

# TRIO UPWARD BOUND

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### Upward Bound Participants Receive the Moody Scholarship!

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Established in 1969, the Moody Foundation initiated the Moody Scholars program to provide financial assistance to qualified high school students in their pursuit of an undergraduate degree. Three Upward Bound participants were selected as finalists for the 2020 - 2021 Moody Scholarship including Kelsey Barillas, Evelyn Hernandez, and Ashley Hinojosa.

In the fall, Kelsey will attend the University of Houston - Clear Lake on a Pre-Med track. Evelyn and Ashley both plan on attending Galveston College. Evelyn wants to become a pharmacist, and eventually transfer to the University of Houston. Ashley is interested in becoming a PA or doctor.



## Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship Recipient

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has committed more than \$500 million to Texas youth and education. Each year, the Rodeo awards more than 800 scholarships. For 2021, the Rodeo committed to award \$14 million in scholarships, \$5 million to junior show exhibitors, \$2 million in educational program grants and \$470,000 in graduate assistantships. Applicants are evaluate based on academics, leadership, and financial need.

Kelsey Barillas is one of the recipients of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarship. The scholarship recipients represent 51 different counties in the state and will attend 19 different Texas colleges and universities with various fields of study. Each recipient will receive \$20,000 toward a four-year undergraduate degree.

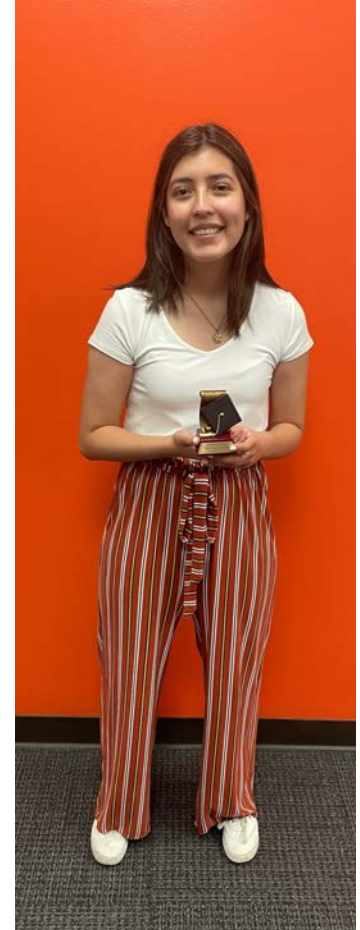


## Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs

### Scholarship Recipients

Through the generous commitment of the Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs, the Foundation provides annual scholarships to support TRIO participants from the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas who have demonstrated a commitment to education and a strong desire for academic success.

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$500. Ashley Hinojosa (left) and Kelsey Barillas (right) are both recipients of the SWASAP scholarship. In addition to Upward Bound, both girls were involved in several clubs, organizations, and honor societies throughout their high school career.





# *Celebrating Our Seniors!*

## GRADUATION GIFTS

The Upward Bound staff prepared graduation gifts for the ten seniors in the program. Most of these students have participated in the program for four years. The students received backpacks that included college essentials such as supplies, T-shirts, gift cards, and snacks, along with few awards.

The Upward Bound program would like to thank those that contributed items for the baskets including the Galveston College Admissions Department and the Upward Bound staff.



# COLLEGE BOUND

Class of 2021



**Kelsey Barillas**

Kelsey will continue her education at the University of Houston - Clear Lake on a Pre-Med track. It is her goal to attend Medical School in the future.



**Jacqueline De Lao**

In the fall, Jacqueline will attend Galveston College. She is planning on pursuing an Associates of Science degree in General Studies.



**Diana Gonzalez**

Diana will continue her studies at Galveston College. She is interested in becoming a Nurse.



**Evelyn Hernandez**

Evelyn will continue her education at Galveston College. Her goal is to become a pharmacist. After GC, she she plans on transferring to the University of Houston.



**Ashley Hinojosa**

Ashley will attend Galveston College in the Fall. She is pursuing psychology, and plans on going in a Med or PA track.



**Ashley Jimenez**

Ashely plans on studying psychology at Galveston College, and hopes to transfer to the University of Houston afterwards.

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Class of 2021



**Natalie Lopez**

Natalie will continue her education at Galveston College. She has been accepted into the EMS program.



**Mireya Ramos**

Mireya will continue her education at Galveston College. She is interested in becoming an Ultrasound Technician.



**Sydney Rawls**

Sydney plans on beginning her education career at Galveston College. Ultimately, she wants to become a Veterinarian.



**Sarah Reyna**

Sarah will attend Galveston College. She plans on working on her General Studies degree.

## Kelsey Barillas

Kelsey received her Associates of Science degree in General Studies from Galveston College in May. She is one of the seven dual-credit students from Ball High School who received their Associates degrees from GC in May. This is a record number of dual-credit graduates in one semester at GC. We are [#WhitecapsProud](#) of you!

