UPCOMING EVENTS:

PLEASE MARK YOU CALENDARS:

UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM
AWARDS AND RECOGNITION BANQUET

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2012
6 – 8 PM
MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – CAFETERIA

A banquet is held at the end of every year for the Upward Bound student and two family members. Students are honored for their academic achievements and awards are presented to the students in categories such as: Upward Bound Student of the Year; Positive Attitude Awards; Outstanding Freshmen, sophomore, Junior and Senior, etc. It is a fun evening and a chance for the Upward Bound staff to finally meet the parents and guardians.

Invitations will be going out in the mail very soon. Please call in your R.S.V.P. to the Upward Bound office as soon as you can. The Upward Bound staff has shared with all parents the importance of their attendance for that evening. The UB staff is expecting all parents and guardians in attendance that evening, so please call the office as soon as you receive your invitation. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

February
Demetrius Adams
Jarius Banks
Cherise Hall
Janae Heineman
Kyle Parton
Perenee Womack
Valencia Wright

March
Emma Plummer
Justice Shover

April
Jacob Bates
Paige Bourbina
Dedra Brown
Heather Cordell
Alayna Hensley

Raynisha Thomas
George Vasquez

May
Jesse Lathan

June
Jonathon Brown
Arthur McCray
Riley Parrott
Upward Bound graduates will be eligible to compete for the Bridge Scholarship Program. Students who are selected will have the opportunity to enroll for the 2012 summer semester at Monroe County Community College. Please note that, you do not have to continue your education at MCCC after the summer semester. You may transfer your credits to the school of your choice. Students selected in this program will have the chance to complete up to six credits to the school of your choice. Students selected in this program will have the chance to complete up to six (6) credits free of charge.

This scholarship includes:
A. Tuition at MCCC, up to six (6) credit hours of approved courses (college math and English)
B. Books and supplies not exceed $100.00.
C. Tutoring and monitoring by Upward Bound staff.

In order to be considered for a scholarship you must fulfill the following requirements:
1. An 85% attendance rate at tutorial sessions over the course of your junior and senior years.
2. A 75% attendance rate at optional activities (field trips, college visits, etc.) over the course of your junior and seniors years.
3. Must graduate from high school with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better.
4. Must have an ACT composite score of at least 18.
5. Must have completed all senior year requirements by the required deadlines.
6. Must complete an MCCC application for admission and be accepted for the summer 2012 semester.
7. Students must have completed Upward Bound’s summer program the past two years.
8. Must achieve a grade of “C” or better in each course to receive tuition reimbursements and stipends.
WHAT IS UPWARD BOUND?

Upward Bound at Monroe County Community College is a program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The program helps to prepare high school students for post-secondary education. Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance.

Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families; and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor’s degree. Upward Bound is a federally funded educational program within the United States. The program is one of a cluster of programs referred to as Trio, all of which owe their existence to the federal Higher Education Act of 1965. Upward Bound programs are implemented and monitored by the United States Department of Education. The goal of Upward Bound is to provide certain categories to the Upward Bound students for better opportunities on attending college.

Please visit us at:  www.monroeccc.edu

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF UPWARD BOUND?

Tutorial services in reading, writing, study skills, and other subjects necessary for success in education in high school and college. Assistance in preparing for the ACT and MME standardized tests. Many beneficial workshops and to name just a few of them: The Best Strategies for Success in School, Speed Writing, Student Skills Check List, How College is Different Than High School, Mnemonic Devices Think quest, Money Smart: Steps to Financial Freedom!

- Individualized creation of an education plan for each student
- Assistance on academic, financial and personal counseling
- Exposure to cultural trips and events
- Colleges and universities campus tours
- Provide information on postsecondary education opportunities
- Scholarship searches
- Work study program

From the desk of:
Stacey Langton, Administrative Assistant Upward Bound Program:
From the desk of:
Dannielle Lambert, Academic Skills Coordinator, Upward Bound Program:

Attention Seniors: Note that it is May already; seniors in the Upward Bound program should have completed the following in their pursuit of college. Check off each as you complete.

