

# TRiO Upward Bound

Program Summer Newsletter

## GRAD SEASON

Congratulations to the Class of 2021! You have demonstrated resiliency and dedication to your studies, despite the pandemic. We would like to honor our Class of 2021 Upward Bound program participants for their accomplishments and for continuing their studies at a post-secondary institution. You did it!

### UB Graduates

**Abraham Duran-Diaz, UCI**  
**Anahy Vargas-Alvarez, UCR**  
**Anna Magaña Perez, UCR**  
**Anthony Franco, UCR**  
**Aracely Garza, SDSU**  
**Ariana Castañeda, UCLA**  
**Carlos Garcia, UCSD**  
**Clover Adame, Chico State**  
**Denise Campos-Lagunas, UCI**  
**Diana Bermudez, CSUSB**  
**Emily Ramos, CSUSB**  
**Gabriela Nuñez, CSUSM**  
**Jennifer Medina-Perez, CSUSB**  
**Jocelyn Reyes, UCI**  
**Lizbeth Vera Hernandez, SJSU**  
**Martha Montejano-Carrillo, UCI**  
**Nathalie Gutierrez Gonzalez, COD**  
**Yesenia Gonzalez, COD**  
**Yulihana Lara, CSUSB**



## Class of 2021



Graduates from left to right  
Diana Bermudez, Anthony Franco, Lizbeth Vera Hernandez, Nathalie Gutierrez Gonzalez, Ariana Castañeda, Carlos Garcia



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## 2020-2021 PROGRAM EVENTS

### Fall 2020

- ASU Virtual Experience
- Student and Parent Financial Aid Workshops
- Harvard College Virtual Experience
- Tutoring

### Spring 2021

- University of Redlands Virtual Experience
- Museum of Tolerance Virtual Experience
- One Future Presentation
- CSUSB Virtual Experience
- UB Alumni Panel
- UB Career Day
- Movie Days
  - Hidden Figures
  - McFarland
- COD NASA Project Presentation
- UB Virtual Graduation Ceremony

### Summer 2021

- UB Summer Academy
  - English Course
  - Spanish Course
  - STEM LEGO Course
  - College 101 course
  - Counseling
  - USC Virtual Experience
  - Stanford Virtual Experience

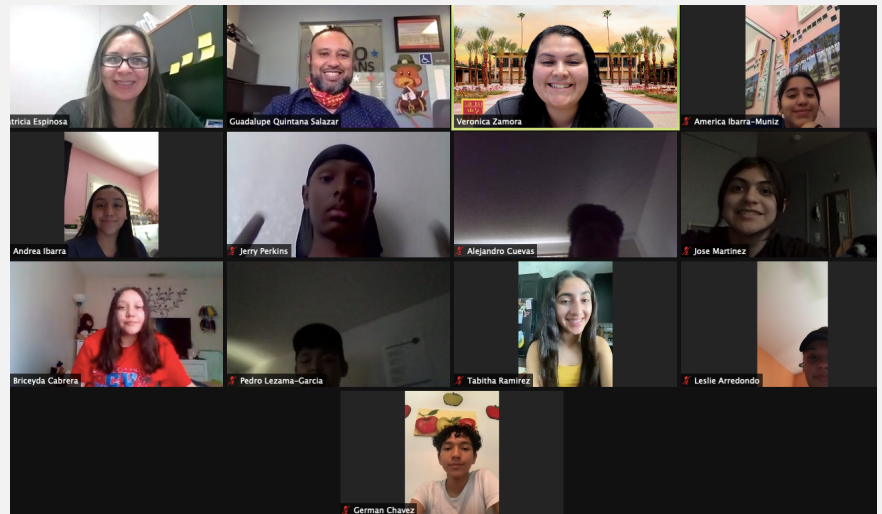
## ACADEMIC YEAR RECAP

The 2020-2021 academic year was full of adaptive moments for our school partners, students, and the Upward Bound program. Regardless of these moments, Upward Bound ensured that our services were fully available and accessible to program participants and their families throughout the academic year.

Upward Bound successfully continued to provide college admissions and information virtual experiences, financial aid assistance, cultural awareness events, educational STEM projects, counseling, and more to enhance our participant's program experience throughout the academic year and into the Summer.

Upward Bound staff would like to thank all of our partners, guest speakers, COD faculty and staff, students, families, UB alumni, and members of our community for allowing this year to be full of educational opportunities.

## UB Summer Academy



UB staff and program participants in the 2021 UB Summer Academy

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## UPCOMING PROGRAM EVENTS

We are excited to announce that we are looking forward to providing further program services virtually and an in-person setting following College of the Desert's and the CDC's safety COVID-19 guidelines.

### August

#### Recruitment

Upward Bound is accepting student applications for the 2021-2022 academic year! Visit our [website](#) for more information.

#### Upward Bound Senior Launch Day

- Friday, August 6, 2021
- Saturday, August 7, 2021

### Fall 2021

#### Upward Bound

##### Saturday Academy

- Saturday, September 18, 2021
- Saturday, October 9, 2021
- Saturday, October 23, 2021
- Saturday, November 6, 2021
- Saturday, November 20, 2021
- Saturday, December 4, 2021
- Saturday, December 11, 2021

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT AWARD

We are honored to congratulate and honor our Senior Spotlight Award recipients for the 2020-2021 academic year. Thank you for your dedication to the Upward Bound program throughout the years, we wish you the best in your future endeavors.



**Abraham  
Duran-Diaz**



**Anahy  
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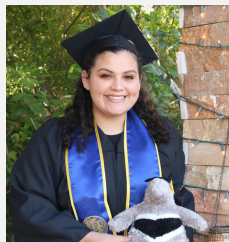
## NEW UB STAFF MEMBERS



### Patricia Espinosa

Upward Bound Program Director

"It is with great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Director of Upward Bound. I have 10 years of experience working in higher education here at College of the Desert. I too started my educational journey as a first-generation, low-income student, with an aspiration of obtaining an education beyond what my parents and I could ever envision. In this new role, I have the opportunity to serve the community I grew up in ... We have planned many exciting educational experiences for the continued success of Upward Bound, and I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you."



### Veronica Zamora

Grant Support Assistant

"I am excited to be a part of the Upward Bound program! I was born and raised in the Coachella Valley and I am honored to be back home supporting students from my community. I am looking forward to working closely with students using my experience and knowledge in higher education. I look forward to getting to know our students and learning more about the communities we serve."

