

UB Scholarship Winner

Each year Upward Bound Students and staff raise funds for the Upward Bound Scholarship fund. A huge thanks to anyone who contributed either time, or financial resources. We are happy to announce that this year's \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Rebecca Rooney from South Hagerstown High School. Becky joined Upward Bound as a freshman, she had outstanding attendance at Upward Bound activities, was inclusive of other students and enjoyed making people laugh. She attends Hagerstown Community College to pursue a degree in computer science with the goal of owning her own computer repair business called, Techy Becky. We hope this fund will continue to grow so we can continue to provide resources to our students as they work to achieve their hopes and dreams.



What's happening for UB Students?

Check out the dates below to see what events the UB Students have coming up in 2017!



UB Students had a great trip to Gettysburg College this fall. They attended information sessions, got a tour, and played in the leaves!



While on a tour of George Mason University, UB Students wrote on a freedom of speech ball. What a cool way to explore our constitutional rights!

Upward Bound is currently accepting applications. 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.

2-3 No School

7 Saturday Session @WHS

16-17 No School

16 MLK Day @ HCC

30 Parent Meeting

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11 Saturday Session @WHS

20 No School

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18 Saturday Session @WHS

24 Wizards Sports Career Day

27 Parent Meeting

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8 Saturday Session @WHS

10-17 No School

13-15 Incentive Trip *Limited Seating*

29 MARYLAND DAY @ UM College Park

| MAY 2017 | | | | | | |
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20 Saturday Session @WHS

22 Parent Meeting

29 No School

| JUNE 2017 | | | | | | |
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1 Last day of Tutoring

8 Tentative Last Day

16 Summer Orientation

19-7/28 Summer Academy @HCC (8-1)

23 University of Virginia

30 George Washington

| JULY 2017 | | | | | | |
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4th HCC Closed

7 U.S. Naval Academy

14 Washington & Jefferson

21 Towson University

28 Incentive SA Trip

August 2 UB Reception

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While trying to cool off during the summer program, UB students run from the torrent of water created by the fountain outside HCC's Career Programs Building.

The TRIO Upward Bound program has been hosted by Hagerstown Community College since 2012 and is well into its fifth year of dedicated work. The Upward Bound program assists 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 high schools: Hancock Middle-Senior High School, North Hagerstown,

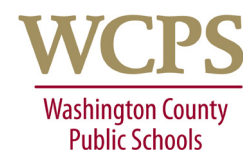
South Hagerstown, and Williamsport High School. Students may also transfer to, and attend Washington County Technical High School, and remain in Upward Bound. UB Students receive many services throughout the program that include, but are not limited to: after-school tutoring, Saturday sessions (including financial aid, scholarship information, college and career research, guest speakers, and more), academic guidance and counseling, college visits, a rigorous six-week summer academy at HCC (tuition and fees are paid for via grant funds), student service learning opportunities, transportation services, and meal services during activities. The Upward Bound program continues to broaden the scope of possibility, wonder, and achievement among its students.



Students gather outside the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C.



UB students grinning during their tour of George Mason University.



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New Upward Bound Advisor



Jacob Rockwell: Upward Bound Advising and Assessment Specialist

The Upward Bound program is excited to introduce its new Advising and Assessment Specialist, Jacob Rockwell. Jacob, a graduate of Shepherd University, is thrilled to be a member of the Upward Bound team here at HCC. He looks forward to being a resource for all UB students as they travel their own path to educational and personal success. His own path to college graduation was by no means simple or easy. He attended three different institutions before completing his bachelor's degree. He remembers the challenges and fears that students face, while making these huge life-changing decisions and hopes to aid in the process wherever possible. Jacob is a firm believer in the power of strong communities and hopes that Upward Bound will be an exceptional community for students, staff, and families alike to safely accept challenges and learn to thrive despite obstacles they may face. He loves being outdoors (hiking, biking, canoeing, climbing, etc.), listening to (and making) music, and the expedition taken on while reading a good book. If you have questions or thoughts for Jacob, please feel free to reach out to him with the contact information on the first page of the newsletter.

Summer Academy

Upward Bound hosts an extensive summer academy program here at HCC. The program offers a variety of benefits which include the ability to earn high school elective credit toward high school graduation or college credits during the six-week program. Field trips are incorporated on Fridays for college visits and cultural enrichment activities. During the 2016 summer program trips included Penn State University, George Mason University, Juniata College, Washington College, Delaware State University, and Washington, D.C.



Group picture during a guided tour of the U.S. Capitol Building during the field trip to DC.



Meeting Curious George at University of Maryland's MD Day was truly a larger than life experience!



Students waiting at Union Station for the Big Bus tour of DC.



Upward Bound Students working hard to earn Student Service Learning hours with an outdoor beautification project.



Incentive Field Trip: New York City

With the program excelling, Upward Bound staff decided to incorporate a two-day trip to an out-of-state destination as a program incentive. Based on a set of eligibility requirements centered on program participation and grades in school, specific students received the opportunity to attend the trip. In May 2016, UB students and staff visited New York City and stopped at New Jersey City University (NJCU) for an information session and campus tour along the way. Following the NJCU experience (which was amazing!), students and staff traveled to Times Square for dinner at Hard Rock Café. Students were also able to explore the hustle and bustle of NYC following dinner. After a long, and exhausting day, we checked into a hotel in New Jersey with overnight security. On the second day, students and staff embarked on the ferry tour for the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. We ate lunch at an authentic Italian restaurant along the Hudson River, and then headed back to HCC. The NYC trip went so well that staff are in the process of planning another overnigher to Boston, MA during spring break 2017.

"In the process of joining upward bound I made a lot of new friends and got to meet new staff that became my mentors." Jazmin Techie-Mensah

"Upward Bound not only prepared me for college but prepared me for life as well. It was a great experience." Christina Aviles

"Upward Bound has a whole bunch of wonderful opportunities for young adults who are in high school." Becky Rooney

Alumni Spotlight



Natalie Rudisill, a former Williamsport High School student, was one of the first students to participate in the initial year of the TRIO Upward Bound program in 2012. Through both the Upward Bound and the Essence Programs Natalie was able to complete 22 college credits at HCC prior to enrolling as a full-time student at University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). Natalie is now a senior at UMBC in the Mechanical Engineering program. She's involved with Baja SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) as

the treasurer, steering design lead, and logistics coordinator. Natalie's Baja SAE team builds off-road vehicles for competitions across the country. Over the summer, Natalie completed an internship with the Department of Defense; as a result of her strong work ethic, she was offered a full-time position as a facilities engineer upon college graduation! Way to go, Natalie – we are so proud of you!

"My mom loves it. It's less stress on her because she knows absolutely nothing about college." Nathan Francis