

Spring Cultural Retreat

We had our Spring Cultural Retreat on February 24, 2009 in Flagstaff, Arizona. Our students from Alchesay, Coconino Hopi, Winslow, and Williams participated. This year our students attended a presentation by Native American author, Sherman Alexie. Earlier in the Spring, we gifted Sherman Alexie's book, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* to our students. The students enjoyed the book and were excited for his presentation. Our students were very surprised by his comedic presentation. Many of our students

didn't expect it to be so funny and entertaining.

In addition, to the Sherman Alexie presentation we treated our students to a Japanese dinner at Sakura. Our students were amazed by having the chefs cook at their tables.

In addition, to dinner and the Sherman Alexie presentation our students spent the night at Drury Inn and Suites. The morning of our check out some students were able to meet Sherman Alexie.

Overall, the Spring Retreat went very well and again please encourage your student to maintain their grades so they are able to participate.

Spring College Trip

This Spring, Upward Bound will be taking our students on a college trip. We will be going to Durango, Colorado and Santa Fe, New Mexico. The trip will be April 7th-10th. During this trip we will tour Ft Lewis college, Santa Fe Community College, and the Institute of American Indian Arts.

The students from Alchesay, Winslow, Williams, and Coconino will arrive in Flagstaff on April 7th, 2009. The following morning we will depart for Durango, Colorado and will pick up our students from Hopi High School on April 8th, 2009 in Tuba City. We will arrive in Durango, Colorado in the afternoon and

our students will get to go river rafting or tour downtown Durango.

The next morning we will tour Ft. Lewis college and then travel to Santa Fe, New Mexico. In the late afternoon, we will tour Santa Fe Community College.

On the last day of our trip we will tour the Institute of American Indian Arts. After touring this school we will board the bus and make our way to Flagstaff. We'll make a stop in Holbrook to drop off our Alchesay students. Next we will stop in Winslow to drop our Winslow and Hopi students. Coconino and Williams students will need to be picked up at N.A.U.

Leadership Institute

North Rim Leadership Institute

On March 12th-15th Upward Bound students embarked on a leadership, service learning project in Lee's Ferry and on the Kane Ranch. Students worked with Grand Canyon National Park to remove the Sahara Mustard weed, an invasive species that kills other native plants in the area. They also cleared a 5 acre plot of land of Four-Winged Saltbush to prepare that land to be a watermelon garden. Additionally, students helped build garden beds that will be used by Grand Canyon Trust as a Native Plant garden, and

replanted some native plants around the Grand Canyon Trust headquarters at Kane Ranch.

Only six students braved the elements to camp and work for 3 nights and 4 days. Those students were April Silas and Irvin Poleahla from Hopi High School, Jamie Lupe from Alchesay High School, Evander Spencer from Winslow High School, and Eugene Sanders and Vince Velazco from Williams High School. The Upward Bound staff is extremely proud of the students for their hard work and excellent cooperation during this leadership adventure. De-

spite the cold nights of camping and the long work days, students kept their spirits up and kept us laughing at every opportunity.

The Grand Canyon Trust wants to partner with Upward Bound again to do more projects in the future. We hope that more of our students will participate next time and take advantage of the chance to give back to the Colorado Plateau, earn some volunteer hours and experience, and take part in a wonderful lesson in cooperative living.

Thank you to those six students for being excellent

representatives of Upward Bound for Grand Canyon National Park staff, Grand Canyon Trust staff, Fingerlakes College students, and for Chris from the Peregrine Foundation. Our students collaborated with all of these individuals and did great work!

APRIL 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NAU On-Campus Day	2 Alchesay Tech Visit	3	4
5	6	7 Coconino Portfolio	College Trip: New Mexico & Colorado		10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Hopi Portfolio/ Dinner	22	23 Alchesay Portfolio/ Dinner	24	25
26	27	28 Coconino Dinner	29 Winslow Portfolio/ Dinner	30 Williams Portfolio/ Dinner		

Schedule of Events

April 1 - NAU On-Campus Day for "NEW" Upward Bound Students

April 2 - Alchesay Tech Visit

April 7 - Coconino Portfolio

April 7 - 10 – College Trip: New Mexico and Colorado

April 21 - Hopi Portfolio & Spring Dinner

April 23 - Alchesay Portfolio & Spring Dinner

April 28 - Coconino Spring Dinner

April 29 - Winslow Portfolio & Spring Dinner

MAY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Graduation: Hopi & Williams	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28 Graduation Winslow	29 Graduation Alchesay	30 Academy Check-In
31	June 1	2	3	4	5 Graduation Coconino	6

Schedule of Events:

May 22 - Graduation @ Hopi & Williams

May 25 - Memorial Day

May 28 - Graduation @ Winslow

May 29 - Graduation @ Alchesay

May 30 - 2009 Summer Academy Check-In

June 5 - Graduation @ Coconino

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Reading List for the College Bound

I can never stress enough how important reading is to your overall success as a student and a person. Just like the last list...*The books listed continue to deal with diversity, history, politics, science, disabilities—all of these books contain themes that could be controversial, but ones that you will likely be faced with when you go to college and begin meeting new and different people or when you begin taking classes that open the world up to you.*

This is the last reading list of the year. I hope you find something that intrigues you and makes you WANT to read. As always, I'm available for discussion on any of these books. Take care and happy reading!

Sarah

Lili Cockerville
Livingstone
Martin W. Sandler
Sandra Cisneros
Walter Dean Myers
Philip Pullman
Marjane Satrapi
Mario Livio

James Tobin

Mitch Albom

Wade Davis

William Doyle
Barbara Ehrenreich
Khaled Hosseini
Mark Salzman
Eric Schlosser
Rachel Simon
Sugar Turner & Tracy
Bachrach Ehlers
Loung Ung
Shannon Lanier
Diane Glancy

American Indian Ballerinas

Photography: An Illustrated History
Caramelo
Monster
The Golden Compass
Persepolis
The Golden Ratio: The Story of Phi, the World's Most Astonishing Number
Great Projects: The Epic Story of the Building of America from the Taming of the Mississippi to the Invention of the Internet
Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, A Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson
Light at the Edge of the World: A Journey Through the Realm of Vanishing Cultures
An American Insurrection: The Battle of Oxford, Mississippi, 1962
Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America
The Kite Runner
True Notebooks
Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal
Riding the Bus with My Sister: A True Life Journey
Sugar's Life in the Hood: The Story of a Former Welfare Mother

First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers
Jefferson's Children: The Story of One American Family
Stone Heart: A Novel of Sacajawea