



# Upward Bound Headlines

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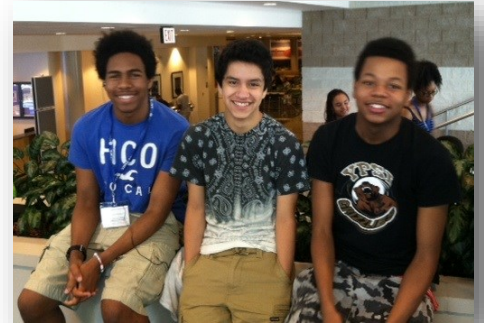
## Georgia on Our Minds

Students rushed the stage and began dancing, jumping, and screaming. "You really listened to us!" shouted one from the audience. The reaction to the news that the final trip would take us to Atlanta was one of the highlights of Summer Academy 2014.

After a 13 hour bus ride (made shorter by plenty of movies and naps along the way) we arrived! Our first stop was Georgia State University, nestled in the heart of the city. "I'm so glad we're here," said Jessica James, senior. "I've

always wanted to come down south for college; now I can see if it really works for me."

After an exceptional tour of campus, it was off to tour the CNN Studio. We rode the tallest free-standing escalator eight stories up to the newsroom, where we could hear the director giving commands to his crew for live tv. Our aspiring journalist, Destiny, had the opportunity to sit at the news desk and practice reading from the prompter



while Dominique and Lashia utilized the green screen to give us the weather report.

We then dove into the historic spots of the city: Spelman/Morehouse, the MLK National Historic Site, and The Varsity. The group split by gender for the college tours and reunited for a walking tour of the church, home, and final resting place of Martin Luther King, Jr. "This is really moving," commented one of the students. "I'm really glad we're here."

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

*-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



## Shining Stars



Throughout Summer Academy, we saw our senior class step up in many ways. Whether it was taking leadership during College Preview or Reading Plus, encouraging younger Upward Bound students, serving as panelists for Jumpstart, or leading the way during college visits, we were so impressed with their desire to lead and their professionalism when called upon to do so. Seniors, congratulations and thank you for such a memorable summer!



*Our summer seniors poised and ready for WCC's campus tour. Their preparation led to many stumped tour guides throughout the summer. We are so proud of each of you!*

## Farewell from Dr. Jackson

Dear Upward Bound Students and Parents,

I am writing to let you know that I am moving on from Upward Bound to be closer to my family in Detroit. I have accepted an offer to work with students at Wayne State University. I am confident that Upward Bound is in very good hands with Ms. Mulka, Ms. Hawkes, and Ms. Rankins. Dr. Russ Olwell, a strong advocate for Upward Bound and Director of the Institute for the Study of Children, Families and Communities, will serve as interim director. The search for the new director is already underway and they are making great progress.

My years with Upward Bound were full of wonderful memories of great achievement by our students. I consider myself blessed to work with such outstanding,

ambitious and dedicated students & families. Much has been invested in your future success and I am very confident that you will accomplish your goals of a college education. I will forever cherish my time with you. Remember that I am only a short drive away and will return to say farewell at the next group meeting. Stay focused and always do your absolute best. I will see you soon.

Sincerely,

*Mark A. Jackson*



# What to Watch For

You asked...we're listening! Upward Bound is working to make your suggestions come to life. Make sure you stay connected through text alerts, Facebook, College Club, and Group Meetings so you don't miss out on these trips in the works:

- EMU Football Game
- Academic Year College Tours (fall & spring)
- Pistons vs Pacers Game (invite only)
- Scholarship Essay Writing Day

Remember that you must be in good standing with UB in order to participate in these special events. We're looking forward to an awesome year!



*Students check motorized dummy Bob's vital signs on a Health Center tour at Schoolcraft College (below).*

**Meeting Sparty at MSU.**



*Students pause along the Detroit River Walk for a photo in front of the Renaissance Center.*

## Parents & Families! Stay in the Loop!



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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

- ☑ **First Group Meeting: Wednesday, September 24th**
- ☑ **Senior Seminar Kick-off: Saturday, September 27th**
- ☑ **College Club Kick-off: Monday, October 6th**

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

