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TRIO Upward Bound

Upward Bound was a support system when I needed it most. It taught me leadership, responsibility for myself and others, the value of friendship, the importance of my future, and the potential to take advantage of it. It taught me the strength to carry on in difficult times, as well as the importance of a good dose of laughter. I was pushed outside my comfort zone in Upward Bound more times than I can count, but every single time was worth it. Since high school graduation, I have attended a university for three months in Santander, Spain, applied to be a Fulbright Scholar, and held a professional paid position at the Oregon State University's Memorial Union. June 2015 I completed a double degree program at OSU, majoring in Education and English as well as minoring in Spanish and writing. Immediately after graduation I began working as an educator for the same Upward Bound program I was a part of while in high school. Working for the same program has been one of the best experiences, because I have discovered a passion for working with the same students that were once in the same sort of lifestyle that I was in during my high school years. Showing the students that they are capable of success is one of the most rewarding career choices, and I am forever thankful for Upward Bound. It's taken me to greater heights than I could have ever imagined for myself.

I am currently working on my Master's Degree in Online Education through Ashford University, as well as the completion and editing of my first novel.

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Upward Bound

In 2007 Peninsula College was awarded its first TRIO Upward Bound grant to serve 50 first-generation and low income yearly. Peninsula College is the only postsecondary institution based in the 3,553 square miles known as the Olympic Peninsula. Within such vast geographic reach the PC Upward Bound program serves high school students from small towns and rural communities in Clallam County including students from 5 distinct Native American Tribes. The program, now in its 9th year, serves students from five target high schools of the Port Angeles, Quillayute Valley, and, Quileute Tribal School Districts. The area population income levels are very low, especially for students who live on tribal reservations. In an area where only 8.34% of residents have attained a Baccalaureate degree or higher, it is imperative to prepare first generation, low income students for postsecondary education. Upward Bound sees to the academic, social, and emotional needs of its students by tutoring, mentoring, and encouraging students to become lifelong learners, remove barriers to success and discover their passions and hidden strengths. PC Upward Bound students have consistently exceeded the program's objectives for secondary school retention and graduation as well as postsecondary enrollment rates. With a small but powerful, caring and dedicated staff, all who were also first generation students including 2 UB alumni, they work hard to build relationships with students and make an impactful difference in each student's postsecondary preparation and persistence.

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