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

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Football at The Factory

By Destiny Caddell-Prince, Student Columnist

On October 25 after an early morning session of senior seminar or taking the ACT, students joined UB staff at Boone Hall to head to The Factory for the Eastern Michigan vs. Northern Illinois football game. While waiting for the shuttle, which transports students from all over campus to The Factory, students had the opportunity to meet the new Upward Bound Director, Jennifer Fong. She came all the way from Toledo to join the group, and everyone was happy to meet her.

Students had a great time during the game, making the best of chanting with the cheerleaders, dancing as if they were Eastern's dancers, and yelling as if they were a part of the marching band. "I had a lot of energy, so I enjoyed myself," said senior Akela Powell-Allen. They also learned

some tough lessons, like buying food at the end, when it is more affordable as vendors try to sell out, is a better idea than buying costly fries at the beginning.

The weather made a huge impact on the day: nice, sunny and warm. Both teams played their hearts out, the cheering fans providing the Eagles with motivation to play strong. In the first quarter, NIU had a seven point lead on the Eagles, making the score 14-7. When the second quarter ended, the Eagles were not far behind with a score of 14-10. In the third quarter, neither team scored. Even though neither team scored the crowd was still full of excitement. The Huskies won

the game with a final score of 28-17.

Even though the Eagles lost the game, the support and love from the stands was incredible, and the UB participants agreed the day was incredible as well.

"It was fun. I really enjoyed getting to spend time with the students as well as getting to know the director," tutor Reginald Hammond, Jr. said.

Tutor Alexandrya Bardell agreed. "The game was fun, and I really wasn't expecting them to win; it was a matter of the experience."



The group waits for the shuttle to head to The Factory.



Shining Star

Ceon Broach, a freshman at Ypsilanti Community High School, has been named as this month's Shining Star. Ceon never fails to put her studies first and always comes prepared to work during College Club sessions. If she keeps up with her positive work ethic, we have no doubt that she will be successful in high school, college, and beyond!

Congratulations Ceon Broach!



Fast Facts

43,000 students attend the University of Michigan.

Every 5 weeks a new company is launched based on technologies discovered at U of M.

Maize & Blue

On November 4, a small group of Upward Bound students elected to brave the cold and visit the campus of the University of Michigan. Our day began at 9:00a.m. when we piled into the van and headed towards Ann Arbor.

After checking in, we were led into a large auditorium where about 100 other people had gathered. A Victor's Valiant video was shown, highlighting all the opportunities available to students at the University of Michigan. The video was followed by a presentation from an admissions representative that highlighted the steps in the application process, admissions requirements, and unique features of various departments. After a round of applause for our speaker, we were broken into small groups and pre-



pared to face the cold once more for a campus tour.

Our tour was led by a sophomore student studying motion science. She talked of her experiences on campus and showed off the Diag, the Law Library, some classrooms and computer labs, and an eatery.

"I like how big this campus is, but I don't like how close together everything is," said Tori, a sophomore. "Michigan State might be a better option for me." She isn't the only one who felt that way. D'Andre wore all his Spartan gear on tour.

After the tour we warmed up with hot cocoa and headed home. Maybe maize and blue isn't right for everyone, but that is part of the purpose of looking.



The Law Library, one of the quietest places on this bustling campus.

Welcome UB's New Director!

It is with great pleasure and honor that I greet each one of you as Eastern Michigan University's new Upward Bound Director. I am very excited and grateful to have been afforded the opportunity to work with the dedicated Upward Bound Staff and you, our Upward Bound parents and students.

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Toledo, and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Lourdes University. I am currently completing an Ed.D in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from Bowling Green State University where my research is focused on equity in education for underserved, urban students and schools.

The Eastern Michigan University Upward Bound Program has an excellent reputation among our schools and community partners as well as other departments on campus because of our hard work and dedication to college access and student success. I will of course continue to promote this culture of excellence. I look forward to meeting each of you soon and to working with you in the future!

Jennifer Fong

Outstanding Student Trip

On Friday, April 10th, Upward Bound will take a small group of outstanding students to a Detroit Pistons game at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The Pistons will be playing against the Indiana Pacers and after the game, students will be able to do post-game shots on the court. Upward Bound staff and tutors will observe students' behavior, participation, and academic performance throughout the year to determine who will qualify to go on the trip.

The minimum requirements to be considered for the trip include:

- Exemplary citizenship and behavior at ALL times
- No D's or F's on report cards
- Academic growth and discipline in core courses



Academic/Participation Improvement Plans



Upward Bound is committed to ensuring success for all of our students and every program offering is meant to help them in their personal and academic endeavors. As students move through their high school careers, we want to make sure they have the tools, skills, and grades necessary to attend the college or

university of their choice after graduation. One program support we are pleased to have in place is the Academic/Participation Improvement Plan & Con-

tract for students whose cumulative GPA doesn't meet the 2.5 requirement, or who aren't meeting the attendance requirements of the program. Please know that being placed on contract is not a penalty. Instead, we view this as an opportunity to give students more individualized support and encouragement to get them back on track and achieve success. Regardless if your student is on contract, let's continue to work together to help them stay focused as they work towards their goal of attending college.

Here's to a successful academic year!



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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.

Important Dates

- ☑ Senior Seminar: November 22, 10:00a.m.-Noon
- ☑ EMU Thanksgiving Break: November 26-28
- ☑ Senior Seminar: December 6, 10:00a.m.-Noon
- ☑ Group Meeting: **New Date!** December 11, 6:00-8:00p.m.

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

