Class of 2022
Graduates
Spring 2022
The Pre-College Division Educational Opportunity Program
I want you to remember that “We Are Upward Bound!” Wherever you go, we need you to know we will still be here. We will be here to cheer you on, support you, and give you that push.

As you go into this world, know that you are not going alone. We realize transitions may be hard, full of fear and anxiety. Marquette Upward Bound has been doing this a long time, here since 1973. We have Upward Bound Alumni all over the world and we believe you are going to be “World Changers” just like them. The World is waiting for you, your future is waiting for you, know you got this!

In the coming days and months remember, if you have a problem with your financial aid remember 414 288-7376. If you need encouragement or wisdom along the way, 414 288-7368. If we can be of any assistance or support, even getting back in school please don’t run from us, run to us. We believe that you can. Lastly, know that everyone has missed it a time of two, and when you do get up, makeup but never give up.

Congratulations Marquette University
Upward Bound Class of 2021!

Steven Ray Robertson
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Devin Herr
Nicole Hernandez-Flores
Stacey Howard
Semaj James
Destiny Jefferson
Timisha Jefferson
Yaimelys Jimenez-Delgado
Samorra Johnson
Nevaeh Jones
Madison Klinger
Juan Lopez-Casillas
Mario Lopez-Saldana
Zariah Luckett-Patterson
Izabella Luevano
Jaleen Mays
Jaquelin Molina-Garcia
Sade Moore-Beamon
I’Leyah Neal
Ivan Neal
Iyana Nelson
Armando Perea
Raevion Piggee
Olivia Roberts
Rickey Roach
Guillermo Rojano-Renteras
Dylan Rupert
Tailus Rush
Emily Thao
Julissa Tovar
Kyara Vega
Dionna Walker
Lamerion Walker
Arenzo Ware
Aniya White
Adonis Williams
Sequoia Willis
Unique Wilson
Rebeca Acosta (UBMS)

High School: Ronald Reagan High School
College Attending: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

“I'll never forget our days living in dorms. I am grateful for the unconditional support and opportunity that Upward Bound has given me. In 20 years, I will be traveling, creating, and learning.”

Zayde Aguilar (UB)

High School: Veritas High School
College Attending: Marquette University

“One memory from UB I will remember forever is living in the dorms and spending time with close friends. In 20 years, I’m going to work for the IRS.”

Alawnna Allen (UB)

High School: Milwaukee Lutheran High School
College Attending: Milwaukee Area Technical College

“I am grateful for the opportunities I was given through UB. In 20 years, I will be financially stable with a college degree.”

Jonathan Andrade-Plascencia (UBMS)

High School: Cristo Rey Jesuit High School
College Attending: Cornell University

“I am most grateful for the mentoring, guidance, and acceptance at UB. In 20 years, I will be a quantum molecular computer scientist.”
Leonel Avila (UB)

High School: Marquette University High School
College Attending: University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

“My favorite memory in Upward Bound was our college trip my sophomore year. I am most grateful for my UB counselor, Mauricio. In 20 years, I am going to be an engineer.”

Precious Ayodabo (UB)

High School: Eastbrook Academy
College Attending: University of Wisconsin–Madison

“I will never forget the friends I have made in Upward Bound. In 20 years, I am going to be successful.”

Harmonie Baker (UBMS)

High School: Riverside University High School
College Attending: Marquette University

“I will never forget the 2019 summer college tour and how good it felt to be surrounded by my EOP family. In 20 years, I will be living with no regrets and happier than ever.”

Damien Brooks (UBMS)

High School: Riverside University High School
College Attending: University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

“My favorite memory is the college tour we took before the pandemic. I am most grateful to be alive and my family/friends. In 20 years, I will be an NFL player or mechanical engineer.”
Kamarion BURBRIDGE (UB)

**High School:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School
**College Attending:** Concordia University of Wisconsin

“I am most grateful for the opportunities Upward Bound has given us with our academics and creating a family environment at Marquette for us. In 20 years, I will be a photographer or NFL player.”

