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The TRIO Upward Bound program has been hosted by Hagerstown Community College since 2012. The goal of Upward Bound is to assist low-income, and/or first-generation college bound high school students in the successful completion of secondary education by preparing them academically as well as socially for enrollment and completion of higher education. Eligible project participants who demonstrate academic need may be identified at target high schools by teachers, counselors, parents, students, friends, as well as selected by Upward Bound staff. HCC Upward Bound provides opportunities to a minimum of 72 students annually from the following schools: Hancock Middle-Senior High School, North Hagerstown, South Hagerstown, and Williamsport High School. Students may also transfer and attend Washington County Technical High School, and remain in Upward Bound.

All UB students receive:

- After-school tutoring twice per week.
- Saturday Session workshops (offered once per month from 9am to 1pm) that include financial aid and scholarship information, college and career research, guest speakers, etc.
- Academic guidance and counseling on a year-round basis.
- Various college visits (field trips) throughout the year.
- A rigorous six-week summer academy at HCC (tuition and fees paid for by grant funds).
- Student/community service learning hours.
- Transportation to and from activities.
- Breakfast and lunch during activities

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8/1/19: UB students visited University of Pittsburgh for an information session on various academic programs as well as campus tour.



8/2/19: UB students visited Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois for an information session on various academic programs and campus tour.



Avery Carey - Guest Speaker from the community sharing his wise words with Upward Bound Students

“I joined to learn and prepare for college and a career. Upward Bound presented me a lot of opportunities with finding a community and character-building activities that pushed me to grow.”

**- Jasmin Fowlkes
North High**

“The Upward Bound continues to push me to do well in school. I am thankful for the opportunities and resources that they provide for us. I love and miss, due to COVID, college trips and group activities that we do in our Saturday Session.”

**- Leyla Hetch
North High**

“Upward Bound has been a great opportunity to explore my college options, make new friends, and connect within my community. My favorite trip has to be the summer trip to Chicago. It is mind blowing how large the city was!”

**- Phebe Otwey
Tech High**

Alumni Spotlight: Jazmin Techie-Mensah

Jazmin joined our program as a junior after hearing about UB at North college/career day. Jazmin came to Upward Bound unsure of where she wanted to go to college, if she wanted to eventually transfer or what degree she wanted to major in, she did know she wanted to be a nurse. Looking for guidance and resources she joined our program. Jazmin Techie-Mensah is currently a senior at Towson University, who transferred from Penn State Mont Alto and Hagerstown Community College where she completed a majority of her prerequisites. Jazmin is enrolled to become a pre-nursing major studying to become a Psychiatric Adolescent Nurse Practitioner. Jazmin went to Washington County Technical High School where she graduated with a 3.96 GPA and a Nursing assistant certification. Other than working on her degree, she is a peer mentor in Hagerstown. Jazmin is working on developing a program called Road to Success where she helps kids from 8th grade and up on completing high school and preparing for college. Jazmin holds youth seminars every year in the summer to prepare kids for the next grade as well as taking on kids as clients and work one-on-one with their classes as well as career goals.



Congratulations to UB Graduates!

Tatiana Baez, HCC
Alexis Ridenour, HCC
Sophie Teague, Frostburg
Garrett Woods, University Maryland
Amyzha Sewell, HCC
Katie Amaguana, Hood
Alondra Guzman, HCC
Ryan Himes, HCC
Trinity Hun, HCC
Brooke Marshall, HCC
Baila Sakufou, George Washington

Shakira Scott- Harris, UMBC
Dejeuana Paige, HCC
Jose Cook, Ohio State University
Savannah Hazell, HCC
Madison Kifer, HCC
Catherine McKean, HCC
Shawn Patton, HCC
Juilian Rowell, HCC
Nyasia Twyman, Shippensburg
Walter West Jr, HCC

2021 Summer Academy Opportunity for UB Students

A large component of the Upward Bound program is the six-week summer academy where students can earn either high school elective credit toward high school graduation, or college credit in general education courses (i.e. English 101). In order to register for college courses students must be 16 years of age and show that they are college ready by taking the HCC placement test or maintaining a cumulative high school G.P.A of 3.0. Students who have completed English and math 101 in a previous summer academy are exempt from taking the test. Classes run Monday through Thursday morning. Students are provided breakfast and lunch through the Washington County Public School system and all transportation is provided. In addition to coursework, field trips are incorporated on Fridays for college visits and cultural enrichment activities.

