

# MAC TRIO

## Upward Bound

### APRIL NEWSLETTER 2025



## HELLO SPRING

### Upcoming Events



**April 25:**

Senior Trip Permission Forms Due

**May 5-8:**

Last Week of Meetings

**May 8:**

TRIO Pinning Ceremony  
(Seniors)



Dinner 5 pm, Ceremony 6 pm-  
7:30pm

**May 17th:**

Summer Program Open House  
9 am - 3 pm



**May 27-29:**

Senior Trip

**June 2- July 11**

Summer Program  
(Trip- July 8-10)

**June 19**

NO UB Summer Program

**July 4**

NO UB Summer Program



### Seniors – Parents – Seniors

#### Final College Decision – What you need to know – Questions you may have

You have been receiving award letters from your colleges. The letter lists all of the grants, scholarships, loans, and work study you are eligible for. It also shows the final cost of the college for the 25-26 school year. The difference in the amount of what you were awarded and how much the college cost, is what **YOU WILL OWE**.

Make no mistake, you will be getting a bill for the amount you still owe the college.

**What if I don't have enough to cover the amount?** It depends on how much it is.

Can you apply for additional scholarships? (your high school counselor has a list of these).

Can you get a job and earn some money this summer to cover the cost? Can you commute from home and save dorm expenses? The important thing is you have a plan and a budget so set down with your parents and make one.

**If I don't have the money I will just borrow it, right?** Wrong - college freshman are only allowed to borrow limited amounts. These amounts are usually listed on your award letter. Also, graduating in 4 years loaded down with debt limits the things you can buy as a young adult. Think, and only borrow what is absolutely necessary!

**What should I do if I can't afford it?** You have options, so don't give up. Remember, at the end of the day a degree is a degree. A community college is an affordable option and college is what you make of it. Saving money for your dream college for 2 years and then transferring is a good option for students and can save thousands.

#### Two more things to keep in mind.

1) "Financial aid" in your award letter may include student loans so be cautious.

You have to pay back loans with interest. Grants and scholarships are free money.

2) You need a viable plan. Most students drop out of college because of money. Don't be unrealistic in your plans. Sit down with your parents or a trusted adult and discuss your options. You can afford to go to college in the fall so start working toward your college graduation goal and don't stop!

### STUDENT NEWS

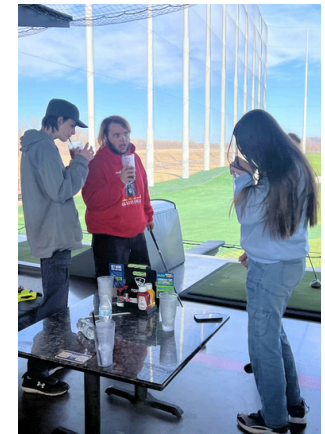
- Addison Akers is speech and debate district champion in informational speaking.
- Shane Aldridge and the Valley boys basketball team won districts for the first time in 33 years.
- Skye McCane got her learner's permit.
- Lily Dickerson and Allegra Williams each had two projects accepted into the NC art show.
- CJ Ladd and Donalie Strand won multiple medals for Science Olympiad and their team won 2nd place.
- Emerson Welch got a job at Walmart.
- Devin Godat got his license.
- Keira Mynatt made State for mixed ensemble.
- Jazmine Higgings made State for band solo and ensemble.
- Keira Mynatt, Jazmine Higgins, Olivia Granger, and Addasin Horton were inducted to National Honor Society.
- Bismarck High School Band got an outstanding rating of 2- Danielle Brown, Madison Grebe, Hayden Walters, and Masson Hammers.



# March Saturday Program ACT Prep and Top Golf



**MAKAILA ROSE-  
KUPFERSCHMID  
TRISTAN FEHR  
KELLY BRONAUGH  
SHANE ALDRIDGE  
MACKENZIE WELLS  
CHLOE EICHHOLZ**



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## A Federally Funded Program

The Mineral Area College Upward Bound I program is a TRIO program funded with a five-year, \$374,221 per year grant from the U.S. Department of Education. This represents 100% of the program cost. Mineral Area College provides 25% of indirect costs to support the program.

The Mineral Area College Upward Bound II program is a TRIO program funded with a five-year, \$324,979 per year grant from the U.S. Department of Education. This represents 100% of the program cost. Mineral Area College provides a portion of indirect costs to support the program.

Upward Bound is one of five programs established by Congress to help low-income, first-generation students enter college and graduate. These programs are referred to as the TRIO programs.

For more information on Upward Bound I or II or for information on how to apply, contact the Upward Bound office located at Mineral Area College, (573) 518-2156. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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## Mission

The mission of Upward Bound at Mineral Area College is to serve eligible high school students by providing academic enrichment, cultural experiences, and a support network to ensure their success in attaining a four year college degree.

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