Student Highlight: Tyler L.

A senior at Western Heights, Tyler L. has been in the Upward Bound program since the summer before his freshman year. A “lifer” by U.B. standards.

Tyler enjoys tennis, swimming, computers and drawing in his free time. His chess skills have led us to victory in Durant and if they’d add table tennis to the schedule there’s no doubt he’d take first. At school his extracurricular activities include Key Club, tennis, Mutli-Cultural Club and Art Club.

His art talent has won him first place in several poster contests and he has donated his design services to benefit the community. Tyler is a member of the Our Lady Cathedral Youth Group and through this group he has participated in other volunteer projects.

A model student, Tyler has been on the school honor roll throughout his high school years and this semester is taking college classes through a concurrent enrollment program.

His career choices have been narrowed to animation, graphic design and computer engineering. College choices include University of Oklahoma, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma City Community College.

Tyler will be supplementing his OHLAP scholarship with art scholarships. He is currently searching for scholarships to apply for and researching which colleges offer the best programs for his various career choices.

Tyler says, “It was a great privilege to be able to participate in this wonderful program. I feel that I’ve gained a lot and that I am well on my way to pursue my goals.”

Mrs. Berousek says, “Tyler is really taking advantage of the U.B. staff and services this year. I wish more of the seniors would be proactive like him.”

Quannah Walks Away with First

Quannah K., sophomore at Western Heights, entered her hand beaded moccasins in the 2005 Comanche Nation Art Show. She won first place in her division.

Quannah started working on the moccasins last November. The self-taught artist created her own pattern using a red background with blue, green, orange, white and yellow designs on the sides and toe. The entire moccasin is beaded.

The buckskin dress she wore for her performance at last December’s meeting was also designed and beaded by her.

Quannah beaded another buckskin dress for a younger girl from Albuquerque, NM and is currently making an outfit for a boy here in Oklahoma.

In addition to beading skills, Quannah’s summer poster entry was selected to be the cover of the conference booklet for SWASAP, an organization to which U.B. staff are members.
**Got Talent?**

Then show it off in front of your U.B. family at this year’s holiday event, December 3 at Embassy Suites. Summer staff and parents will be invited to the meeting and we need to have a sensational show ready.

Last year we had everything from a violin solo to a rifle routine. Mr. Boykin was so impressed he rewarded those performing with an little extra in their stipends! So bring on the trumpets and drums! Dance, sing or sign! Read or recite!

The U.B. offices are available for practicing if needed. Contact Mrs. Berousek if you would like to perform, 945-8623.

**ACT Schedule**

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Upward Bound will pay for you to take the test twice. Turn your completed packet into Mrs. Moss by deadline if you want U.B. to pay for it.

**9-Week Grades**

All students are required to turn in a copy of their report card or progress report at the end of each nine weeks to the U.B. Office.

**Need Funding for College?**

*by Monique Smith*

As your senior year approaches, you and your parents may be worried about how to pay for college. The cost of a college education continues to rise almost every year. If you are not a straight A student, you may find it almost difficult to find the funds to pay for everything from books to room and board. Luckily, there are organizations that are there to assist you every step of the way. There is no excuse for not going to college.

By now, each and every one of you have heard of Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program, better known as OHLAP. What a great opportunity to have your college tuition paid for by doing a few easy steps. To qualify, your parents must make $50,000 or less per year and you need to have a GPA of 2.5. How easy is that? The catch is that you must fill out the form before the last day of June at the end of your sophomore year.

Have you heard of Fastweb.com? It is an Internet organization that you can join. For free, Fastweb.com will do automatic searches for scholarships using the criteria that you give them. They will in turn e-mail you a list of scholarships as they come up through out the year. The best part is that it is FREE. Don’t fall into a trap and pay for this service with other companies.

The best resource for getting financial assistance for college is by filling out your FAFSA. To get most financial aid through any college, you will be required to fill out this form.

You can fill out a paper application and mail in or fill it out on line and resubmit every year. By submitting it on line, the process goes much faster. Expect the FAFSA process to take around 6-8 weeks, from start to finish. The earlier you submit your FAFSA the better. The only thing that you’ll need to complete this application is a copy of your parents current tax form.

