



Upward Bound Newsletter



MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATES DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday, we would like to take a moment to reflect on how the third Monday in January became a National Holiday.

Immediately after the assassination of

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. took place on April 4, 1968, at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, there was an outcry to have a holiday to commemorate the life of the slain civil rights leader. Democratic congressman, John Conyers, from Michigan, first introduced legislation for a holiday four (4) days following the death of Dr. King.

However, the bill stalled, and Conyers along with the Democratic Representative of New York, Shirley Chisholm, resubmitted legislation for a King Holiday several years later. As time went on public pressure was ignited after civil rights marches in Washington, D.C. in 1982 and 1983, which led Congress to pass the holiday legislation later in 1983.

President Ronald Reagan signed the bill into law after reaching a compromise that the King Holiday would be commemorated on the third Monday in January instead of January 15th, King's actual birthday, because it was considered too close to the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

Below is a timeline which made the Dr. King Holiday a reality.

- 1968 Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated; Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., introduces legislation for federal holiday to commemorate King.
- 1973 Illinois is first state to adopt MLK Day as a state holiday.
- 1983 Congress passes, President Reagan signs, legislation creating Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.
- 1986 Federal MLK Holiday goes into effect.
- 1987 Arizona Governor Evan Mecham rescinds MLK Day as his first act in office, setting off a boycott of the state.
- 1989 MLK Holiday adopted in 44 states.
- 1991 The NFL moves the 1993 Super Bowl site from Phoenix, AZ., to Pasadena, Ca., because of the MLK Day boycott.
- 1992 Arizona citizens vote to enact MLK Day. The Super Bowl is held in Tempe, AZ., in 1996.
- 1993 For the first time, MLK Day is held in some form-sometimes under a different name, and not always as a paid state holiday-in all fifty states.
- 1999 New Hampshire becomes the last state to adopt MLK Day as a paid state holiday, replacing its optional Civil Rights Day.
- 2000 Utah become the last state to recognize MLK Day by name, renaming it Human Rights Day state holiday.

South Carolina becomes the last state to make MLK Day a paid holiday for all state employees. Until now, employees could choose between celebrating it or one of three Confederate related holidays.

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**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR THEIR
OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS
FOR TRIMESTER I**



**DISTINGUISHED
HONORS
ALL A's**

Corie Dussia	Grade 09
Marissa Sulfaro	Grade 09
Bryce Althouse	Grade 10
Amber Stroede	Grade 10
Kathryn Tigney	Grade 10



**HONOR ROLL
ALL A's and B's**

Corie Dussia	Grade 09
Amanda Sharpe	Grade 09
Marissa Sulfaro	Grade 09
Bryce Althouse	Grade 10
Emily Kern	Grade 10
Alexander Lehr	Grade 10
Kevin Minney	Grade 10
Benjamin Romero	Grade 10
Amber Stroede	Grade 10
Kathryn Tigney	Grade 10
Shannon Worden	Grade 10

SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE

- 3 Students had a perfect score for the first trimester; 4.0 GPA.
- 21 Students scored a 3.0 GPA or higher for the first trimester.

4.0

<u>9th Graders</u>	<u>10th Graders</u>
Corie Dussia	Bryce Althouse Kathryn Tigney



3.0 - 3.9

<u>9th Graders</u>	<u>10th Graders</u>
Rachael Fry Sylvaysha Lee Kaitlyn Minney Amanda Sharpe Marissa Sulfaro Willibea Thomas	Patricia Austin Alyssa Briggs McKenna Duchenne Nathan Fry Addison Hendrick Emily Kern Alexander Lehr Amber Lewis Kevin Minney Ben Romero Amber Stroede Shannon Worden

**MI-MAEOPP
STUDENT LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE**

**FEBRUARY 22 - 24
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN**

During the weekend of February 22, 2008, ten (10) students have been selected to attend the MI-MAEOPP (Mid-American Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel) which is being held at the Kalamazoo Radisson Hotel. This year's theme for the leadership summit is "Making a World of Difference".

