

UPWARD BOUND NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2016

EXCITING NEWS FOR RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF MONROE COUNTY

Monroe County Community College introduces the New Trustee Merit Scholarship Program

This is a new scholarship program based on ACT or SAT scores for students who are enrolling full-time at MCCC for the first time and recent high school graduates who have dual enrolled at MCCC.

To qualify for this Scholarship:

- Students must be Monroe County, Michigan residents,
- Their ACT or SAT scores can be no more than five years old.
- No separate application

The scholarships are renewable for a second year based on satisfactory academic progress.

Below are the ACT and SAT score ranges for Trustee Merit Scholarship Program awards and the approximate percent of tuition and fees covered based on 2015-16 figures:

ACT score of 20-21 or SAT score of 940-1010:

\$1,000 award, which covers approximately 34 percent of tuition and fees

ACT score of 22-23 or SAT score of 1020-1080:

\$1,250 award, which covers approximately 43 percent of tuition and fees

ACT score of 24 or higher or SAT score of 1090 or higher:

\$1,500 award, which covers approximately 51 percent of tuition and fees

How to apply for this scholarship:

- Apply for admission to MCCC
- Send your ACT or SAT scores to the Office of Admissions and Guidance by April 15, 2016
- Send high school transcripts, to the Office of Admissions and Guidance by April 15, 2016.

Those who qualify to receive the scholarship must register for Fall Semester classes by June 30, 2016.

For more information on the Trustee Merit Scholarship, go to:

<http://www.monroeccc.edu/financialaid/scholarship/MCCC-Scholarship-pages.pdf>

For more information on scholarships at Monroe County Community College, contact the Financial Aid Office at (734) 384-4135

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March 7, 2016 Upward Bound students were called up onto the stage during a Town Hall Meeting with Republican Presidential candidate John Kasich at Monroe County Community College.

On February 15, three brave Upward Bound students stood outside for almost two hours in sub-freezing temperatures for a chance to see Democratic Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders speak at Eastern Michigan University.



MCCC Student, Avery Haynes, Kristen Bolster, MCCC Student, Tyrese Watkins, Katie Livermore, and Summer Jackson.



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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK: DR. ANTHONY QUINN

MCCC UPWARD BOUND BRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This is a friendly reminder...

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. Students may take up to six credit hours during the summer semester at MCCC.

These credits are transferrable to other institutions of higher learning.

This 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
- C. Tutoring and progress monitoring by Upward Bound staff

Please call Ms. Lambert or Mr. Friedline with any questions regarding this scholarship and/or the eligibility requirements.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION IS APRIL 18, 2016!

Parents: Please encourage your student to apply to any and all scholarships available to him/her.

AHS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



KAMESHA CALLOWAY
11th Grade
2nd Year In UB

What are your plans after you graduate from high school?

I plan to attend the college I applied to.

What keeps you motivated in school?

Myself and my goals. I know there are places I want to go and I need an education to get there.

How is Upward Bound inspiring you to want to continue your education after high school?

Knowing that there's always someone I can talk to or ask about something is great, and knowing there's always aid available.

Who in your life has influenced you the most and why?

My mom, she's pretty blunt and tells it like it is. It's really good advice.

One goal I would like to achieve before I graduate high school is:

Having a decent job after college.

Your words of advice for someone thinking of joining the Upward Bound Program:

Just waiting to join is a waste of time. Do It!! It's worth it.

What are your hobbies and extracurricular activities?

Varsity Singers and Youth in Government



DEEGAN KOPP
10th Grade
2nd Year In UB

What are your plans after you graduate from high school?

Stay in Schoolcraft College, get a good job and become independent.

What keeps you motivated in school?

Getting grounded if I don't do well.

How is Upward Bound inspiring you to want to continue your education after high school?

It's making me want to work harder and focus more on my education.

Who in your life has influenced you the most and why?

My dad because he keeps encouraging me and making me want to do more.

One goal I would like to achieve before I graduate high school is:

Get Honor Roll at least once.

Your words of advice for someone thinking of joining the Upward Bound Program:

It might seem hard but it totally helps you in school.

