

Mark your calendar

- ⇒ Thursday, March 31: Last Day of College Club
- ⇒ Friday, April 15: Summer Academy Packets are due
- ⇒ Thursday, May 19: Summer Academy Orientation, 5:30-7:00p.m.
- ⇒ Saturday, May 21: Ypsi Pride Day, 9a.m.-3p.m.
- ⇒ Sunday, June 19: Summer Academy Move-In, 6:00p.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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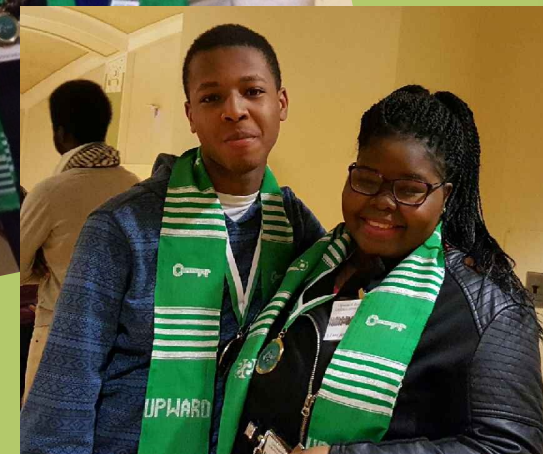
HEADLINES

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Congratulations 2016 Graduates!

On Tuesday, March 22, friends, family, and UB supporters gathered in McKenny Ballroom to celebrate with our senior class. Our graduates walked in on the red carpet and were treated to a special photo slideshow created by Ms. Bardell before D'Andre, Leah, and Diana took the stage to share their stories of success and advice with the audience. "Now that I'm leaving the program, I want to thank the staff

for pushing me to see the potential that they saw in me that I thought I would never see in myself," said D'Andre. Our seniors will now head to WCC, Wayne State, EMU, Schoolcraft, GVSU, and other places to pursue their passions, and we are proud to say they earned \$262,850.00 in scholarships to make those next steps possible. Class of 2016...you're kind of a big deal!



One surprise from the Senior Celebration was the presentation of a book scholarship from Ms. Rankins and the UB PIE (Parents Involved in Education) group. Best wishes as you begin your college journey, Darby!

Summer Academy 2016

Summer Academy is just around the corner! Students will move-in on June 19th and those who work hard and finish strong to earn the out of state experience will depart with us on July 25 and return July 27. We are excited to share that Friday classes will be centered around fitness, and students will have 4 options to select from: Zumba, Spinning, Kickboxing, and Yoga. Applications are due no later than Friday, April 15. We're looking forward to a memorable summer!



Junior Scholars

The Class of 2017 got off to a strong start with Junior Scholars, a program focused on SAT preparation and college research. Twelve students met all the attendance and assignment expectations to earn a tassel that can be worn at graduation. Congratulations scholars! Next stop: Senior Seminar!



Shout Out

Congratulations to YCHS lead teacher **Scott Heister** and UB senior **Diana Bernal-Canseco** on their TEDx presentation at EMU! "Tedx is designed to help communities, organizations and individuals to spark conversation and connection through local TED-like experiences." Their topic, STEMM education's impact on urban school districts, received a standing ovation! A video will be up on the UB Facebook page as soon as it becomes available. Congratulations on being selected to share "ideas worth spreading" Mr. Heister and Diana! We are very proud of you!



Let's give a round of applause for our outstanding tutoring team! These are the college mentors we rely on to help our UB students with more than just academics. They share their test-taking strategies, time management tips, and so much more that helps our students be prepared for all aspects of college. THANK YOU all for your dedication and hard work this year! [Back: Mr. H, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Davis, Mr. Ali, Ms. Nimer, Mr. Roberson, and Ms. Hawkes. Front: Mr. Khan, Ms. Potts, Ms. B, and Mr. Robinson. Not pictured: Ms. Humphrey, Ms. Shah, Mr. Bartell, Ms. Green, Ms. Bardell, and Ms. Seay]



To my Dear Upward Bound Scholars,
By now you likely know that I have accepted a new job at Wayne State University, but I wanted to write a letter to let you know how much you have made an impact on my life. In my last two weeks I had some time to reflect on my experience working with you all. I realize I will miss the laughs we've had, the triumphs you shared with me, and the challenges we worked through together. Not being able to listen to those stories and laugh with you every day will be hard.

I'll never forget driving the luxurious Upward Bound van to the high school and trying to park it in one swoop--those of you who rode with me know how great a driver I am ;-). My fondest memories will always be the great times we had in Summer Academy. There were some tough moments, but it was through Summer Academy that I got to know each of you on a deeper level. From our girls chat during our first Beauty Shop session that resulted in us all feeling closer or the fun we had last summer at the roller rink, courtesy of my super awesome playlist, I'll miss those kinds of moments the most.

I've learned so many thing from you all, but most of all I learned how talented each and every single one of you are. Know that you are stronger than you think and that you are capable of achieving great things, just so long as you work hard and keep positive. Not everything will go your way 100% of the time, but it's the lessons you learn from the detours and failures that make you the most successful. Please know that although I am not working at EMU, I am always here for you, and if you wind up going to Wayne State I'll see you again for sure. Keep in touch with me, hawkessa@gmail.com, I'd love to hear from you!

With Love Always,
Ms. Hawkes