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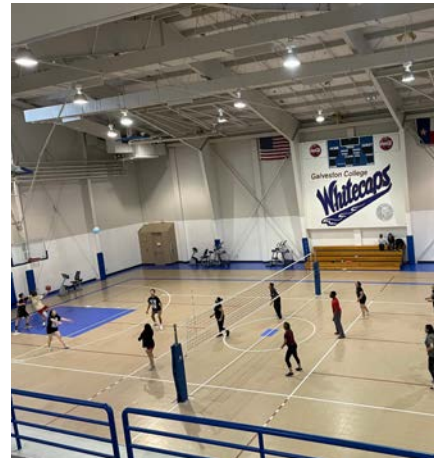
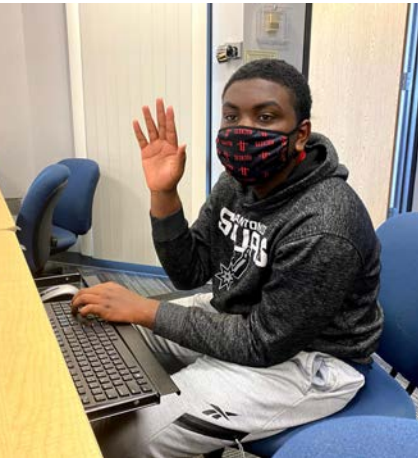
# 2021 SUMMER COMPONENT



Galveston College's TRIO Upward Bound hosted an in-person and virtual summer component! Current participants had the opportunity to complete a six-week academic program, with two days in-person, two days working from home, and Friday trips. The courses were taught by certified teachers and/or college instructors. Students not only completed courses to help them remain academically prepared for high school, but they prepared them for the online college courses that they may choose to take as they transition to college after graduation or as an early admission/dual credit student. Students were placed into courses that they plan on taking during the upcoming academic year. Students gained a head start on the curriculum and received instruction from their possible future teachers. Courses offered are designed to strengthen skills and to introduce new material in English, mathematics, science, foreign language and computer science.



Additionally, our recent graduating seniors and early-enrollment students participated in an in-person Summer Bridge program. Students enrolled in summer courses at Galveston College received individual support through advising and tutoring. All students had the opportunity to engage in advising, study hall, wellness, college visits, and cultural/educational enrichment activities. Students also attended several mental health workshops hosted by the Gulf Coast Center.





# Taking the next step. College Visits

This summer, participants had the opportunity to visit three universities in-person.

Students learned about educational opportunities close to home at Texas A&M Galveston. They explored all things "ocean-oriented" that the campus has to offer, including the Maritime Academy.

At the University of Houston - Clear Lake, the participants got the chance to tour the campus, including its newest additions: on-campus housing, STEM building, and Recreation Center.

Last fall, students attended a virtual University of St. Thomas information session and campus tour. Students had the opportunity to visit in-person this summer, and discover more about the Rising Stars program. The Rising Stars program pairs students with corporate sponsors in order to earn funds toward tuition. This model helps students build personal connections that will influence them beyond college.



# SHOWCASE & AWARD CEREMONY



The Galveston College TRIO Upward Bound celebrated its summer showcase and awards ceremony on July 15th in the Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation Wing on the Galveston College campus. The program congratulated the students on their accomplishments and presented awards and meals to them and their families. The program recognized its ten graduates, including one college graduate.



UB Alumna, Maritza Villamil, was the keynote speaker. She shared her experiences, advice, and encouraged the audience to expand their horizons. Currently, Maritza works for the Department of Labor, within the Wage and Hour Division as a Wage and Hour Investigator. Her business background and time abroad have greatly contributed to learning more about international affairs.







## Educational Enrichment & College Tour

Select Upward Bound participants had the opportunity to attend an overnight educational, cultural enrichment and college tour with the program in the Austin, San Antonio, and San Marcos area. The purpose for taking this trip was for students to get the opportunity to visit the college campuses of the University of Texas Austin, University of Incarnate Word, and Texas State University. In addition, students had the opportunity to engage in educational, cultural, and socially enriching experiences. Upward Bound Alumnus, Augie Melendez, conducted a campus tour, presentation, and shared motivational advice with the students. He is currently the head football athletic trainer at Incarnate Word.



# UB Alumni Graduates



**Jennifer Escalante**

Jennifer received her Associates of Science degree in General Studies from Galveston College. She plans on attending Texas State University in the fall to study Criminal Justice.



**Kate & Kyra Ramos**

Kate and Kyra received their Associate of Science degree in General Studies from Galveston College. They will continue their studies at the University of Houston to study business.



**Miranda Ramos**

Miranda received her Associates of Science degree in General Studies from Galveston College. She is currently working at UTMB as a PCT, and is completing pre-reqs for a BSN program.

## UB Staff



**David Gage**

David received his Associates of Science Degrees in Biology and Health Science from Galveston College. He will continue his studies at the University of Texas at San Antonio to study Microbiology and Immunology.



**Noemi Mata**

UB Alumna, Noemi, received her Associates of Arts degree in General Studies from Galveston College. She will continue her education at the University of Houston Clear Lake to study Graphic Design.



**Rosie Rios**

UB Alumna, Rosie, received her Masters of Arts degree in Higher Education Administration with an Academic Advising Certificate. She has accepted a Student Success Advisor position at Galveston College.

Galveston College TRIO Upward Bound is 100% federally funded. It is the policy of Galveston College to provide equal opportunities without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, genetic information or veteran status.