What are your hobbies and extracurricular activities?

Drawing, writing, playing video game and voice acting

TWO-YEAR VS. FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES:

Which One is Right for You? By Christina Couch (<http://www.collegeview.com>)

Congratulations! You've made it through high school. Now all you've got to do is plan out the next few years of your life. When it comes to choosing your next educational step, you'll need to think about how much of a time and money investment you're prepared to make as well as what kinds of jobs you can see yourself holding in the future. To help you figure out where your next move should be, here's a short breakdown of the pros and cons of two- and four-year colleges.

TWO YEAR COLLEGE

ABOUT

Although four-year schools get all the media hype, many high school graduates head right to a two-year institution. Looking at the facts, it's no surprise why. Cheaper, quicker, and highly vocational, two-year schools offer students the chance to start their careers sooner and with less (or no) debt. You can also use a two-year school as a launching point to start earning your bachelor's degree.

WHO GOES THERE

Students looking to go directly into a trade or technical vocation, those with blemished high school transcripts looking to work their way into a four-year school, and students who simply want to save money on their general education courses before transferring to a more expensive four-year institution.

WHAT YOU'LL TAKE

Depending on your degree program, two-year students typically either focus on taking general pre-requisite courses that can transfer to a four-year institution or courses in their specific trade. Since community colleges are closely linked to area industries, students will find a wide array of courses that cater directly to the local job market.

OTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to in-class learning, two-year college students frequently take on apprenticeships and internships within their local community. Beyond getting an insider's look at their future job, interns and apprentices also gain valuable industry connections they can use to land a job upon graduation.

THE COST FACTOR

Here is where two-year institutions shine. Since most two-year colleges are designed for commuters, students are responsible for finding their own housing and get to avoid the high costs of room and board. Two-year students get a huge break on tuition as well. According to the College Board, the average cost of tuition and fees at a two-year school is only \$3,131, just over one-third of the cost for a year at a four-year public institution.

FOUR YEAR COLLEGE

ABOUT

Get ready to make an investment. Students who put the time and money into a four-year education will reap the benefits throughout their lives. Though four-year schools require at least twice the amount of time as two-year schools AND three times the tuition, they offer students on- and off-campus learning opportunities you simply can't find anywhere else.

WHO GOES THERE

Those who want a well-rounded education and a flexible degree. While four-year students are required to take a much broader range of courses than two-year vocational students, four-year students graduate with degrees that can be used for a wide spectrum of jobs in the real world.

WHAT YOU'LL TAKE

Everything—math, biology, English, history, even music therapy. Although four-year students typically spend the first two years taking generalized courses then the last two years taking courses in their major, students are free to take electives in any field of study.

OTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

This is where four-year institutions shine. In addition to in-class learning, four-year institutions offer an enormous spectrum of on- and off-campus learning opportunities. On campus you can attend performances, cultural events, and guest lecture series, as well as participate in student-run clubs and honor societies. Students also go off campus for service-learning projects, study abroad trips, internships, cooperative education programs, and field trips.

THE COST FACTOR

Get ready to cough it up. The College Board reports that the average cost of one year of in-state tuition and fees at a public four-year school is \$8,655. Tack on another \$9,205 in room and board costs and you're looking at an average yearly bill of \$17,860. For private school students, the situation is even worse. The average private school student pays \$29,056 in tuition and fees per year and \$10,462 in room and board for a grand total of \$39,518. While four-year college students are forced to fork over the dough now, they'll reap the financial benefits later with higher salaries in the future.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT TRIP

For UB Summer 2016 has been decided!

Students taking part in the Upward Bound Summer Program will have the opportunity to travel to Chicago, IL August 1, 2016 – August 3, 2016



Chicago, IL 2016

Students **MUST meet all eligibility requirements** listed below to attend the trip for Summer-2016:

- Participate in the summer program
- Meet attendance requirements
- Exhibit a good attitude and behavior
- Meet GPA Requirements
- Be attentive in the classroom and complete assignments
- Meet community service requirement of 5 hours of service.

