

UPWARD BOUND

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2022

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SCIENCE: Matt Steele, Amanda Althouse

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Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.*



MATH: Matt Pinter, Meagan Rupert

SCIENCE: Matt Pinter

ENGLISH: Holly Himick, Meagan Rupert

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Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.*



MATH - Jenna Mahler

SCIENCE - Jenna Mahler, Doug Rogaliner

ENGLISH - Jennifer Crosley

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10, 2022

Lion King at the Detroit Opera House
Dinner at Buddy's Pizza
Monroe High School and Jefferson High School
Masks are required

March 1, 2022

Detroit Red Wings Game – All schools

March 11 – March 13, 2022

The 2022 Student Leadership Summit
will be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan!

What Have We Been Doing, You Ask?



Letter from an Upward Bound Graduate

“The delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image, but giving them the opportunity to create themselves.”
— Steven Spielberg

Good afternoon, Ms. Stranyak!

First and foremost, I miss you and the Jefferson UB tutors a ton. I still wholeheartedly attribute Upward Bound to my successes in school, because it was really because of the program that I'm even at the University of Michigan.

Second off, I moved in on Wednesday! I have a dorm on North Campus (even though all of my classes are on Central 😊) with an international student from India! I'm learning a lot about the lives of those around me, and making a ton of new friends (I've been invited to quite a few lunches and even a campus event tonight!)

I'm taking three classes this semester with a CSP (Comprehensive Studies Program, the program I'm a part of) lecture, which gives me about 12 credits. Since my orientation was later I didn't have much freedom to choose my classes, but I was left with some pretty awesome classes to cover my pre-requisites - Ancient Greek World, which studies Greek history and is my first-year writing requirement, French 101, and Genre Studies, which is my humanities requirement where I'll be studying the horror genre!

Sadly, I missed the deadline to transfer my credits from the community college back when it was due, but do you think I might still be able to do it? Or would I have to talk to my advisor about it? I'm still slightly confused on how that process works.

Other than that, my classes do start on Monday, and I'm very ecstatic. All I have is my in-person French lecture and then I head back for the CSP lecture remotely. Tomorrow I plan on following my set path to class to make sure I won't be late. I'm very excited, as I constantly go to central campus (and have visited every record store up here, they're all very great!) to just explore the campus and get a feel for being a college student. It's a very welcoming campus and I feel grateful to even be here.

I'd like to thank you and the Upward Bound program again, including the other coordinators and Dr. Quinn, because without the program I would not be starting classes on Monday.

Best wishes,
Dominic Simons



Dominic is a 2021 Jefferson High School graduate and joined the Upward Bound Program in February of 2018. As a participant, Dominic was recognized for his positive attitude, dedication, honor roll status, and in 2019 received an award for Super Scholar (all A's). In 2018 and 2019, Dominic was invited to represent the MCCC - JHS Upward Bound Program at the MI-CAPP Student Leadership State Conference.

We are proud of all of Dominic's accomplishments and wish him continued success in the next step in his journey to success.

Summer Program 2021

This year's summer program was attended by 112 students from our programs at Airport High School, Jefferson High School, and Monroe High School.

This was the first year that the students were able to choose if they wanted to attend virtually or if they wanted to attend face to face. Face to Face was definitely the biggest draw for this year's program. After a year of not attending school with their friends, the students were very eager to converge on the campus of MCCC for six weeks.

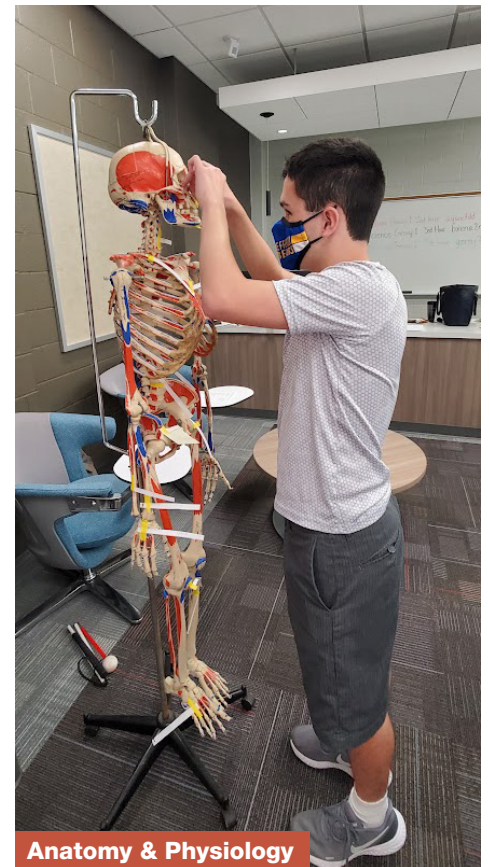
The new kid in town, Rona, did have some influence on how the program was organized. Instead of all students attending all 5 days, $\frac{1}{2}$ attended face 2 face on Monday and Wednesday and the other $\frac{1}{2}$ attended face to face on Tuesday and Thursday. Fridays changed from Field Trip Friday's to Funtivity Fridays.