Jamiah CRAWFORD (UBMS)

**High School:** Golda Meir High School
**College Attending:** Arizona State University

“I will never forget the relationships I’ve made and the people I’ve connected with in Upward Bound. In 20 years, I will hopefully be working my dream job surrounded by the people I care about.”

Mariah DANIELS (UB)

**High School:** Brown Deer High School
**College Attending:** University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

“Living in the dorms will be a memory in Upward Bound that I will not forget. I’m very grateful for God, my family, and my friends. In 20 years, I will be a nurse, wife, and mom.”

Dynasty DAY (UBMS)

**High School:** Bradley Tech High School
**College Attending:** Milwaukee Area Technical College

“One of the best memories was in the summer of 2021; I participated in a web design class with Upward Bound. I became close to many new UB/UBMS friends in a short amount of time. These friends are now considered family.”
Joseph Ellis (UB)

High School: Golda Meir High School
College Attending: Marquette University

“One great moment in UB was when we went to the waterpark in Wisconsin Dells for the weekend, and I tried to surf on the wave, and I fell. Upward Bound has given me all the tools needed to advance in life, not just in school.”

Mireya Esparza (UB)

High School: Divine Savior Holy Angels High School
College Attending: Marquette University

“My favorite memory is my rising senior summer...I really enjoyed it. In 20 years, I will continue to build a legacy for myself, making a difference in my world, especially in the Latino community.”

Aileen Estrada (UB)

High School: Carmen High School
College Attending: University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

“I am grateful for Upward Bound because it has helped me overcome so much and has given me so many opportunities.”

Alana Fisher (UB)

High School: Rufus King High School
College Attending: University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

“I am honestly most grateful for this program. UB has offered so much to me; it has helped me a lot with college, finding friends, and learning more about myself.”
Mareya Hamilton (UB)

High School: Golda Meir High School
College Attending: Marquette University

“Upward Bound has given me amazing resources. My summer on campus will be something I will never forget...In 20 years, I’m going to be dedicating my life to both the children I make and the children I teach.”

Kong Cheng Her (UB)

High School: Rufus King High School
College Attending: University of Wisconsin–Madison

“I will never forget my time at the dorms because I was able to deepen my friendships. I am grateful for my parents supporting me so much throughout my life. In 20 years, I will be a senior executive at a company.”

Devin Herr (UBMS)

High School: Hmong American Peace Academy
College Attending: Marquette University

“Upward Bound has helped me make new friends and given me so many opportunities. I am grateful for my family and their support.”

Stacey Howard (UB)

High School: Milwaukee Academy of Science
College Attending: Wartburg College

“I am most grateful to Ms. Kiarra for making sure I was on track with my college application and acceptance process. In 20 years, I am going to be a business owner.”
Semaj
JAMES (UBMS)
High School: Milwaukee Academy of Science
College Attending: Marquette University

“Staying on campus in the summer was a great experience for me. I am very thankful for my friends; without them, I wouldn’t have any drive. In 20 years, I will be in the lab making new medicine.”

Timisha
JEFFERSON (UB)
High School: Rufus King High School
College Attending: Hampton University

“I am most grateful for my mom; she has always held me down no matter what I did...she is my everything. In 20 years, I’m going to be a college graduate have a multi-million dollar company, married with four kids.”

Yaimelys
JIMENEZ-DELGADO (UB)
High School: Ronald Reagan High School
College Attending: Marquette University

“I am most grateful for the support of my family and friends. I live by a quote: “The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain!” — Dolly Parton.”