AWARD & RECOGNITION RECEPTION

Monroe County Community College

Upward Bound Program

Awards & Recognition Reception

Thursday, May 26, 2016, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM, La-Z-Boy Center

Congratulations to the following seniors for making their college decision!

MONROE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Student Name	College Choice
Debra Brown	Adrian College
Samuel Green	Ohio Technical College
Dawson Kopp	MCCC
Samantha Peters	College for Creative Studies
Brittney Strauss	MCCC
Xavier Turnage	Eastern Michigan University
Aurea Williams	Eastern Michigan University
Nicah Whitefield	Michigan College of Beauty
Caitlin Young	MCCC

AIRPORT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Student Name	College Choice
Eryn Brooks	MCCC
Evan Kominek	MIAT
Sierra Langton	United States Air Force
Lauren Rae	University of Toledo
Arron Robinson	MCCC
Samantha Stanchik	MCCC
Devin Stults	Henry Ford Community College
Jordan Stumpmier	University of Michigan

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

From Dannielle Lambert, Academic Skills Coordinator Monroe High School ***Rising Senior To-Do List: During the Summer Months***

The following are some items that you should complete prior to your senior year in high school. Maybe you have already completed some of the tasks on this list. Maybe not. Either way, read each item on the list, and thoughtfully think about whether or not you have achieved this **To-Do list**:

- Get a **job** and try to **save some money** for college.
- **Continue to visit and research colleges.** Remember to consider the size of the college, the location, the academic programs available, and, of course, the **COST**.
- **College Entrance Exams.** Do you need to take the ACT, SAT, or SAT Subject Tests? If so, which test(s) will you take? What are the registration deadlines?
- **Complete College Applications.** The summer is a great time to get started. Begin filling out **ONLINE**. Save it. Return later to revise and edit your application before submitting.
Is there a Common Application available? This form is used by over 500 schools. See a form at www.commonapp.org.
- *Is there a recommendation needed?* If so, ask a teacher or a community leader, and provide the person with at least 3 weeks prior to your deadline.
- **Research Job Trends and Complete a Career Search.** Go to the following website for career activities, career videos, “Hot Jobs for the Future,” “Which Careers Match your Skills,” and much more: <http://www.educationplanner.org/students/career-planning/find-careers/index.shtml>.
- **Get leadership experience through volunteer activities.**
- Stay sharp by doing things like participating in **academic summer programs**, i.e., Upward Bound, and read challenging books.

As always, please see me with any questions at Monroe High School in room A-115.

From Charles Friedline, Academic Skills Coordinator Airport High School

Spring is in the air right now, which means it's time to gas up the lawn mower, get the cooler out of the basement, and start putting together summer program schedules. That's right, the 2016 Monroe County Community College Upward Bound Summer Program will be here before you know it!

Just a couple reminders and details about this year's summer program:

The 2016 Summer Program begins on Monday, June 20 and will run through Friday, July 29. As in the past, buses will pick students up in the morning and bring them out to MCCC for breakfast, which will begin at approximately 8:45. (Some students may be picked up as early as 7:30, depending on the bus routes).

Students will be sent home from the college at 3:00 each day—except for Fridays, when we sometimes we get back a little early from the field trips. (cont. next page)

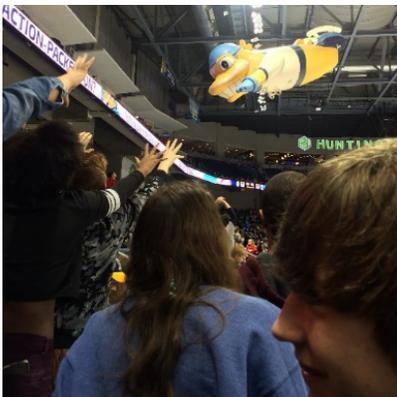
Coordinator's Corner cont.

Friday field trips this year will include campus tours of Siena Heights University and Eastern Michigan University, a tour of the Ford Rouge Plant, career exploration visits to Promedica Monroe Regional Hospital and Ventower Industries, Eastern Market in Detroit and Cedar Point.

