

# UPWARD BOUND CHANNEL ISLANDS

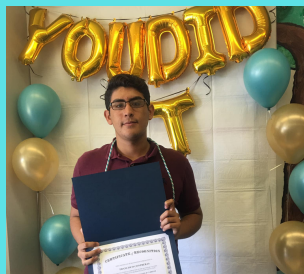
## SPRING SEMESTER IN FULL EFFECT

Spring semester is full of excitement for many students. From taking SAT's, college applications, acceptance letters, and deciding what college to attend.

Our students were very fortunate to take advantage of college workshops where they learned college readiness, skill building, resume writing, and preparing for their future.

It is amazing to hear that the UBCI students will be attending colleges and universities from San Jose State University in Northern California to University of California San Diego in Southern California!

The Leadership Roundtable was a huge success! We were humbled and honored to have Oxnard PD Commander McArthur, VCCCD Trustee Gabriela Torres, and Family Practitioner Dr Pillado, discuss their academic journey, barriers or obstacles they encountered and family challenges.



## COMMUNITY COUNTS!



Our students participated in community service. This spring the students organized with Oxnard Parks and Recreation in monthly park clean ups and were recognized by the City of Oxnard for their hard work and dedication. Students benefit greatly - both academically and emotional - from volunteering their time to make their community and world a better place.





## TIME OFF FROM ACADEMICS AND TIME FOR EXCURSIONS!

Spring 2019 brought fun-filled excursions to the Upward Bound Students. We began the year by visiting THUMS Island, followed by a Cinco de Mayo event where the students learned more about their culture and history. Spring Break Fieldtrip – We had the privilege of touring the UCLA campus with some dynamic scholars from Hermana Unidas. The women shared with us many of their personal stories and challenges on their academic journey. We visited the Sculpture Garden, the dorm area, the athletics hall of fame and more. Lastly, we took a road trip to CSU Fullerton. Little did we know that rubbing the David statue for luck has been a tradition at CSUF. After the university tour, we made our way to Disneyland and enjoyed the rest of the day until the very, very end. Almost one-third of our students had never visited Disneyland.

The month of May, brought an influential keynote speaker, Dr. David Hayes-Bautista, one of the foremost data research scientists in the U.S. and an academic icon at UCLA. He shared his published work on *Cinco de Mayo Revealed*. The event focused on the importance of Latinos in California history.



The weather is glorious as the Upward Bound students begin their STEM journey bright and early to Thums Island in Long Beach, CA. The Islands are a set of four artificial islands in San Pedro Bay off the coast of Long Beach California