Jump for it!



Chasing a UFO



Anatomy & Physiology



Ice Cream Social - COVID Style



Lourdes University

From the Director's Desk:



Dr. Anthony Quinn
Upward Bound
Program Director

The staff of the Upward Bound Program often discuss the characteristics of a good student. Here is a list of guidelines that describe a student who works hard and what teachers like to observe in their pupils. If you are one of the students that have displayed these characteristics, continue your great work. However, if you are a student who may need to improve in one or more of these categories, please continue to work hard.

1. Successful students attend classes on a regular basis. They are always punctual. These students listen and train themselves to pay attention. Generally, these students who either miss or arrive late to class, feel obligated to inform the instructor before their next class begins, if possible, on why they were late or absent. These students' excuses are legitimate and reasonable. A good student makes sure they complete all missed assignments (by contacting the teacher), and understand specifically what was covered in class. Successful students take responsibility for themselves and their actions.
2. Successful students will take advantage of extra credit opportunities when offered. The student demonstrates that they care about their grades and are willing to work to improve their marks, if necessary. He or She often do the optional (and frequently challenging) assignments that many students avoid.
3. Successful students are attentive in class. They do not talk, read, or daydream. In other words, these students are polite, considerate and respectful, even if they do become somewhat bored with the lesson. In addition, students participate in class. They ask questions that the instructor knows many other students may have in the classroom. These students are not interrupting, disrupting and preventing classmates from learning the material presented by the teacher.
4. Successful students see their instructors before and/or after class about grades, comments on their papers, and upcoming tests. They do not wait until the last week of grades or when final grades are complete to ask how they can improve their grade or why they received a grade. Successful students go out of their way to find the teacher and engage in meaningful conversation. These students demonstrate to the teacher that they are active participants in the learning process and that they take the job of being a student very seriously.
5. Successful students turn in assignments that appear neat and sharp. They take the time to produce a final product that looks presentable, and reflects care and pride in their work. Successful students complete their assignments because they are driven. Driven students complete all work and assignments on time.

Sincerely, Dr. Anthony Quinn

From the desk of:

Charles Friedline
Academic Skills
Coordinator
Airport High School

Coordinator's Corner

The Airport High School Upward Bound Program has been busy so far this year—getting out and seeing a lot of cool stuff! In September, we watched the Michigan Wolverines demolish the Northern Illinois Huskies. In December, we saw the River Raisin Dance Academy's wonderful performance of "The Nutcracker," and visited the Toledo Zoo to catch the "Lights Before Christmas." And, in January, we got to see the Broadway musical, "Come From Away," at the Stranahan Theater in Toledo—following a fantastic dinner at Public House in Monroe.

We have big plans for the rest of the year as well. If you know of any students in 9th or 10th grade who would be a good fit for the program—and who could really use all of the benefits we provide—have them contact the coordinator at their school. We accept applications year-round, and there are openings right now!

AHS Reminders:

- Students: If you have not already done so, take a moment to sign up for Remind notices. Just text @849h67 to 81010 or 734-344-5422
- Parents: Join our Parent Remind group by texting @mrfriedli to 81010 or 734-344-5422
- Check us out on Facebook at "Airport High School Upward Bound"

From the desk of:

Carley Stranyak
Academic Skills
Coordinator
Jefferson High School

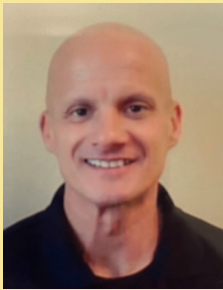
Hello Upward Bound families! First and foremost, I want to thank the incredible Upward Bound staff for filling in while I was out on maternity leave. I am so excited to be back! With the extra help from our staff and tutors, students kicked off the year with a Welcome Back party in September, and in person tutoring the first week of October. We welcomed two new tutors this year, Ms. Jenna Mahler and Mr. Doug Rogaliner, and welcomed back our English tutor, Ms. Jen Crosley.

In addition to tutoring, we are so grateful to be able to provide students with opportunities to attend field trips this year. So far, students have cheered on the Michigan Wolverines at the Big House, toured Halloween Nights at Greenfield Village, and visited the Toledo Zoo for the Lights before Christmas. In February, ten students will also get the chance to see Lion King, the musical, in Detroit. How fun!

As always, I am SUPER proud of our Upward Bound students. They are working very hard in their classes, and it shows through their academic achievement. In addition to their daily courses, they have also been submitting assignments during tutoring which have included building a resume, exploring career interests, and learning about general education requirements.

