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COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

Upward Bound Students and Families,

We are currently accepting new student applications. If you know someone who would be a great fit for Upward Bound, please encourage them to apply.



Seniors, you've made it to the finish line. Watching so many of you graduate with college credits—before even stepping onto a college campus—has been truly incredible.

I encourage each of you to continue your education. College is challenging, but it is absolutely worth it. Hold on to the feeling you have right now as you prepare to cross the stage and receive your high school diploma. In just a few short years, you'll experience that same pride again when you earn your college degree.

It will take dedication and hard work, but that moment will arrive sooner than you think.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. Your future is bright, and this is only the beginning.



-Rebecca Ayala, UB Coordinator-

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2026 OREM HIGH GRADUATES

Nephi Chumpitaz



Graduating with 33 college credits.

Cassandra Gil



Graduating with an associate's degree from UVU, earning 73 college credits.
18 credits earned through UB.

Deborah Mukeshimana



Graduating with 33 college credits.
6 credits earned through UB.

Camille Rangel



Graduating with 68 college credits.
12 credits earned through UB.

Leslie Rangel



Graduating with 43 college credits.
12 credits earned through UB.

Emily Santiago



Graduating with 24 college credits.
12 credits earned through UB.



2026 PROVO HIGH GRADUATES

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Eliot Farmer



Graduating with an associate's degree from UVU, earning 71 college credits. 18 credits earned through UB.

Ellie Hansen



Graduating with 3 college credits.

Linda Rivera



Graduating with 43 college credits. 18 credits earned through UB.

Natalia Taylor



Graduating with 17 college credits. 12 credits earned through UB.



2026 WASATCH HIGH GRADUATES

Camry Brandt



Graduating with 6 college credits.

Clarissa Garcia Salcido



Graduating with 11 college credits.

Crystal Luo



Graduating with an associate's degree from UVU, earning 69 college credits. 12 credits earned through UB.

Gisel Navarrete



Graduating with an associate's degree from UVU, earning 68 college credits.

Kelson Brandt



Graduating with 26 college credits.

Odette Torres Lopez



Graduating with an associate's degree from UVU, earning 60 college credits.



2026 WASATCH HIGH GRADUATES



Thor Alborn



Graduating with 26 college credits.



2026 UNION HIGH GRADUATES

Alexis Ware



Hector Ipina-Perez



Graduating with 12 college credits.

Kreshell Moore



Graduating with 3 college credits.



2026 UNION HIGH GRADUATES

Reese Atwood



Graduating with 15 college credits.

Shaycee Shearwood



2026 UINTAH HIGH GRADUATES

Cayden Bristol



Graduating with 9 college credits. 6 credits earned through UB.

Genevive Clark



Graduating with 24 college credits.

Jocelyn Alocer



Kenna McCauley



Levi Skidmore



2026 UB GRADUATION CORDS

🎓 TRiO Upward Bound Graduation Cord Recognition 🎓

Congratulations to our 2026 Upward Bound Seniors!

This year, our TRiO Upward Bound seniors had the opportunity to earn a graduation cord in recognition of their dedication and achievements within the program.

To qualify for this honor, students were required to complete a series of college readiness activities, including:

- Submitting the FAFSA
- Applying for scholarships
- Participating in college prep workshops
 - Engaging in community service
 - Attending Upward Bound events

Seniors who earned **at least 15 points** through these activities were awarded the official **TRiO Upward Bound Graduation Cord**.

We are proud to recognize the following students for their outstanding commitment and success:

2026 UB Senior Cords Awarded	
Crystal Luo	Wasatch High
Odette Torres Lopez	Wasatch High
Nephi Chumpitaz	Orem High
Leslie Rangel	Orem High
Deborah Mukeshimana	Orem High
Cassandra Gil	Orem High
Ellie Hansen	Provo High
Linda Rivera	Provo High
Eliot Farmer	Provo High
Cayden Bristol	Uintah High
Zayn Frietas	Uintah High