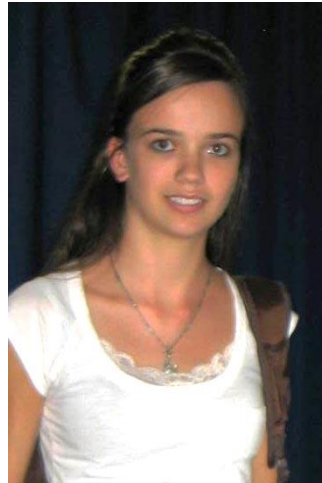


RMCC's Upward Bound Program Honors Academic Achievers



The annual RMCC Upward Bound (UB) Awards Banquet was held Friday, August 6 at the Mena Mountain Resort. During the event the Upward Bound participants were recognized for their academic achievements.

Aimee Gibson, a recent graduate of Van Cove High School, was recognized as the 2010 UB TRIO Hall of Fame recipient. She was inducted to the Hall of Fame at the annual TRIO Day in Little Rock in February.

Michelle Garcia, also a Van Cove High School graduate, was presented the 2010 Rebekah Johnson/Marietta Kesterson Award. This UB top honor is given to an Upward Bound graduate in memory of two outstanding former UB participants, Rebekah Johnson and Marietta Kesterson.

Several Upward Bound participants were recognized for their excellence in academics. Pictured left to right are: Kimmi Hanners from Mena High School, Poiema Heinritz from Ouachita River Public Schools/Oden Campus, Kala Harwood from Van-Cove High School, Melanie Norman from Ouachita River Public Schools/Oden Campus, Katie Lybrand from Caddo Hills High School, and Shannon Jesse from

Wickes High School. Back row: Justin Lybrand from Caddo Hills High School and Matthew Norman from Ouachita River Public Schools/Oden Campus.

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