

UPWARD BOUND

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WELCOME JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL!



The Upward Bound Program at Monroe County Community College would like to Welcome Jefferson High School to the program. We are excited for the opportunity to get to know Jefferson High School students, families and staff and looking forward to a fun and productive school year.

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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

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

Why Upward Bound?

Below is the Upward Bound Program description from the US Department of Education that explains what the purpose and goal is for every student in the program.

Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their pre-college performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. 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. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

Students who are considering joining the UB Program and students who are current participants have read this description. This explanation of the program is accurate. But, it does not give the students the whole picture.

One of our current AHS participants chose to write about her involvement in the Upward Bound Program for her MCCC English Comp 1 class writing assignment. The highlights listed below answers the question "Why Upward Bound?" from a student's point of view.



Upward Bound

Written by Savannah Dorey

Savannah Dorey is an Airport High School Senior. She joined the Upward Bound Program in 2015. Below are Savannah's top 12 reasons for participating in the Upward Bound Program.

1. Upward Bound has helped me grow as a student. During the school year, we meet up after school and do our homework. We can pick a classroom or a computer room. If we need help, we have free tutors and teachers there to help us with our homework.
2. When I first joined, I thought it was going to be boring or just extra school but I was wrong.
3. Everyone is super close and like family here.
4. Upward Bound helped me go out of my comfort zone and talk to more people.
5. I have made friendships there that I hope will last a lifetime.
6. I have seen many beautiful places that are so different from Michigan. I would not have been able to experience going to any of these places without Upward Bound, so I am grateful for being in this program.
7. Getting to see all the different college environments has made me more comfortable with going to college than I was before the program.
8. When I was a junior, everyone was stressing out about the SAT test. Luckily, for Upward Bound students they give us free SAT preparation classes.
9. At the end of the year, we have an annual recognition banquet for everyone to congratulate them on their accomplishments they made during the school year. This really helps everyone feel like they are being noticed for all their hard work throughout the year and it helps boost our confidence.
10. On holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas, we will have parties to celebrate them together. We will meet up after school and have food, drinks and dessert. This is nice for some of the low-income students who cannot have a nice Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner.
11. I chose Upward Bound as an important episode of my life because it not only helped me academically but it helped me grow as an individual. I have learned and grown tremendously from being in the program from sophomore to senior year.
12. It is truly an amazing program and I believe every student should be a part of it.

UB 2017 Summer Program

Over the course of the summer, students received daily instruction in English, Math, Science, and Foreign Language. There were also daily enrichment courses, including SAT prep, Ballet, French Language & Culture, Drama, Drawing, Shakespeare, List Poetry – and much more!



The 2017 Summer Program got off to a great start this year, with a visit from former MSU Basketball star, Anthony Ianni, who brought his Relentless Tour to campus for opening day.

Fall Back to Summer 2017

Students were able to visit college campuses, including UT, Lourdes, Concordia, as well as the U of M Museum of Natural History and the Yankee Air Museum.



Two very adventurous AHS students tried to travel through the museum by canoe.



This year we had MHS (2014) UB Alumnus Riley Parrott return to teach an art class. Riley is currently attending MCCC.

Seseana Franzen and Brooklynn Wright (UB alumni, AHS - 2015) also taught Shakespeare and Poetry classes this summer



Summer Cultural Trip 2017

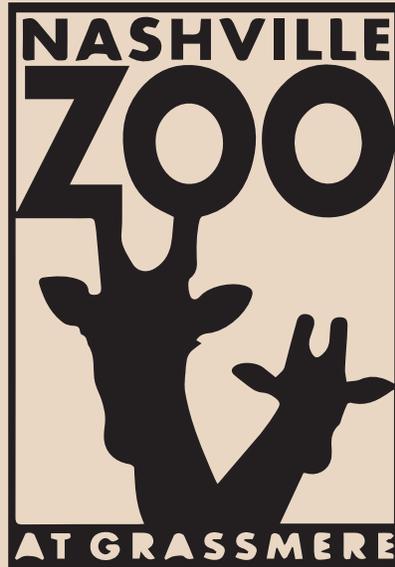
The first stop on our way to Nashville, TN was a tour of the Mega Caverns in Louisville, KY. The Tram Tour took us on an underground adventure to learn about history, geology, mining, recycling and green building technology. We traveled through 17 miles of corridors located beneath the city.



