

# UPWARD BOUND

## NEWSLETTER | FALL 2016

### Award and Recognition Reception – May 2016



There is nothing more beautiful than finding your course as you believe you bob aimlessly in the current. And wouldn't you know that your path was there all along, waiting for you to knock, waiting for you to become. This path does not belong to your parents, your teachers, your leaders, or your lovers. Your path is your character defining itself more and more every day.

**Jodie Foster to University of Pennsylvania in 2006**

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Upward Bound tutorials take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:30 - 4:30 pm in room A-111

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Upward Bound tutorials take place on Mondays & Wednesdays from 2:30 - 4:30 pm, and Tuesdays 3:00 - 4:30 pm in room 15

# UB Summer Program 2016

On June 20, 2016 students from Airport High School and Monroe High School converged on the campus of Monroe County Community College. The purpose, to attend the 2016 summer session of the Upward Bound Program. This year we had 86 students in attendance. Some of the students felt as though they were entering uncharted territory and were unsure of how to act, behave and find their way around.



Class Experiments

The summer program is designed to give students a glimpse of what college life is like at MCCC. It gives the high school students an opportunity to attend classes on campus and gives them an educational experience that

others in their families may not have had. The Upward Bound Program takes this time to encourage proper behavior and to give the participants a sense of familiarity so that entering MCCC or other college/university is not so intimidating.



Dance Class



Class Discussions

## FAFSA INFORMATION

Students may begin filing for FAFSA on October 1, 2016  
<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

**If you have any questions or need assistance you may contact:**

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### **Paying for College Night 2016!**

At Airport High School - For families of 11th and 12 graders.

**When:** Tuesday, November 8, 2016, 6:00-7:30PM

**Where:** Airport High School Media Center  
This is an informational meeting about scholarships, grants, college costs, and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms.

Valerie Culler from Monroe County Community College will provide information to parents for filling out the FAFSA form.



## From the Director's Desk:



The past summer we had a very successful and productive program. Congratulations and thanks to all of the Upward Bound students who participated in the 2016 MCCC Summer Program. We hope that you enjoyed coming to campus and taking part in all of the activities that we provided. The summer program that took place from June 20, until August 3, 2016, consisted of classes in Math, Science, English, Financial Literacy, and Spanish. In addition, we took a variety of field trips to businesses, colleges/universities and museums.

We are excited about our upcoming academic year at Monroe and Airport High Schools, and we are thrilled to once again work with your students. Finally, I would like to thank our dedicated parents and guardians because without your help the program could not be successful. I wish all of our students a successful 2016-2017 school year!

## Summer 2016 - Friday Fieldtrips

### 1. Ford Rouge Factory Tour –

The highlight of this tour by far was the Manufacturing Innovation Theater. It is a multisensory exploration of the manufacturing of the Ford F-150. It includes special effects, 3D laser projection and high-energy audio. Afterwards the students enjoyed pizza at Detroit's famous Buddy's Pizza (a Detroit original).



### 2. Museum of African American History & Motown Museum -

Many of the students enjoyed the opportunity to explore and celebrate African American history and learn about the Motown Record Company in Detroit, Michigan.

**3. Cedar Point –** This trip is a favorite by all the students. The weather was

nice and we returned with all, safe and sound, although a bit tired from the long day.

### 4. Eastern Michigan University and Siena Heights University -

Each summer we visit area colleges and universities within driving distance of MCCC. The students are given a campus tour, admissions presentation and sometimes meet with other Upward Bound students.



# Cultural Enrichment Trip – Chicago

**August 1, 2016 to August 3, 2016 – Seventy-three students and eight chaperones traveled by bus to Chicago, Illinois (and we still talk to each other).**

Chicago is full of historical, cultural and educational opportunities. We were able to see and visit only a sampling of what the city has to offer.

The Skydeck (Willis Tower) was our first destination. We all traveled up to the top to see the views of Chicago and the surrounding areas. A few were even brave enough to walk out onto the ledge for a view straight down.

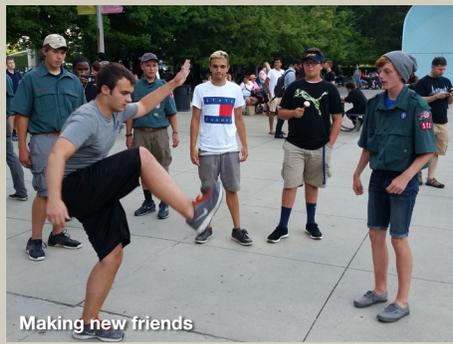


## DAY 1

A visit to Millennium Park was free time for the students to explore and relax. Dinner and games of Whirly Ball was our last activity of the 1st day.



Millennium Park



Making new friends



Whirly Ball



Lunch at Portillo's



# Cultural Enrichment Trip – Chicago

## DAY 2

On day 2, before our visit to Northwestern University, we took a tour of the Mile of Murals. This is a community-based public art initiative. It is located in the neighborhood of Rogers Park and was launched in 2007 to promote and celebrate the talent of area artists.

