

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

UPWARD BOUND



HEADLINES

March
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Annual Career Fair

On March 26th, the annual Career Fair took place in Halle Library. Fifteen professionals from a variety of fields donated their time to talk with students about their careers and what it took to get to where they are today. Some of the professionals students got the opportunity to speak to included:

- Automotive Engineers
- Zoo Keeper
- Counselors & Social Workers
- Human Resources Manager
- Accountant
- Entrepreneur
- Nurse
- Dentist

Thank you to all the professionals who came after their work day to encourage our students! Thank you Dr. Russ Olwell & Nick Azzaro for their support and photos!



Student Mentorship Award

Congratulations to Biyi Akinlude (Mr. B as he is fondly known to our students and staff) for receiving the EMU Student Gold Medallion Award for Outstanding Mentorship! Mr.

B has been part of the Upward Bound team for 5 years and has served as both a tutor and peer advisor during that time. He has taught ACT prep, coached students through academic difficulties, and challenged students to go above and beyond personally, socially, and academically. We are grateful for all he has done for our students and our program!



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MI-CAPP Student Leadership Summit

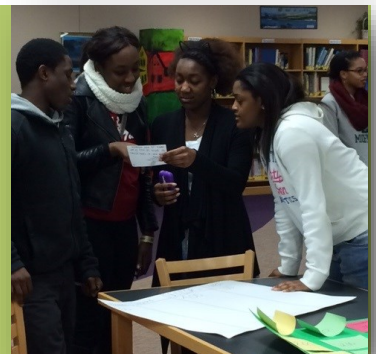


On March 20, Ms. Fong, Ms. Rankins, and four students: Brandon McCormick, Rodney Cannon, Michaela Justice, and Tori Williams hopped into the Upward Bound van and headed to Traverse City and the Great Wolf Lodge for a conference. Each year, the Michigan College Access Programs and Personnel (MI-CAPP) hosts a Student Leadership Summit and TRiO Day to help high school and college students learn more about TRiO programs like Upward Bound as well as enhance their leadership and college success skills.

Over the three-day event, our students and staff participated in conference workshops such as “Leadership Keys to Success” and “Building Blocks to a Bachelor’s Degree.” When students were not engaged in workshops, they attended a scholarship banquet honoring TRiO students, had a great time in the Great Wolf Lodge water park, walked on Lake Michigan, and learned some new travel games. We even met former EMU Upward Bound student Kendra Caldwell, who is now excelling at Michigan State University and was asked to be one of the panel speakers at the conference! We were also happy that, despite Ms. Fong’s *repeated* declarations, no bears were seen! Rodney, Tori, Michaela, and Brandon made our Upward Bound family very proud and felt that the conference was very beneficial. The staff agreed and hopes that with scholarship nominations sent to the conference committee next year, we’ll see some of our own Upward Bound students honored at the scholarship banquet.

During the month of February at College Club, students participated in Black History Month Jeopardy, an idea brought to life by veteran tutor Tyra Martin. “One day, [a student] and I were talking about the movie Selma, and what [the student] said broke my heart.” To help students better understand the Civil Rights Era, Ms. Martin researched a series of questions and created a game board. Students created team names and each week participated in the contest to see who could earn the most points.

In the end, our seniors came out on top. But the competition was a huge hit; each week students came to College Club asking when the next Jeopardy round would be. Thanks to Ms. Martin, we have new February tradition.



Our seniors huddle up to discuss the best answer to the question of the week.

Student Shout-Out: Rodney Cannon



This month we recognize Rodney Cannon for stepping outside his comfort zone in more ways than one. During College Club, we have seen him ask more questions and seek more feedback, and we are especially proud of him for taking a chance and attending the MI-CAPP conference. The conference was a great experience, and Rodney has said he would mentor a younger UB student next year so they can be part of a unique opportunity. Keep up the great work, Rodney!

Summer Academy

It's hard to believe, but Summer Academy is just around the corner! Students are required to participate in Summer Academy at least once during their Upward Bound membership period, and packets for this year's program are due Friday, May 1. Remember: if you have to attend summer school, you cannot participate in Summer Academy. Contact the UB office at 734.487.0488 with any questions!



A BIG thank you goes out to our College Club tutors! They have been instrumental to our program's success!

- Biyi Akinlode
- Alexandrya Bardell
- Xavier Cornelius
- Dorethia Delridge
- Reginald Hammond Jr.
- Dinah Hudson
- Shanae Jackson
- Zubin Kahn
- Tyra Martin
- Ebony Mundy
- Candice Potts
- Shannon Schroeder

Mark your calendar

- ⇒ Senior Celebration: Wednesday, April 8, 6:00-8:00p.m., Roosevelt Auditorium. This is also our final Group Meeting for the year.
- ⇒ Outstanding Student Trip: Friday, April 10
- ⇒ Final day of College Club: Thursday, April 16
- ⇒ Summer Academy packets due: Friday, May 1
- ⇒ Summer Academy Orientation: Thursday, June 4, 5:30p.m.
- ⇒ Summer Academy Move-In: Sunday, June 21, 6:00-7:00p.m.

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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