Our trip to the Nashville Zoo was very interesting.



We were very surprised to see two of our students, Alex Boyd (MHS) and Paul Justice (AHS) show up in an exhibit.



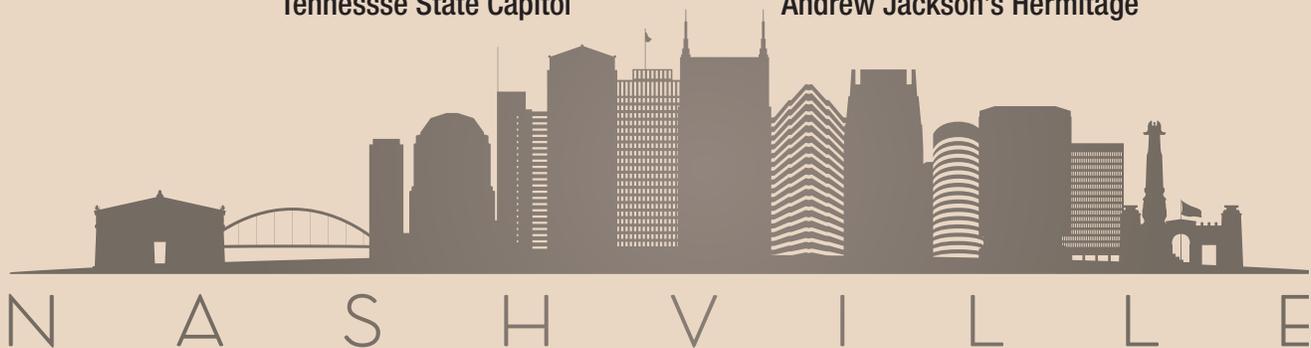
We walked through a bamboo forest and learned about many of the animals while on a guided tour.



Tennessee State Capitol



Andrew Jackson's Hermitage



Summer Cultural Trip 2017



Belle Meade Plantation



The Parthenon



Meeting up with Detroit's very own Kid Rock, Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum



Exploring alternative modes of Transportion, Nashville Mall

**Fun was
had by
all!!**



Dance party during lunch, Coco's Italian Market



N A S H V I L L E

From the Director's Desk

I would like to welcome back all of our students from Monroe and Airport High Schools. In addition, we would like to welcome Jefferson High School to the MCCC – Upward Bound Program. We are excited to see all of our returning students and new students.



The academic school year for the 2017-2018 Upward Bound Program begins on September 28, 2017 at Monroe High School. Tutorials will take place after school at Monroe High School on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30. Airport High School's Upward Bound Program begins on October 2, 2017. Tutorials will take place on Monday, Tuesday (3:00 – 4:30) and Wednesday after school from 2:30 to 4:30. We are planning to begin tutorials at Jefferson High School during the month of November. When days and times for the tutorials are determined, UB will notify Jefferson students.

Staff will be in the Upward Bound offices at your respective high schools should you need any assistance.

Stay Tuned!

Dr. Anthony Quinn, Upward Bound Program Director

First trip of the UB 2017-2018 school year

Football Game

Saturday, November 4, 2017
Michigan vs Minnesota

Game begins at 7:30 pm
Permission slips need to be signed
and returned by October 31, 2017.



FASFA - Free Application For Student Aid

Starting October 1, 2017 – Fill out the FAFSA Application
Information for high school seniors



2018-2019

Federal Deadline

Online applications must be submitted by midnight Central Time, June 30, 2019.