Mile of Murals Tour



## DAY 3

Our last activity of our 3 day journey was a tour of the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. The students were very impressed with the university. Our speaker, LeShane Saddler, Associate Director of Admissions is a former Upward Bound member and stressed the importance of grades, community service and extracurricular activities. He talked about financial aid and the many options available to pay for college. His message to the students was to talk to the counselors and financial aid departments of the schools they are interested in and don't get discouraged. There is always a way.



Northwestern University

UND Campus

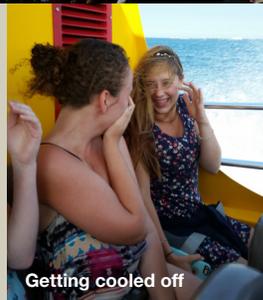


Getting cooled off

Jonathon and Kaylyn Brown



View from the Sea Dog Boat



Getting cooled off

We enjoyed a 75-minute architecture cruise which took us on an exciting ride on Lake Michigan and got us up-close to all of Chicago's most famous buildings and unique architecture on the river. The views were amazing and the narrator was entertaining and informative. Some of the students were lucky enough to get cooled off by the water of Lake Michigan.



Students watching the Cub's

The last event in Chicago was a visit to Wrigley Field

UB Students and the Golden Dome



# COORDINATOR'S CORNER

From the desk of....

**Dannielle Lambert, Academic Skills Coordinator, Monroe High School**

Welcome back to the 2016-2017 school year Monroe High School Upward Bound students! Hope your school year is off to a great start! Monroe High School Upward Bound after-school tutoring will begin on Thursday, September 29, 2016, in room A-111 from 2:30-4:20. Also, at that time, we will have a pizza party to kick off the brand new school year. Transportation is available for MHS UB students at approximately 4:00 p.m. near the flagpole. Ms. Lambert will be issuing bus tickets.

## **The following is important information for Seniors:**

### **College Applications and Fee Waivers:**

Seniors, if you have not already started applying to colleges/universities, it is NOW time to start. Upward Bound will take care of any and all application fees. Provide me with the information on where you are applying; and, I will submit a college application fee waiver letter to that institution on your behalf.

### **October Michigan College Month:**

The goal of Michigan College Month is that by the conclusion of October, every graduating senior has submitted at least one college application, applied for at least one scholarship, and filed the FAFSA. Upward Bound students are required to do the same, but they must fill out at least three college applications, and again at NO cost to the student.

### **SAT Fee Waivers:**

Fee waivers are available in the Monroe High School career and counseling center. See me if you need assistance.

### **Scholarships:**

There are thousands of scholarships available out there from all sorts of institutions and organizations. Scholarships are available through your high school, the colleges/universities one is applying to, locally, nationally, and through businesses and corporations.

### **The following websites are useful starting points:**

[www.studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships)

[www.michigan.gov/ssg](http://www.michigan.gov/ssg)

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)



# From the desk of . . . .

**Charles Friedline, Academic Skills Coordinator, Airport High School**

Here we go again, Upward Bound parents and students! We have a new school year and more great adventures ahead of us. We have a new class of freshmen walking the halls of the high school for the first time, and a new class of seniors beginning the last leg of their high school journey.

**As we go through the year, each class will have its own unique set of priorities and challenges:**

**Freshmen:** It's your first year at the high school. Your job this year is to settle in and get used to a new routine and a more challenging workload. You will also need to figure out how to get organized—and stay organized—and Upward Bound will be here to help you. Hopefully, the Summer Program gave you what you need to hit the ground running, but the after-school program will work with you throughout the year to get your high school career off to a great start.

**Sophomores:** This is your year to build on the success of your freshman year—and then to up your game. It's time to challenge yourself and set higher expectations. Turn those C's into B's and those B's into A's this year. It is also time for you to step up and set an example for the freshmen—and to lend them a helping hand when they need one. Remember your first year and how great it would have been to have someone else show you the ropes!

**Juniors:** Your top priority this year is to prepare for the SAT, which you will take in the spring. You have your PSAT scores and your Khan Academy accounts, as well as the excellent Upward Bound tutors, so you have everything you need to do well on that test. The rest is up to you. You will also want to research careers and colleges, so you can make an informed decision when you start applying to colleges early next year.

**Seniors:** Seniors should be focused on applying to colleges, (they should have them all done by the end of October), filing their FAFSA (beginning Oct. 1), and filling out scholarship applications. Upward Bound and the high school counseling staff are available to help with all of the above. Other top priorities include staying on top of your game and resisting the onset of senioritis. It's too early to start coasting. I'll let you know when the time is right. (Hint: the time is never right! Lol!)

The Upward Bound After-School Program is here to help students with whatever they need to be successful. Attendance is vital—you can't help if you don't show up! I am also available during lunch time, academic advisory periods, and after school on Thursday and Fridays. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything.



*There is a certain  
happiness in being silly  
and ridiculous*

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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.