While surfing the Internet for college funding, I came across this website called NelNet. This company is part of Bank One. They have a variety of great information to help you get funds for college. I was impressed with the other educational information that is there. You can take free practice SAT and ACT tests. Like Fastweb, NelNet has a scholarship search. They will also e-mail you the scholarships that are best suited for you. NelNet has a program that offers you @U-bucks. This money can be used for college, just by purchasing items in their store (5% per purchase). Here is how you can join at no cost to you:

1. Type in [www.nelnet.net](http://www.nelnet.net)
2. Click on the college planning link
3. Follow the directions for becoming a new user.

Browse around the site and see how NelNet can help you!

Now that you have the knowledge about how to find money for college, what are you waiting for? Good luck.

Bookmark these sites or record in your planner:

- Fastweb.com
- Nelnet.net

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Orlando
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Ann
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Career Spotlight: Animation Artist

What type of skills, training and experience are needed to become a computer animation professional? 

One of the hottest job markets out there today is the field of computer animation. With technology getting simpler and its possible applications growing, the number of opportunities for you to become a computer animation professional is on the rise. Computer animation is a unique field in that it requires you to be proficient in both the creative and the technical processes. Having just one of the strengths isn’t enough; you need to be fluent in both the basics of art and the basics of computers.

A solid art foundation where you learn the fundamentals of drawing and color principle is the basis from which the rest of your creative education grows. From there, you can move into two- and three-dimensional illustration, and technical design. These are all important skills to have before actually venturing into digital media training.

With software packages becoming increasingly user-friendly, specific knowledge is no longer a prerequisite to gaining employment. It’s more beneficial to master the core skills that translate from program to program, such as motion capture and texture mapping. By concentrating on being comfortable in the digital medium as a whole, you can widen your employability by not limiting yourself to a program that could very well be defunct in a year.

While having a solid background in art and computers is vital to your success, so is being an effective communicator. As with any production of this kind, there is a substantial amount of pre-production that takes place, requiring you to interface with clients and co-workers in order to determine the structure of the project. Sound interpersonal skills make the difference between an automaton and an artist.

Choose a school that will give you a well-rounded education. Because different colleges focus on different areas, deciding prior to selection what your career goal is will help you find the one that fits your needs. It should have trained and competent instructors, varied coursework and a top-quality computer graphics lab. The latter will assist you in putting together a demo reel of your work, the most valuable asset in finding your first job.

Computer animation is a versatile industry, offering you a productive and exciting career. Whether your dream is to do the effects for the next Hollywood blockbuster or to design the next bestselling computer game, you can succeed as a computer animation professional if you enter it with the right tools and education.

Source: www.animationschoolreview.com

Hey Mom and Dad, I want to be an Inbetweener!

Most artists enter the world of animation by starting as Inbetweeners — the artists that help the animators and animation assistants complete the action of a scene. It may not sound like much, but it’s an important step where you’ll learn the basics of animation. An inbetween is one of the transition drawings between two extreme drawings — the key drawings that distill the essence of an animated action. The inbetweens fill in the action between these key drawings. You’ll usually work in a team and learn to imitate the animator’s drawings and line quality.

Source: www.animationschoolreview.com
Halloween Blast

Thank you to the following students for representing Upward Bound: Corey, Thuy, Vilay, Yvonne, Nystacia, Michael M., Amanda P., Tyler, Jennifer and Chung. Oh, and that would be Mrs. Moss in that picture with Mr. Boykin.

Senior Corner

by Francie Moss

Make sure you are following your Senior Checklist and meeting your deadlines. Remember - plan your work and work your plan.

I am in the process of planning three Financial Aid and Scholarship Workshops for students and parents. I need to know what times are best for you and your parents. Please let me know if evenings, afternoon or mornings work better and what day. I am gathering this information before I set the dates and times. Your suggestions are vital to me in making these workshops successful for you.

At this time of year you start seeing how many days until Christmas, so I decided we would do the same thing for graduation. Can you believe you only have seven months or 200 days until you graduate from high school? Time will really fly after the holiday break with all of the activities and deadlines.

Turn your college applications in to me and I will write a letter requesting a fee waiver for the application fee. There needs to be a copy of all of your college, scholarship and financial aid applications in your binder for our records.

Let’s hear it for the “SENIORS!”