

## **2012 Rising Star April Lane**

Growing up in an incredibly rurally isolated town in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, April once believed college was not for “people like her”. However, she utilized the tools and opportunities Upward Bound provided her with to transform into a highly motivated student, citizen and teacher. After graduating from the prestigious Middlebury College with a BS in Biology and a minor in Science and Secondary Education, she is now only five credits away from receiving her Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a Specialization in Science from Lyndon State College. She has continued to prove herself as a leader in her community- giving back to the Lyndon State Upward Bound program as a tutor counselor and Assistant Director, as well as working as an educator in New York City, Boston, and currently Irasburg, Vermont. She has proven herself to be an advocate for low income and first generation students, and infuses her appreciation and excitement for education into her students and community.