- Contact each college’s financial aid office to make certain that your FAFSA application is complete.  
  COMPLETED _____________
- Keep copies of all the forms that you submit to the financial aid office  
  COMPLETED _____________
- Watch the mail or email for college acceptance and financial aid award notifications. Compare the financial aid awards you receive  
  COMPLETED _____________
- Begin looking into Scholarships/grants  
  COMPLETED _____________
- Make your final school decision & mail deposits  
  COMPLETED _____________
- Notify the other schools that you will not be attending  
  COMPLETED _____________
- Watch for important deadlines at your chosen college (housing, Financial aid, etc.)

If you have not started any of the above mentioned, please see me as soon as possible in room A-115 at Monroe High School.

Attention Juniors: It is never too early to start applying for scholarships. The following are websites where you may begin your search:

http://www.fastweb.com/
http://www.scholarshipexperts.com
http://www.studentscholarships.org
http://www.aie.org/paying-for-college/
http://www.college.gov
http://www.collegeboard.org
http://www.offtocollege.com
http://www.scholarships.com
http://www.get2college.org
http://www.knowhow2go.org
http://www.actstudent.org/finaid/index.html

Remember to SEARCH Early—AND OFTEN—for SCHOLARSHIPS! Also, many scholarships are awarded based on COMMUNITY SERVICE. USE YOUR SUMMER to boost your scholarship application in the fall by serving your community. If you need ideas or suggestions as to where you can serve please see me in A-115.
Please keep in mind that if you need to retake the ACT this is the 2012-2013 test dates. Upward Bound students are eligible for fee waivers see me or the Monroe High School Counseling center for these waivers:

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ACT Practice tests are available in the Upward Bound office, and/or you can visit the following website for online practice questions: [http://www.actstudent.org/sampletest/index.html](http://www.actstudent.org/sampletest/index.html).

Attention All Upward Bound Students:

Basic Goal-Setting Tips

- Write them down.
- Be specific
- Set specific time limits. Example, a trimester, six weeks, 12 weeks,…
- Be realistic. If you are on average a “C” student, do not say that you will achieve all “A’s.”
- Develop a PLAN for reaching each goal.
- Share your goals with others so that you have support achieving your goals.
- Visualize your success.
- Build in rewards for yourself when you achieve each of your goals.
- Think positive!

UPWARD BOUND BRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Seniors who graduate in good standing with the Upward Bound program are eligible to compete for the Bridge scholarship for the summer semester at MCCC. The total number of credit hours a student can obtain is six.

The bridge scholarship includes:

A. Tuition at MCCC for up to six credit hours of approved courses (e.g., college math and English)
B. Books and supplies not to exceed $100

The students that have been granted the Upward Bound Bridge scholarship program are:

Caleb Neal
Christian Neal
Will Schwab
### UPWARD BOUND ROSTER

**FRESHMEN:**
- Adams, Demetruis
- Bakr, Coriya
- Banks, Jarius
- Brown, Jonathon
- Chavez, Marissa
- Espada, Christian
- Hammad, Jessica
- Hensley, Alayna
- McCray, Arthur
- Parton, Kyle
- Pillarelli, Autumn
- Vasquez, George
- Williams, Javian

**SOPHOMORES:**
- Bates, Kayla
- Campbell, Joy
- Cochran, Gary
- Cordell, Heather
- Duchenne, Michael
- Hash, Tiffany
- Keith, Trevis
- Lathan, Jesse
- Lee-Oliver, Christina
- Narvab, Cierra
- Parrott, Riley
- Plummer, Emma
- Shover, Justice
- Williams, Arrington

