

Upward Bound Math Science

*Outstanding
Alum*



Thuy Nguyen

*Rising
Stars*



Bo Tolbert

Thuy Nguyen is an alumni of Wichita State TRIO Upward Bound Math Science (UBMS) and Garden City TRIO Talent Search. Thuy joined UBMS as a freshman in 2000 and joined Talent Search in 2002. She served as a tutor for both programs.

Thuy graduated from Wichita State in 2008 with her bachelor of science degree in nursing. She worked as a critical care nurse for seven years while she advanced her education and graduated with a master's degree in nursing in 2015. She has been a family practitioner for the past three years focusing on wellness promotion, health maintenance, illness prevention and treatment in a Wichita.

She enjoys spending time with her family and traveling the world. "Thank you TRIO for your work bridging students to higher education and allowing me to pay forward in the community as a result of my success," Thuy says.

Bo Tolbert has been an active participant in TRIO Upward Bound Math Science and is a senior at Hutchison High school. Participating on the boys' tennis team has taught him determination, persistence and the power of positive thinking. This attitude does not stop on the court but continues in the classroom and in life.

The youngest child of divorced parents, Bo has always pushed beyond his limits. As a positive person, he believes that every person is inherently kind. The only thing that separates people are the choices made in life. Tolbert goes by the mantra "if you want to be happy, it is a choice, not a right."

Bo plans to pursue a double major in aerospace engineering and business management. Eventually, he wants to be President of the United States. He says, "I just wants to make the world a better place."