and actress.