**JUNIORS:**
- Bakr, Celeste
- Bates, Jacob
- Canales, Ricky
- Daniels, Marlin
- Epps, Ashley
- Evans, Jaelyn
- Hampton, Demoree
- Hudson, Dariun
- Miller, Brandi
- Murphy, Kendra
- Thomas, Keeyana
- Womack, Perfenee

**SENIORS:**
- Bourbina, Ryley
- Hall, Cherise
- McCray, Keyonna
- Neal, Caleb
- Neal, Christian
- Pierce, Racheal
- Schwab, Will
- Thomas, Raynisha
- Wright, Valencia

### SECOND TRIMESTER SCHOLARS:

**HONOR ROLL: 3.0 GPA OR HIGHER**

**FRESHMEN:**
- Bakr, Coriya
- Brown, Jonathon
- Hammad, Jessica
- Vasquez, George

**SOPHOMORES:**
- Cordell, Heather
- Hash, Tiffany
- Lee-Oliver, Christina

**JUNIORS:**
- Bakr, Celeste
- Canales, Ricky
- Epps, Ashley
- Hampton, Demoree
- Miller, Brandi
- Womack, Perfenee

**SENIORS:**
- Bourbina, Ryley
- McCray, Keyonna
- Neal, Caleb
- Neal, Christian
- Schwab, William

**SUPER SCHOLARS: STRAIGHT A’s**

**FRESHMEN:**
- Brown, Jonathon

**JUNIORS:**
- Bakr, Celeste
- Miller, Brandi

**SENIORS:**
- Bourbina, Ryley
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO STUDY IN COLLEGE? Dental Hygiene
WHAT IS YOUR COLLEGE OF CHOICE? Monroe County Community College
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT? Chipotle Mexican Grill
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE? The Breakfast Club, Step Brothers, Hocus Pocus and Mall Cop
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOWS? Dexter, The Office, America’s Next Top Model
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF UPWARD BOUND? I enjoyed going on the field trips and going to all of the difference colleges.
WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL? My mom
WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES? Painting, sewing and photography
WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES? Upward Bound
WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE? My most memorable high school experience was being on Homecoming Court
WHAT ARE YOUR WORDS OF WISDOM? “Stay true to yourself”

WHAT IS YOUR COLLEGE OF CHOICE? Central Michigan University
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD? Enchiladas, steak and baked potatoes with sour cream
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE? ATL, Preacher’s kid
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOWS? Trey Songz: My Moment
WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF UPWARD BOUND? The college and university tours
WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL? God. Because without him I wouldn’t be here and He has led me in the right direction.
WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES? Singing, modeling, sewing, and volunteering in our community.
WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE? The Cedar Point trip with the AP Physics students
WHAT ARE YOUR WORDS OF WISDOM? Never give up and just stay focused on school.
WHAT ARE YOUR COLLEGE PLANS?
To become a nurse and an aesthetician

WHAT IS YOUR COLLEGE OF CHOICE?
Michigan College of Beauty and Monroe County Community College

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?
Pizza Rolls

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?
Next Friday, White Chicks, Batman: The Dark Knight, Takers, This Christmas, and Friday

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOWS?
B.E.T’s – The Game, Basketball Wives, Love and Hip-Hop, Jersey Shore, and 90’s Nick

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF UPWARD BOUND?
Meeting new people, going on trips, getting help with life after high school.

WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?
My mother

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?
Reading, hanging with my friends and hanging out with my little sister.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE?
The first time I gave blood.

WHAT ARE YOUR WORDS OF WISDOM?
Stay focused and do your homework every day!

RACHEAL PIERCE

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO STUDY IN COLLEGE?
Criminal Justice

WHAT IS YOUR COLLEGE OF CHOICE?
Henry Ford Community College

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?
Tacos

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part II

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOWS?
Scooby Doo, and the X-Factor

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF UPWARD BOUND?
Visiting the difference colleges and universities and all the different food.

WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?
My mom

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?
Volleyball, basketball, playing chess, and listening to music

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES?
S-Club, and Upward Bound

WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE?
When Alaijah and I dressed up as the New Boyz

VALENCIA WRIGHT

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COLLEGE EXPERIENCE:

First Semester at MCCC
By Tim Grant
Class of 2011
Monroe High School

This past summer/fall semester at Monroe County Community College was a nice experience. I witnessed the differences between college and high school when the semester began. I found that I have way more freedom and downtime as a college student. Unlike high school, you’re responsible for yourself and your property. Honestly, my first semester grades weren’t the best, due to the deaths of my grandfather and best friend. My best friend died a week prior to the start of the semester. I decided to attend school and put forth my best effort. I realized after high school how much I appreciated the Upward Bound Program. I matured a great deal during this past year and Upward Bound was really helpful in that process. I think all students should be thankful for their directors, teachers and counselors that ever participated in the Upward Bound program. Upward Bound has taught me to manage my time and develop useful study habits. The program also opened my eyes to so many opportunities in this world and it prepared me for college.

Thanks Ms. Lambert, Mr. Quinn and Mrs. Langton for caring. When I’m successful in life, I will not forget about you guys.

Amanda Sharpe
Class of 2011
Monroe High School

My first semester of college was a really good one. It took a lot of studying and hard work, but overall I really enjoyed it. College is very different from high school; you make your own schedule, meet a lot of new people, and you work a lot harder. I don’t think I would have been prepared for college if Upward Bound hadn’t exposed me to everything beforehand. I’m really thankful for Upward Bound’s help in a successful first semester of college.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JONATHON BROWN!

Jonathon is one of our 9th grade Upward Bound students at Monroe High School who is on the “Quiz Bowl” team. At the first ISD high school “quiz bowl” competition, the Monroe High School team tied with Bedford and narrowly missed first place. The MHS quiz bowl team excelled in math, science and sportsmanship! Congratulations!
SUMMER PROGRAM BEGINS ON MONDAY JUNE 18, 2012

Please watch for information on student transportation and schedules coming to you very soon through the mail.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE UPWARD BOUND SUMMER PROGRAM
The Upward Bound summer program is a six-week component designed to expose the students to a college campus learning environment. This experience provides participants with many opportunities for intellectual, personal and social development. It also exposes the students to a realistic college experience and allows them to work out the many challenges involved with college life in a safe and supportive environment. The summer program consists of a full schedule of daily academic classes and workshops, structured activities, and field trips all designed to prepare students for success in college.

The classes offered by Upward Bound during the summer are meant to enhance and enrich each student’s skills in the areas of math, English, science, foreign language, ACT preparation and career exploration.

Below is a glimpse into the summer “Friday Field Trips”:
June 22 – Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
June 29 – Spring Arbor College, Spring Arbor, MI
July 06 – Cedar Point, Sandusky, OH
July 13 – University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI
July 20 – Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. Monroe, MI
July 27 - TBA

UPWARD BOUND REWARD TRIP:
For the students that participate in the summer program with good attendance, good attitude, the willingness to be attentive in every session will be rewarded with an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C.

The year-end cultural enrichment trip will be to Washington, D.C.
Students and staff will be departing on Sunday, July 29th and returning on Wednesday, August 1st.

VERY IMPORTANT PAPER WORK FOR THE SUMMER TRIP
Parents and guardians: The travel paperwork that was sent home with your Upward Bound student must be filled out, signed and notarized as soon as possible. The completed and signed permission slips can be given to Ms. Lambert out at the college.

All mandatory paperwork must be signed and turned into the Upward Bound office by Monday, July 2nd
INSIDE UPWARD BOUND:

From Left to Right
Christian Neal and Caleb Neal

From Left to Right
Jarius Banks and Heather Cordell

From Left to Right
Keyonna McCray and her mother

Dariun Hudson

Jessica Hammac

Perfenee Womack