The students will listen to speakers who will focus on the importance of the ACT test prep, establishing good financial credit, different learning styles and stepping out of their comfort zone (in regards to meeting new people). The leadership summit will recognize outstanding student leaders from each program. The Sunday activity will revolve around how the students can "Make a Difference" in their own communities.

The students will also take college tours at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Kalamazoo College.

Upward Bound students were selected based on academic achievement and positive attitude. The students who will be attending are:

Amanda Sharpe	Grade 09
Marissa Sulfaro	Grade 09
Bryce Althouse	Grade 10
Patricia Austin	Grade 10
Alyssa Briggs	Grade 10
Kevin Minney	Grade 10
Ben Romero	Grade 10
Amber Stroede	Grade 10
Kathryn Tigney	Grade 10
Shannon Worden	Grade 10

SPEAKER SERIES

**DR. MICHAEL ERIC DYSON
FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2008
OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ORCHARD RIDGE CAMPUS—SMITH THEATRE**

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson is a renowned scholar, ordained minister and public intellectual. His innovative scholarship, combining cultural criticism and biography, focuses on race, religion, popular culture, and contemporary issues in the African American community. Dyson recently released his 15th book; "Know What I Mean?" which is a critical study of hip hop music, addressing issues ranging from the music's creative expression to the global exposure, commercialization and politicization of rap music and its most influential figures. Dr. Dyson currently serves as Professor of English, Religion and African American Studies at Georgetown University. Dyson holds a Ph.D. in Religion from Princeton University.

On Friday afternoon Mr. Anthony Quinn, Director of our Upward Bound Program, drove six students to Oakland Community College to listen to Dr. Michael Eric Dyson speak.

The selected Upward Bound students were:

Tevin Banks	Grade 09
Cierra Clay	Grade 09
Timothy Grant	Grade 09
Ebony Bias	Grade 10
Charisse Byrd	Grade 10
Titus Murrell	Grade 11

Please see page 5 for pictures of the event



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

JANUARY 01 Titus Murrell
17 Jessica Russell

FEBRUARY 06 Lee Korotney
28 Sylvaysha Lee

IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/30 Student workshop
Organizational skills
2:30pm, F-106
- 1/31 Conference trip meeting
2:30pm, F-106
- 2/07 PLAN TEST
- 2/22 MI-MAEOPP Conference
Kalamazoo, Michigan
- 3/16 DETROIT PISTONS
Vs
NEW ORLEANS HORNETS
6PM Game
Palace of Auburn Hills



UPWARD BOUND SUMMER COMPONENT
 WILL BEGIN ON
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2008

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW IN
 THE UPCOMING MONTHS

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

Rachael Fry Grade 09
 McKenna Duchenne Grade 10



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COLLEGE
 CREATIVITY
 EDUCATION
 ENGLISH
 INTELLIGENCE

KNOWLEDGE
 MATH
 READING
 RESEARCH
 SCHOOL

SCIENCE
 STUDY
 TEACHER
 UNDERSTAND
 UNIVERSITY



Left to right: Charisse Byrd, Tim Grant, Cierra Clay, Ebony Bias and Tevin Banks. Titus Murrell in the front row.

"I like how the choir sang. I liked his message about people, it reminded me of my dad. I want to be like Dr. Michael Eric Dyson when I grow up. . .successful".

Tim Grant



"When we went to see Dr. Dyson he talked about African American's that made a difference in the world. He inspired me to think more about my ancestors and people that made it possible for me to be here today".

Charisse Byrd



Dr. Michael Eric Dyson

"I think that Dr. Michael Dyson was a great speaker. Everything he said was right! He's a great person and would be a great role model to everyone. . .including me".

Cierra Clay



Front row, left to right: Tevin Banks, Dr. Dyson, Ebony Bias.
Back row, left to right: Charisse Byrd, Timothy Grant, Cierra Clay and Titus Murrell

"I liked going to hear Dr. Michael Dyson speak because he is famous. I liked the things he said. I was very inspired. I was also able to get his autograph".

Tevin Banks