Samorra
JOHNSON (UB)
High School: Milwaukee High School of The Arts
College Attending: Marquette University

“I will definitely remember the friends I made at Upward Bound along the way. In 20 years, I hope to be doing a job I love, possibly working with animals or helping people.”
Nevaeh Jones (UB)
High School: Rufus King High School
College Attending: University of Nevada–Las Vegas

“Going to Six Flag Great America with everyone in Upward Bound was a memorable experience. I am grateful for the support system I have. In 20 years, I’m going to be a traveling nurse and own my four-bedroom home.”

Juan Lopez-Casillas (UBMS)
High School: St. Augustine Preparatory Academy
College Attending: Marquette University

“I am grateful for my education, life, family and wealth; I wouldn’t be the person I am today without that. In 20 years, I will be a doctor at my dedicated hospital, helping people out.”

Mario Lopez-Saldana (UBMS)
High School: St. Augustine Preparatory Academy
College Attending: Marquette University

“I will remember our UB trip to Khalari Resort during the fall semester of our senior year. I am most grateful for my friends and family. In 20 years, I’m going to be a criminologist.”

Zariah Luckett-Patterson (UB)
High School: Rufus King High School
College Attending: Marquette University

“I am grateful for the friends I made and the trips we took with Upward Bound; UB has given me so many opportunities. In 20 years, I will be an OBGYN working to open a women’s clinic.”
IZABELLA LUEVANO (UB)
HIGH SCHOOL: Divine Savior Holy Angels High School
COLLEGE ATTENDING: Mount Mary University

“One memory that I will remember from Upward Bound was our lunch at Benihanas. I’m grateful for all the stipends I received from UB as well. In 20 years, I’m going to be very wealthy and well known.”

JALEEN MAYS (UBMS)
HIGH SCHOOL: Riverside University High School
COLLEGE ATTENDING: Marquette University

“I will forever remember the trips that we have taken with Upward Bound. In 20 years, I’m going to be an actor/entertainer.”

JAQUELIN MOLINA-GARCIA (UBMS)
HIGH SCHOOL: Bradley Tech High School
COLLEGE ATTENDING: Marquette University

“I live by a quote: ‘You won’t know if you don’t try.’ In 20 years, I’m going to be a registered nurse.”

SADE MOORE-BEAMON (UB)
HIGH SCHOOL: Golda Meir High School
COLLEGE ATTENDING: University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

“In 20 years, I am going to be a known editor, brand analyst, host, producer, writer, and speaker.”
Ivan Neal (UB)

High School: Carmen High School
College Attending: University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

“I will remember all the friends I made in Upward Bound and the stipends. In 20 years, I will be owning my own business and living in my dream home.”

Iyana Nelson (UB)

High School: Riverside University High School
College Attending: Marquette University

“I will remember the talks in the dorms this past summer; we spent a lot of time enjoying each other’s company. In 20 years, I will be contributing to my community.”

Armando Perea (UB)

High School: Marquette University High School
College Attending: Marquette University

“I am thankful for my family and the blessings/opportunities I have been given. Spending time with my friend on the UB college tours are memories I will never forget. In 20 years, I am going to be helping people.”

Raevion Piggée (UB)

High School: Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy
College Attending: Marquette University

“...The ones [memories] I will remember at UB are the summers when we were able to spend time with counselors, TCs, and everyone else. It was just an overall exciting experience. In 20 years, I’m going to be a cardiothoracic surgeon.”
Rickey Roach (UB)

High School: Heritage Christian High School
College Attending: Marquette University

“One memory I will never forget from Upward Bound would be the 2019 college tour...where I was able to explore potential colleges and just have fun...In 20 years, I will be a businessman or a doctor.”

Guillermo Rojano-Renteras (UB)

High School: Ronald Reagan High School
College Attending: Marquette University

“I am most grateful for all the support and friendships I’ve made from my time at UB. Hopefully, in 20 years, I will be out in Sweden chilling on vacation and working a job I like.”