Bus schedules will be mailed out in early June—so watch for those Monroe County Community College envelopes! If available, class schedules will be included with the bus schedules. If not, they will be handed out when students arrive on June 20.

Finally, a reminder that all Upward Bound students are expected to attend the summer program, unless they are unable to. Excused absences must be approved by Dr. Quinn, so see your coordinator (Ms. Lambert or me) right away if you will not be able to attend all or part of the program. We're all looking forward to it, and I hope you are too!

TOLEDO WALLEYE HOCKEY GAME



AHS and MHS students trying to catch a prize from Spike.



Dedra Brown, Julia Shaul, Madison Downing, & Chelsea Peterson



Chase Collingworth and Kristen Bolster, MHS Students

COMMUNITY SERVICE: AHS Upward Bound Flint Water Drive

In February, the Airport High School Upward Bound Program teamed up with the Interact Club and Busch's Supermarket to collect water for the citizens of Flint, Michigan. Students collected water at the school throughout the month of February and spent an entire Saturday soliciting donations from customers at Busch's (which also generously donated 10 cases!). Altogether, the students collected more than 160 cases of water, which were delivered to Monroe County Community College, for ultimate delivery to Flint by the MCCC Venture 502 Club. It was a great team effort for a great cause. Thanks to everyone who participated and donated!



Thomas Zimmer, Leah Livermore, Arthur Calloway

MHS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

What are your plans after you graduate from high school?

To go to a 4 year college.

What keeps you motivated in school?

The chance that I could go to a 4 year college and possibly play a sport.

How is Upward Bound inspiring you to want to continue your education after high school?

They give a chance to go to college.

Who in your life has influenced you the most and why?

My family because they are always there for me.

One goal I would like to achieve before I graduate high school is: Visit some colleges.

Your words of advice for someone thinking of joining the Upward Bound Program:

It gives you an opportunity to go to college and I'd recommend it to anyone trying to go to college.

What are your hobbies and extracurricular activities? Football, weightlifting and Upward Bound



Braxton
Campbell
10th Grade
2nd Year in UB

What are your plans after you graduate from high school?

Moving out of Michigan and attending a college for cosmetology.

What keeps you motivated in school?

Being something in the future.

How is Upward Bound inspiring you to want to continue your education after high school?

All the places we go makes me want to be able to go there, for my career also.

Who in your life has influenced you the most and why?

My mom, because she works very hard and is very independent.

One goal I would like to achieve before I graduate high school is: Stay positive and find myself.

Your words of advice for someone thinking of joining the Upward Bound Program:

Be consistent with going and be passionate.



Dekayla
Adams
10th Grade
2nd Year in UB

What are your plans after you graduate from high school?

Go to college.

What keeps you motivated in school?

Getting out of Monroe.

How is Upward Bound inspiring you to want to continue your education after high school?

It keeps me on track and inspires me to try new things and seek colleges.

Who in your life has influenced you the most and why?

My Grandma, she keeps me focused and she's strong.

One goal I would like to achieve before I graduate high school is:

Find myself and find my passion for what I want to do for the rest of my life.

Your words of advice for someone thinking of joining the Upward Bound Program:

Be serious about actually wanting to go to college, and stay focused and strive.

What are your hobbies and extracurricular activities?

Track, running, singing, drawing, reading, NHS and Upward Bound.



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Adams
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What is Upward Bound?

Upward Bound is a program funded by the U.S. Department of Education that prepares high school students for post-secondary education. Established in 2007, Monroe County Community College Upward Bound serves 110 students, grades 9-12. Students are enrolled from our target high school, Monroe High School, located in Monroe, Michigan and Airport High School located in Carleton, Michigan. Upward Bound is a challenging, preparatory program for students who demonstrate the ability or desire to attend college. All program services are free for participants.

Mission

The mission of the Monroe County Community College Upward Bound program is to assist students in grades nine through twelve in the successful completion of high school and to prepare them for post-secondary education by providing academic support, college preparation, social, cultural and career exploration.