UB Seniors encouraged to apply for Scholarship opportunity



In addition to regularly scheduled activities, Upward Bound staff and students continually raise funds throughout the year for the UB Scholarship Fund. Between basket drawings, Zumbathon, and the Roy Rodgers fund-raising event, the fund has grown to more than \$1000. Thank you to all who have contributed time and energy to this task! All UB graduating seniors may apply by downloading the application from the UB website. All applications are due on June 30, 2016. A committee will review applications and UB staff will award one \$1000 scholarship to the selected student during the annual Upward Bound Banquet on August 3, 2016.

Upward Bound is currently interviewing rising freshman for the 2016-17 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.



04/30/2016: Students attend Maryland Day - exploring their world of fearless ideas. UB students spoke with staff and college students at several events and exhibits that spanned across the entire campus



March 12, 2016: Professor Paula Roberts teaches part-time Biology of Infectious Diseases at Mount St. Mary's University as well as here at HCC. She volunteered her time on a Saturday morning delivering a "mock lecture" to Upward Bound students. As high school is a completely different environment than a college classroom, students ignited discussions with one another in a debriefing activity following the lecture.



Saturday Session material: Freshman and sophomore students practice sample PARCC questions in preparation for upcoming testing in school.







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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 70 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:

- funds).

- Breakfast and lunch during activities



09/26/15: UB students visited Johns Hopkins University Open House for an information session on various academic programs as well as campus tour. Students learned that JHU partners with MICA, offering students various opportunities in film, photography, music, etc.



The HCC Upward Bound program partnered with the University of Maryland Baltimore County Upward Bound program for national TRIO Day on February 27th. Students gathered in small groups for a Peer Group Connection discussion, focusing on the meaning and history of TRIO Programs, learning from one another, as well as comparing UB experiences.

Hagerstown Community College TRIO Upward Bound News

Spring 2016

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,

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

Student/community service learning hours. Transportation to and from activities.





11/14/15: UB students visited Hood College Open House for an information session on various academic programs and campus tour. Williamsport student, Sarah Osborne, is interested in applying to Hood in the future.

FAFSA COMPLETION:

100% of graduating UB students completed their FAFSA by the March 1st deadline.

93% OF UB **STUDENTS**

achieved a 2.5 GPA or higher in 2015.

100% OF UB **STUDENTS**

continued to the next grade level or graduated high school in 2015.

ACCORDING TO THE US BUREAU **OF LABOR AND** STATISTICS.

69% of 2015 high school graduates were enrolled in colleges/universities in the fall: and, in comparison, 88% of UB seniors started college in the fall immediately following high school graduation.

Alumni Spotlight: HCC UB records first graduate

Jenaya Francis first heard about Upward Bound as a senior at North Hagerstown High School. Though Upward Bound had just implemented program activities for the first year, she was eager to get started. Upon interviewing lenaya for Upward Bound, staff knew she was a motivated young adult. Jenaya spoke of her ambitious goals and her passion for helping others. As a graduating senior, Jenaya participated in the UB Summer Bridge where she was able to transition from high school to college with the guidance of UB staff. |enaya successfully completed ENG-099 and MAT-100, earning an A in both



courses. Jenaya may have started in remedial courses, but she was determined to excel. As of May 2015, two years out of high school, Jenaya earned an Associate of Science degree in Business Administration. Jenaya then enrolled in Award Beauty School and will have her cosmetology license in December 2016. Early on, Jenaya knew she could not simply work a nine-to-five job. She says, "Life is an opportunity, and I can't sit back and work every day in a place that I do not enjoy." She loves what she is doing, and plans to open her own business one day. Jenaya aspires to motivate others every day, as she says, "I have a passion and want to use it!" Though she was not a participant in Upward Bound for long, staff were able to provide guidance as well as an opportunity to transition to college.

Congratulations to UB Graduates!

Kassandra Almonte, HCC Nicholas Andreaccio, HCC Darius Bowie, HCC Kyra Boyd, Langston University Shabree' Brown, Towson University Jordan Douglas, Shepherd University Jaelin Farrell, Widener College Malaysha Kay, Shenandoah University Sheniesha Lake, Shippensburg University

Chad Leather, HCC Hunter McBee, Allegany College Carlie Monninger, HCC Mariah Orr, Shippensburg University Dusty Pine, HCC Bethany Pruchniewski, HCC Rebecca Rooney, HCC Brooke Stotler, HCC Harmony Stotler, HCC

2016 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, 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 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. Pending final confirmation, Friday field trips for this summer include:

- June 24th Penn State University College Fair & campus tour
- George Mason University uly 1 st
- Juniata College July 8th
- July 15th Washington College
- Delaware State University July 22nd
- Washington, DC (White House & Capitol building, museums & monuments) July 29th



11/2/15: National Emergency Training Center, FEMA; individuals from around the world attend seminars and trainings at NETC throughout the year. Students learned about FEMA Corps - a program that prepares 18 to 24 year olds for careers in emergency management and related fields. FEMA Corps is a devoted unit of 1600 service members dedicated to preparedness, response and recovery.



11/3/2016: Students visited National Institutes of Health (NIH) - the largest biomedical research facility in the world and is located in Bethesda, Maryland! With over 20,000 employees, NIH is comprised of 27 different institutes and centers specializing in various research disciplines. Students received a guided tour of various buildings on campus, including the National Library of Medicine.



11/2/15: College visit to the Mount! Students spoke with UB alumni Faith Hargett about her first semester experience in college.

"Honestly, the best part of joining Upward Bound was making friends with not only students but the staff as well. I feel like I gained relationships I'll have forever."

- Chrissy Aviles, Johnson & Wales University

"I joined UB for the field trips and free classes during summer academy. Rather than just hearing about colleges, we had the opportunity to visit several different types. The college classes during summer academy helped with the transition from high school to college."

– Keeva Curry,

Morgan State University

"With the Saturday Sessions and trips, I felt I gained a lot of information on how to decide what college to choose as well as what to study while in college. I actually felt prepared prior to entering my senior year so I wasn't too stressed out with college stuff."

– Amber Leisinger, Hagerstown Community College