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*"Intelligence plus
character - that is the
goal of true education."*

*-Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr.*

Spartan Green & White



On Friday, February 14, Upward Bound traveled to Michigan State University for a tour of one of the largest campuses in the nation. Our day began with an admissions presentation, providing an overview of the campus, its offerings, and resources. We learned the campus was home to 522 buildings, 3 different medical schools, and over 48,000 students!

After the admissions presentation, we took a walk to the planetarium and examined the night sky. A video projected onto the ceiling explained how stars are born and die and allowed us to travel the Milky Way from our reclined seats. We learned how to spot the North Star, outlined some constellations, and took a ride on a space roller coaster before heading to lunch.

Lunch at Brody Hall is all you can eat (which our gentlemen took full advantage of) with options to satisfy any craving. Mexican, Italian, and of course, dessert were top choices of our group. Upward Bound alumni who now attend MSU joined us and shared their experiences and transition tips with our students.

Finally, it was time to see campus. We were led on tour by current MSU students and saw a practice basketball court complete with NCAA trophies, the academic services building for athletes, and a residence hall. No trip to MSU would be complete without meeting Sparty, and he was the last stop on tour. It was chilly and much of the walking was done outside, so we ended the day with hot chocolate before boarding the bus for the trip home.



MSU Fast Facts

- ♦ Founded in 1855
- ♦ 200 majors
- ♦ Study Abroad opportunities in more than 60 countries
- ♦ More than 542,000 alumni



NCAA basketball trophies on display at MSU. The team has played in 27 tournaments.

Shining Stars

Olivia Davis is one of our hardest working juniors and sets high academic standards for herself. We are very proud of her for earning a 4.1 GPA last semester! She has said that her goal is to maintain that standard next semester and into her senior year so she has the best chance possible at being awarded scholarships.

Senior year is an exciting and challenging time in high school. Students work to prepare for

college, finish high school strong, and many begin applying or do work at after school jobs. **Jimmy Murray** has excelled this year with time management, academic and Upward Bound excellence, and applying for jobs. He has prepared himself well for college and will be a standout student at the University of Toledo.

Is there an Upward Bound student you know who has excelled in the classroom, in the workplace, or in the community? Tell us about it! Send a message to Ms. Mulka or Ms. Hawkes and each newsletter we'll recognize students for their outstanding efforts!

Olivia, Ms. Martin, & Jessica at College Club.



"The college visits in all the states, and all over Michigan, honestly allowed me to get a better understanding what college really is and all the things it could help you with."

~Summer Academy Participant, 2012



Summer Academy 2014

Summer Academy is arguably the most well-known of all the programs within Upward Bound. It's the part students are most nervous about at first, then begin to look forward to as they continue on in the program. "It's the part of Upward Bound that will change you, and for me it changed me for the better," said Tyrone Coleman, a senior at Ypsilanti New Tech.

We are in the process of planning Summer Academy right now and student packets will be available soon. If you are a freshman or a sophomore, you've maintained a 2.5 GPA this past year, and you've never participated in Summer Academy before, get ready for an experience that will make an impact!

What to Expect at Summer Academy

- ✓ Collegiate living experience
- ✓ College-prep courses
- ✓ Weekly college tours
- ✓ Annual basketball competition
- ✓ Talent Show
- ✓ Evening Activities
- ✓ End of the summer out of state field trip
- ✓ Closing celebration
- ✓ New friends
- ✓ New challenges
- ✓ New discoveries

Advanced ACT Prep is Coming to College Club!

Upward Bound is excited to announce that it will be rolling out a new and comprehensive ACT preparation program, called Reading Plus, as part of College Club activities. Reading Plus is an online program that provides personalized instruction to help students develop strong reading comprehension skills. The key to earning high scores on the ACT is knowing how to read carefully and critically. Reading Plus is Upward Bound's way of helping

students develop those skills.

One of the exciting things about the program is that students can continue their lessons at home. If you have a computer and Internet access at home, you can encourage your student to complete additional Reading Plus lessons to help them increase their reading comprehension skills at a much faster rate. It's never too early to start preparing for the ACT!



CAPACITY

- Vocabulary Level
- Comprehension Level

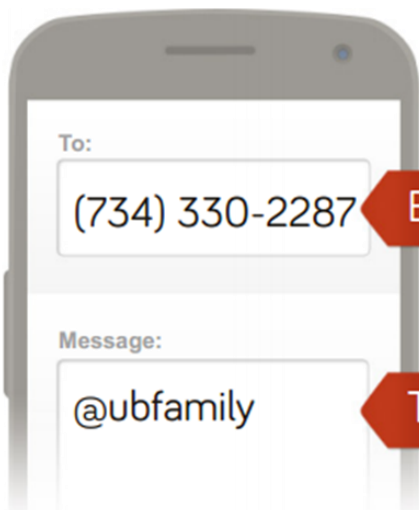
EFFICIENCY

- Reading Rate
- Visual Skills Screening

MOTIVATION

- Extrinsic
- Self-Efficacy
- Value
- Interest

Stay in the Loop! Sign up for Text Alerts!



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Text this message

To keep on top of cancellations, updates, and important reminders, sign up for Upward Bound Program text alerts! Rest assured we won't text you all the time!

Sign-up is easy!

Standard text message rates apply.

Upward Bound's New Staff Member!

On January 20th, Upward Bound welcomed its newest staff member, Stephanie Hawkes, making the program fully staffed. Stephanie serves as the program's second Academic Program Specialist.

Hailing from Detroit, Stephanie has had a life-long passion for education. In 2010 she earned her Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education for Language, Literature, and Writing from Eastern Michigan University and chose to continue on at EMU to earn a Master's in Educational Leadership for Higher Education/ Student Affairs in 2012. Stephanie worked at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana as an Assistant Director for the Purdue Promise Program.



In her current role, Stephanie works with planning and facilitating academic support initiatives for Upward Bound students to help them achieve the highest grades possible. She, along with the program's other Academic Support Specialist Haley Mulka, works closely with the students and program tutors during College Club. Stephanie's professional interests lie in student development theory, academic success and support programming, and college access. Outside of work, Stephanie enjoys crafting, sewing, cooking and baking, and learning new things.



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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.

Worthy of Note

- ☑ **Group Meeting/Career Fair: March 25, 6-8p.m.**
- ☑ **Scholarship Essay Writing Day: March 29, 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.**
- ☑ **Final Senior Seminar: April 12, 10a.m.-Noon**
- ☑ **Parent Meeting (UB/ECA): May 10, Noon-2:00p.m.**

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