Meet Our Coaches



Mr. Goveo

Math Teacher
WILLIAMSPORT HIGH SCHOOL

Bachelor Kutztown University - Teaching

Interests:

Coaching, Grillin, Jeopardy, Movies, Rugby, Star Wars, Sports, Traveling.



Mrs. Wagner

Math Teacher
SOUTH HAGERSTOWN HIGH

Bachelor Kutztown University - Teaching
Masters Frostburg - Counseling

Interests:

Baking/Cooking, Hiking, Jeopardy, Sports, Traveling.



Mr. Wise

Science Teacher
HANCOCK MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH

Bachelor University of West Virginia
Masters

Interests:

Hiking, Science, Sports and enjoys time with family.



Mr. Tim Barr

History Teacher
NORTH HAGERSTOWN HIGH

Bachelor Shepherd University
Master Ohio University

Interests:

Art, Music, Sports, Traveling

“I joined the program to aid with college, and it has educated me on some of the lesser known aspects”

- **Awa Badjie**
North High

“I joined Upward Bound because I know it helps you pick the college that fits your interest. It’s benefited me in many ways and has helped me to stay on the right track when applying and looking at colleges. It’s also pushed me to try different things like taking AP classes and has also pushed me to step outside my comfort zone.”

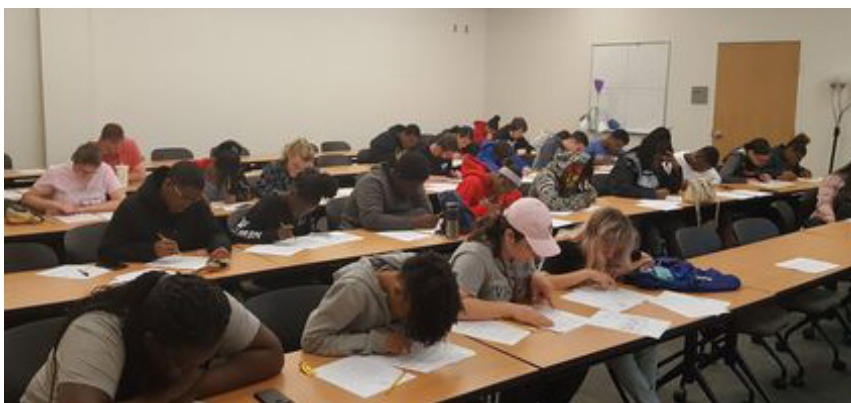
- **Grace Fleetwood**
North High

New Applicant Requirements

- Must be U.S. Citizen or Permanent resident
- Potential First Generation College Student
- Income Based Federal Guidelines
- Student at North, South, Williamsport, or Hancock
- 9th-11th grade



After touring Howard University & Exploring Washington DC National Mall Museums - Students and Staff enjoyed a Washington Nationals Major League baseball game



Students participating in Speed Reading workshop during our monthly Saturday Session

Upward Bound is currently interviewing rising freshman for the 2021-22 school year. Students must submit an application and interview with Upward Bound staff to determine eligibility for acceptance. Anyone interested in applying to the program should visit www.hagerstowncc.edu/upwardbound to download an application. Students can also ask their school guidance office for information.



9/28/2019 Upward Bound Students attend Open House at Howard University in Washington DC



Upward Bound is one of two federally-funded TRIO Programs at HCC sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. HCC's Upward Bound Program receives 67% of its \$399,925 annual budget from federal sources, including \$250,000 from the U.S. Department of Education; the remaining 33% of the program, or \$132,483, is supported with non-federal funds.