

Active Upward Bound Participants

Upward Bound students are expected to maintain at least a 70 percent average and attend weekly tutoring sessions to assist with attaining that goal. Saturday sessions are designed to increase preparedness for the SAT and/or ACT, assist with college and career research, provide financial aid and scholarship information, host informational guest speakers, as well as explore personality inventories and best practices to be successful in high school and college. Students are encouraged to attend all activities in order to fully benefit from services; however, staff understand that students often balance working or playing sports in addition to their education. Students must communicate with staff regarding attendance in the program.

Seniors: Elizabeth Anderson, Victoria Asper, Lili Flowers, Tara Buskirk, Patricia Howard, Faith Hargett, Amber Leisinger, Amanda Lamont, Alexia, Butler, Kobi Morgan, Thomas Evonlah, Felicia Jamison, Amanda Souders, Edward Chappell, Cole Barnhart, Jonathan Crawford, Kylah Barnes

Juniors: Harmony Stotler, Brooke Stotler, Hunter McBee, Sheniesha Lake, Mariah Orr, Shannon Butts, Matayia Miller, Carlie Monninger, Jaelin Farrell, Rebecca Rooney, Nicholas Andreaccio, Shabree' Brown, Malaysha Kay, Kyra Boyd, Bethany Pruchniewski, Chad Leather, Darius Bowie, Cassandra Almonte, Jordan Douglas

Sophomores: Jennifer Morris, Sarah Napoleon, Cody Barnhart, Marcus Maners, Briana Legette, Joshua Atha, Dusty Pine, Jessica Lamont, Nathan Francis, Hope Hargett, Taylor Swinson, Stephanie Leisinger, Iain Holman, Kelsey DeHart, Jace Hopp, Joshua Anderson

Freshman: Alyssa Miller, Shawn Wollard, Mackenzi Wintermoyer, Jordyn Phillips, Natalie Williams, Ricardo Duncan, Stephanie Atha, Sarah Osborne, Devon Stottlemeyer, Gordon Young, Krystal Lasalle, Xavier Hall, Timothy Cosley, Alonso Miguel, Ashley Smothers

The HCC TRiO Upward Bound program can serve only 70 students per year. For the 2015-2016 school year, Upward Bound is currently recruiting rising freshman. 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.

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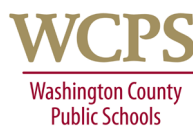
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October 17 at Bridgewater College; students were split into smaller groups for campus tours led by college students.

Upward Bound Program Visits Four Colleges throughout Academic Year

Students participating in Upward Bound are given several opportunities to visit a variety of colleges within approximately a four-hour radius of Hagerstown which include private and public schools, rural and urban, small, medium, and large campuses. All transportation is provided to students directly from their home, and each student also receives breakfast and lunch while on the trip. The Upward Bound staff assist students in career and college research during monthly Saturday sessions, as well as apply for a variety of scholarships. In order to accurately reflect student interests, surveys are administered and compiled annually to determine plans for future college visits and field trips.



September 27 at Stevenson University Open House; students stand with the university mustang mascot statue overlooking soccer fields.

Upward Bound has obtained SAT and ACT waivers for all UB participants in grades 11 and 12 (no income level requirement).



February 16: Students visited the snow-covered Potomac State College. Located in Keyser, WV, Potomac State is a residential junior college and a division of West Virginia University.



November 3: Students toured the Shepherd observatory located on the roof of the library, which is used to study astronomy.



On February 14: Fresh Academics joined Upward Bound in the Kepler Theater for a morning of dance and hip hop. UB students also completed a FAFSA lab, scholarship research and test preparation later that morning.



November 3, Shepherd University: Students stand with the university ram mascot.

Important Upcoming Dates to Remember

- April 11** - Saturday Session and STEM Festival at HCC
- April 16** - Fundraiser Night at Roy Rogers from 5 to 8 p.m.
- May 9** - Saturday Session at HCC
- May 18** - Parent Meeting and Senior Night at HCC from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - seniors will receive their Upward Bound graduation chords
- May 30** - Student Service Learning - Brush With Kindness
- June 20** - Summer Academy begins

2015 Summer Academy Opportunity for 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, chemistry 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, known as the Accuplacer. Students who have completed English and math 101 in a previous summer academy are exempt from taking the test. Classes run Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 11:50 a.m. Students are provided breakfast and lunch through Washington County Public Schools and all transportation is provided.

In addition to coursework, field trips are incorporated on Fridays for college visits and cultural enrichment activities. Pending final confirmation, Friday field trips for this summer include:

- Penn State Mont Alto and Shippensburg University
- Towson University and University of Maryland Baltimore County
- Wilson College and Volvo Powertrain North America
- West Virginia University
- Hershey Park* (classified as an incentive trip for students who fully participate in Upward Bound)

Upward Bound has also partnered with community organizations who will be providing activities for students throughout the summer academy. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m., Open Minds will host a mindfulness and journaling session in the HCC Fitness Room. This will be the second summer Open Minds has worked with Upward Bound. Furthermore, the new hip-hop academy located in Hagerstown, Fresh Academicz, will also be working with students throughout the summer program.

Upward Bound students who participate in the summer academy receive an HCC photo ID card which provides access to all buildings, activities, and events on campus. They are held accountable for their actions and responsibility as a pre-college student.

Upward Bound Club Establishes Scholarship Program

Along with former Upward Bound students who currently attend Hagerstown Community College, UB staff have established a TRiO Upward Bound Club as a support group, and provide a scholarship eligible to future Upward Bound graduates. Club meetings are held once per month in the Upward Bound main office where students and staff discuss college life as well as future fund-raising ideas for the scholarship fund. During the annual Recognition Ceremony in August, the HCC TRiO Upward Bound Scholarship will be awarded to two students (\$500 each) who are accepted and/or enrolled in post-secondary education for the fall semester immediately following their high school graduation date and demonstrates a commitment to attaining a bachelor's degree within six years. The student must demonstrate active involvement and dedication in the Upward Bound program. The student must successfully complete the Upward Bound Summer Academy as a rising senior, as well as complete the Summer Bridge program. Applicants must have completed their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credits). Seniors can find the application on the HCC Upward Bound website.



Upward Bound alumni students Ashleigh Godish, Keeva Curry, Alysa Conomos, and Santana Stevens