Any corrections or updates must be submitted by midnight Central Time, September 14, 2019.

State Deadline

Michigan - March 1, 2018 by midnight, Central Time.

College Deadline

Check with the college(s) you are interested in attending. You may also want to ask your college about its definition of an application deadline - whether it is the date the college receives your FAFSA, or the date your FAFSA is processed

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

From the Desk of... **Dannielle Lambert, Academic Skills Coordinator Monroe High School**

Welcome back to the 2017-2018 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 began on Thursday, September 28, 2017, in room A-111 from 2:30-4:20. There will be transportation at 4:00 for students needing rides home. Pick-up location for students will be at the end of A-wing. Please see me if you need transportation so that your name and address will be provided to MPS transportation department.

The following is important information for this year's 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 all application fees. Provide me with the information on where you are applying; and, I will submit a fee waiver letter for the college application to that institution on your behalf.

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
www.michigan.gov/ssg
www.collegeboard.org
www.fastweb.com

From the Desk of... **Charles Friedline, Academic Skills Coordinator, Airport High School**

Welcome back, Upward Bound! We are off and running headlong into a new school year, and we're looking forward to helping you all achieve success!

I have been seeing a lot of evidence lately of what Airport High School Principal, Chris Lukosavich, recently called an Upward Bound "culture." Over the years, some students have even referred to it as a family. While I do not have any illusions that 100% of our students feel that way, my observation has been that many, if not most of them, DO. In addition, I just want to take a moment to acknowledge that, and to share with you how much that means to me.

When I attended Airport High School, there was no Upward Bound. I was one of those students who had no realistic chance of going to college, and I did not have an Upward Bound Program to go to after school or during the summer. However, I did have Mr. Price's Drama class. That was as close to a family as I ever experienced in high school. Mr. Price never turned us away—even when we showed up when we were supposed to be in someone else's class! He welcomed us, and he treated us like young adults—not as kids. He nurtured us and made us feel like we were part of something special. And he kept nagging a certain young man until he finally got his act together and applied to MCCC, changing that young man's life forever.

If there is an Upward Bound Culture, I hope it makes students feel like they belong to something special. That it creates the conditions where they can grow in confidence and independence, and that encourages—and sometimes even nags!—students to do all those things that just do not seem that important right now, but which could change their lives forever.

I will never forget my time in Mr. Price's Drama class. I found a sense of belonging there and remember what his mentorship meant to me. And every day I try to do a little something to make my students feel the same way.

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

From the Desk of...

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

AHS Reminders:

If you have not already done so, take a moment to sign up for Remind notices. Just text @mrfiedli to 734-344-5422

Check us out on Facebook at "Airport High School Upward Bound" (<https://www.facebook.com/Airport-High-School-Upward-Bound-552651211432316/>)

Events at AHS

Mon., Oct. 30, 2:30 p.m.: Guest Speaker (Musician) from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Sat., Nov. 4, Time TBD: University of Michigan Football Game (Juniors and Seniors Only)

Wed., Nov. 15, 2:30 p.m.: Guest Speaker (Fisheries Biologist) from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Wed., Dec. 20, 2:30 p.m.: Upward Bound Holiday Party

Upward Bound 2017 Summer Participants



"The unlike is joined together, and from differences results the most beautiful harmony."

- Heraclitus



Keeping Upward Bound Participants Safe



“JET MAN” (aka Michael Tovar)

A Shout out to Kosch Catering

Kosch Catering set up a wonderful buffet for our annual Award and Recognition Reception. Parents and students loved the food and we appreciate the time and work you put in. GREAT JOB!

We would also like to thank Nichole, Nick, Jon, Josh and Tyler for all the breakfasts and lunches served to our students during the Upward Bound 2017 Summer Program. There were no complaints from students and all were content as they left the cafeteria with their tummies full.

Thank you for all you do for the Upward Bound Program!



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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.