

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

UPWARD BOUND



HEADLINES

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Refer-A-Friend Incentive

Upward Bound is happy to announce a new program addition: The Refer a Friend Incentive! It's no secret that Upward Bound is a wonderful program that offers its members endless opportunities for their growth and we recognize that Upward Bound Students are well connected in their schools. Starting this month, fully-admitted Upward Bound members can earn up to \$25 per year for referring eligible students to join the program. For more information and specific eligibility requirements, please contact our office or talk to one of the program staff members during a College Club session.



ACT/SAT Prep

Choose the word or set of words that, when inserted in the sentence, best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

When, in 1864, a factory established by Alfred Nobel to manufacture nitroglycerin blew up, the scientist discovered that the explosive was as ----- as it was powerful, ----- to detonate without warning.

- (A) dormant . . ready
- (B) fickle . . unlikely
- (C) volatile . . liable
- (D) unprecedented . . intended
- (E) inactive . . designed

Answer: (C) volatile...liable



Students taking a snack break during College Club

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Famous Upward Bound Alum

Did you know that actress Angela Evelyn Bassett (Vance) is an Upward Bound Alum!?

She was born in Harlem on August 16, 1958, the daughter of Betty Jane (Gilbert) and Daniel Benjamin Basset. Her parents separated when she was young and she and her sister moved from North Carolina to St. Petersburg, Florida, where they were raised by their mother who was a civil servant/social worker. In 1970, to integrate St. Petersburg schools, Angela was bussed out of her neighborhood to attend middle school at Disston Middle School and then was bussed to Azaela Middle School for 8th and 9th grade. Her mother became more involved in her and her sister's education and told them they would attend college.

At Boca Ciega High School, Angela became a member of the Upward Bound program and was also active in the drama club, student government, cheer-leading, choir and the debate team. During high school, she was the first African American student at Boca Ciega High School to be admitted to the National Honor Society. She went on to attend Yale University and received her Bachelor's Degree in African American Studies in 1980 and then went on in 1983 to earn a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Drama, also from Yale University. After graduation, Angela worked as a receptionist in a beauty salon and also as a photo researcher, but soon started looking for acting work in New York City. One of her first acting jobs came in 1985, when she was cast in J. E. Franklin's *Black Girl* at the Second Stage Theatre in New York. She continued to act in New York until moving to Los Angeles in 1988, where she became well known after her roles in the films *Boyz in the Hood* (1991) and *Malcolm X* (1992). She has continued to act in many critical films including: *I*, *Tina*, *Rosa Parks*, and *Akeelah and the Bee*. In 2003, she provided the narration for *Unchained Memories*, a reading of slave narrative transcripts from a WPA project that was funded during the Great Depression. During this Writer's Project, 2,300 former slaves were interviewed and these interviews were recorded and added to the Library of Congress.

In addition to her acting work, Angela is an active supporter of the arts, especially for youth. She also works with children in foster care and for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. In addition, she is a UNICEF ambassador and is active with the Royal Theater Boys and Girls Club in her hometown of St. Petersburg Florida. The Royal Theater is one of the first performing arts Boys and Girls Clubs in the country.

We'll be reading about you someday because...."It's not where you start, but where you finish. See you at the top!"



Angela Bassett, Actor

EMU Basketball

On Saturday, January 17th Upward Bound attended an EMU double-header basketball game, both of which were victories for the Eagles! Students snacked on brownies and beverages in our very own private box, donated to Upward Bound by EMU Athletics. Thanks to Dr. Russ Olwell, Director of ISCFC, for providing the brownies and for arranging this amazing experience for our students!



Student Shout-Out: Davieon McFarland

Over the last semester, we have seen a tremendous shift in Davieon's attitude, work ethic, & confidence. He comes to College Club ready to work, asks relevant and thoughtful questions, and is a positive encouragement to those around him. We are expecting to continue to see wonderful things from him as he enters his senior year. Congratulations Davieon! We are so proud of you!



Parents Involved in Education (P.I.E)

Eastern Michigan University Upward Bound program is pleased to announce our parent association: **Parents Involved in Education (PIE)**. The December Christmas gathering was a success. Stationed in the far left-hand corner of the EMU Lake house was the table decorated and filled with Domino's pizza, Nu Wave wing-dings, Ms. Foster's pasta salad and Ms. Scott's "um...um... Good chocolate cake". Smiling faces from the Upward Bound students approached the table with delight as they were served the food that was donated by PIE. The room was filled to capacity. Staff members noted, "We will definitely need a bigger room next year". **A BIG THANK-YOU** to the parents who came out and/or gave their donations to make this gathering a success!!

WHAT IS PIE?

PIE has two main purposes:

1. To fundraise book scholarships for our students that are headed to college.
2. To provide valuable information to help Upward Bound Parents remain enlightened on issues that affect Upward Bound Students.

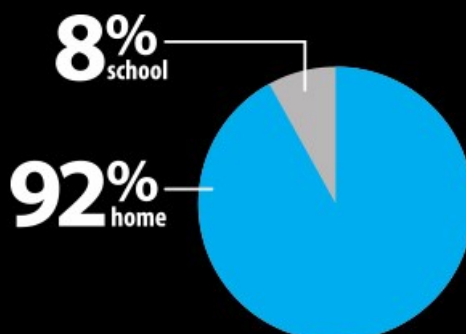
As a parent or guardian of an Upward Bound student, or alumnus, you are automatically a valued member of PIE. **THERE ARE NO FEES OR DUES.**

You have already demonstrated your support by guiding your student in his/her decision to focus on educational achievement. Your participation in our first PIE activity demonstrates your continued support of this program and is greatly appreciated by the Upward Bound staff.

Our next PIE meeting will be held on February 19, 2015, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Halle Library. ALL Upward Bound PARENTS must attend. Mark your calendars and save the date. A happy, healthy and prosperous new year to you all.

Peace,

Ms. Dankins



HOW TIME IS SPENT From Birth Through High School

Because 92% of a child's life is spent at home, parental engagement is critical. It starts with YOU.

Mark your calendar

- ⇒ Senior Seminar: Saturday, January 24; 10am—12pm, 111 Halle Library
- ⇒ ECA Shadow Day: Monday, January 26; 8:30-Noon or Noon-3:30 (must register in advance)
- ⇒ Group Meeting: January 29; 6—8pm, Halle Library
- ⇒ Senior Seminar: Saturday, February 7; 10am—12pm, 111 Halle Library
- ⇒ ECA Shadow Day: Monday, February 16; 8:30-Noon or Noon-3:30 (must register in advance)
- ⇒ Senior Seminar: Saturday, February 21; 10am—12pm, 111 Halle Library

It's not where you start, but where you finish. See you at the top!



Upward Bound is a federally-funded, pre-college program designed to provide high school students with academic enrichment as well as the information and motivation necessary to obtain a college degree. There are over 900 Upward Bound programs in the United States; Eastern Michigan University's Upward Bound Program has consistently and successfully served Ypsilanti students since 1967.

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