My time away has reminded me of how truly special the Upward Bound program is. Both UB students and staff are always there to help one another when it is needed most. Do you know any 8th, 9th, or 10th grade students who would be interested in the opportunities provided by the Upward Bound program? Please have them complete an online application here: <https://www.monroecc.edu/upward-bound>

From the desk of:



Jeffrey Rubley
Academic Skills
Coordinator
Monroe High School

Congratulations Upward Bound families, we have reached the halfway point of the 2021/2022 school year! I have enjoyed getting to know and supporting our Upward Bound Students here at MHS since starting as the UB Academic Coordinator back in October. MHS UB students have already had opportunities to attend our kickoff pizza party, a University of Michigan football game, a field trip to the lights at The Toledo Zoo, and our annual holiday dinner. We also still have several openings remaining for our scheduled field trip to The Detroit Opera House to see The Lion King on February 3rd, sign up details can be found on our MHS UB Google Classroom stream if you are interested in attending. I look forward to adding additional field trip opportunities and incentives, as the second half of the school year progresses.

We will be continuing to offer free tutoring on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in room A-108, which includes free drinks, snacks, and transportation. UB students are also now eligible to receive up to \$60 a month in their stipend check, simply for attending tutoring. UB students, please remember, it is an expectation that you check in with me weekly by stopping in my office A-120, texting me on my Google voice 734-265-0105, or e-mailing me at rubley@monroe.k12.mi.us if you cannot attend at least one tutoring session weekly. It is extremely important I have at least weekly contact with every student so I can stay informed regarding each student's progress and current needs.

We are looking to add students to our Upward Bound Family here at Monroe High School. Please encourage and invite any interested 9th or 10th grade peers to apply to the MHS Upward Bound Program by filling out an application at: <https://www.monroecc.edu/upward-bound> When you encourage your peers to apply for upward bound; emphasize that joining can lead to better grades, deeper friendships, a stipend of up to \$60 a month, opportunities to go on awesome trips, and support in realizing one's college goals! It sounds too good to be true, BUT IT IS NOT!!!!



Sharing a meal for the holidays



First stipend check – HOT DOG!



After School Tutoring



Night at the RRCA Theater



Enjoying a meal with UB friends



First field trip of the 2021-2022 school year

A NOTE TO OUR 2022 SENIORS:

Your health and our health are our highest priority, so we have decided to put the planning of the 2022 Senior Trip on hold for now. **RIGHT NOW, WE ARE NOT CANCELLING THE SENIOR TRIP!** We want as many students as possible to attend this trip. It may become our 1st annual, who knows. NYC is still on the table but we are also looking at other destinations.

Send any destination suggestions you may have to: cprenkert@monroeccc.edu, prenkert@monroe.k12.mi.us, cprenkert@jeffersonschools.org, or cprenkert@airportschools.com.

Some suggested travel destinations:

NYC, New York

Mackinac Island (Northern Michigan) Pictured Rocks

Memphis, TN (Dollywood)

We'll let you know when we begin planning again, but for now, make sure you will be eligible to attend a Senior Trip and please join us in keeping everyone safe, healthy and virus free.

If you know of any Upward Bound Alumni, please tell them to update their contact information with us.

- Did you know that the U.S. Department of Education requires our staff to contact every student that receives services from Upward Bound on an ANNUAL basis, if not more, for SIX (yes, SIX) years following your high school graduation? Not to mention, we are interested in keeping in contact with our students as we care about their educational success!
- Please remember to call or email any of our staff should ANY of your contact information ever change.
- Have them check out the alumni information located on our web page.

POLICY ON FORMS & UPWARD BOUND FILE INFORMATION

If a student has not submitted a required form OR if the student has missing information in their Upward Bound File:

1. The student will not be allowed to participate in field trips and/or activities other than After School Tutoring until the required form/information is submitted.
2. The student's stipend check will be withheld until the required form/information is submitted.

Due to securing tickets and transportation for fieldtrips and other activities, it is essential that we know how many students will be participating. For this reason, if the required permission slip has not been submitted by the due date, the student's name will be placed on a waiting list and he/she may not be able to participate in the activity.



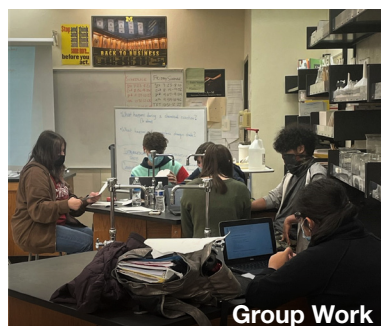
Flying Lessons?



Greenfield Village



Gardening Workshop



Group Work



Stranger Danger

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Monroe, MI 48161



Jefferson High School
5707 Williams Rd,
Monroe, MI 48162



Monroe High School
901 Herr Road
Monroe, MI 48161



**HAVE YOU MOVED??? HAS YOUR PHONE
NUMBER CHANGED???**

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