Tailus Rush (UB)

High School: Milwaukee High School of the Arts
College Attending: Marquette University

“A few memories from UB were Ms. Kiarra telling us to apply for scholarships, the trip to Kalahari Resort, and the college tour to Indiana. A quote I live by is, “I’m a diamond in a rough, but I’m a diamond sho nuff!” — Steven Robertson”

Emily Thao (UB)

High School: Hmong American Peace Academy
College Attending: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

“I will always remember the summer we spent in the dorms...In 20 years, I will be a volunteer, a mother, an independent woman, a philomath, and a giver.”
**Julissa Tovar (UB)**

**High School:** Divine Savior Holy Angels High School  
**College Attending:** University of Wisconsin-Madison

“I will remember my sophomore UB college trip when we went to Six Flags. I am grateful for my family and friend, and in 20 years, I’m going to be successful with a business degree.”

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**Kyara Vega (UB)**

**High School:** St. Thomas More High School  
**College Attending:** Marquette University

“Going on the college trip and the Six-Flags trip are memories I will remember from my time in UB. I am very grateful for my family and friends; in 20 years, I hope to have a job in medicine.”

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**Aniya White (UB)**

**High School:** Rufus King High School  
**College Attending:** Clark Atlanta University

“Some memories of UB were my sophomore year summer, we got to make water filter systems, toured Notre Dame, and went on many field trips...In 20 years, I will be a financial analyst/manager for famous people/athletes.”

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**Adonis Williams (UBMS)**

**High School:** Rufus King High School  
**College Attending:** Baker College

“I am grateful for the experiences I’ve had through Upward Bound. In 20 years, I’m going to be strong and confident in who I am and the people I associate with. I will have a bachelor’s degree in science, and I will be a proud father and husband.”
Sequoia Willis (UB)

High School: Golda Meir High School
College Attending: North Carolina A&T

“I will remember my freshman year at UB; it was the most fun I ever had.”

Unique Wilson (UBMS)

High School: Nathan Hale High School
College Attending: Marquette University

“One memory I will remember forever is living in the dorms. I am most grateful for the opportunities that UBMS gave me. In 20 years, I’m going to be a nurse living in Chicago, IL, or another state.”

“I am Upward Bound, and my goal is a college degree.”

— Upward Bound Creed
Marquette’s EOP Pre-college Division — Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math & Science — supports, guides and empowers first-generation, low-income young men and women as they strive to graduate high school, complete their baccalaureate degree and lay the foundation for life-affirming careers. The programs work with students, parents/guardians and high school officials to help participants develop the self-confidence and responsibility they need to succeed.

Since 1973, 95 percent of our Pre-college Division participants have graduated from high school in four years, and more than 90 percent of them have gone to college. As undergraduates, our pre-college program graduates collectively earn more than $1 million in grants, scholarships and tuition reimbursement.

“Be Yourself, Be the Change, and Be the Difference.”

— STEVEN RAY ROBERTSON
THINKING

“If you think you are beaten, you are;
If you think you dare not, you don’t.
If you’d like to win, but you think you can’t,
It is almost a certain you won’t.

If you think you’ll lose, you’ve lost;
For out in this world we find
Success begins with a person’s will
It’s all in the state of mind.

If you think you’re outclassed, you are;
You’ve got to think high to rise.
You’ve got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win the prize.

Life’s battles don’t always go
To the stronger or faster man;
But sooner or later the person who wins
Is the one who thinks he can!”

— WALTER D. WINTLE
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I am a part of the fellowship of Upward Bound. I have the power of knowledge. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I will go to college. I won’t look back, let up, slow down, or back away. I am Upward Bound.

My past is my foundation, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I’m finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap giving, and dwarfed goals. I am Upward Bound, and my goal is a college degree.

I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don’t have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I am Upward Bound, and my goal is a college degree.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is a college degree; my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded, or delayed. I am Upward Bound, and my goal is a college degree.

I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity. I won’t give up, shut up, let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, studied up, paid up for the cause of education. I am Upward Bound, and my goal is a college degree.