

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

UPWARD BOUND



HEADLINES

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The sun has set on another Summer Academy, and this year our students had the opportunity to take part in some new classes and activities. For the first time, a typing course was offered in an effort to prepare students to efficiently write long papers in college. Our own Ms. Rankins was the instructor, and under her guidance we saw students go from typing 11 words per minute to 45 words per minute!

We also had guests from Toledo showcase their Steel Drum talents in a relaxing evening of music and dancing, as well as artists who helped us create fused glass projects, forever keepsakes for UB students. One of the biggest highlights came as UB defeated the EMU Police Department in the annual basketball game, making them 2-1 in the last 3 years. Congratulations, UB!

Thank you to all the parents, guardians, staff, and assistants who make this program possible! See you next year!



The heart & soul of Summer Academy, our PA team consists of college students who give up 6 weeks of their downtime to live on campus and guide students through all program components Sunday-Friday. We could not do this without them and their relentless dedication!



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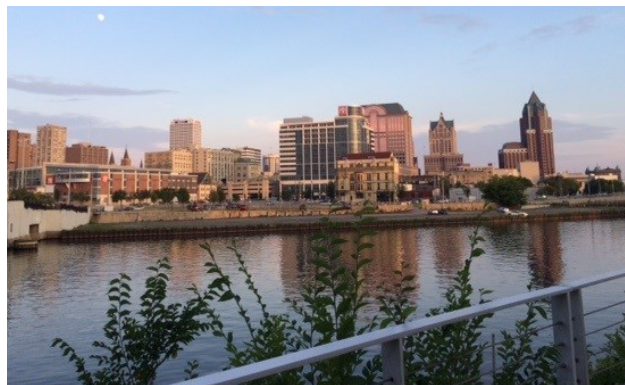
From Bowling to Butterflies: Exploring Wisconsin



After 7 hours on the bus, UB students and staff stepped onto the lanes in the bowling capital of the U.S. to see who could topple the most pins. It was good to start this year's Summer Academy Final Trip with an informal activity that required some movement, and after pizza and wings it was time to relax at the hotel and prepare for college tours the following day.

Our first tour was at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a sprawling, hilly campus near the water's edge. Known for its medical programs, this university also boasted many unique green spaces

and touches of nature. From there it was off to see Beloit, a small, private institution with an exception-anthropology program and study abroad opportunities. "I'm surprised at how much I like this school," commented one of the students. And that is precisely why we do these tours. After dining at Buca Beppo's, a well-known Italian eatery, we had the chance to explore downtown Milwaukee at the Riverwalk.



Our final day found us at Marquette University, another private school renowned for its marketing program. The campus is also home to Joan of Arc Chapel, a worship center that was built in France in the 1600's and is still used to conduct services 9 times per day during the academic year.

No trip to Wisconsin is complete without a visit to the Milwaukee Public Museum, one of the most comprehensive museums in the world. Students has a chance to explore a rainforest, butterfly house, ancient Africa, and the ocean expanding through 3 different floors. The days were full, but fun, and we are excited to see where next year takes us!

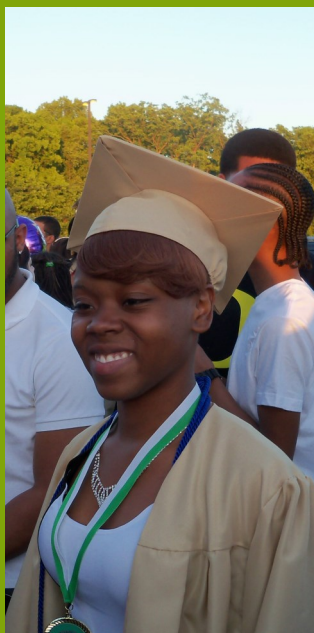
New Additions This Summer

This year, some new events made it into the Summer Academy lineup. PA Group time, which occurred twice per week in the evening, was an idea one of our veteran peer advisors, Ebony Mundy, shared in hopes it would allow students to get to know each other and their PA better. This time proved invaluable and is something we look forward to bringing back next summer. Additionally, Ms. Fong worked with a team of students to develop the Student Advisory Board, a group of emerging leaders who will consult with professional staff about UB programming and also take charge of arranging the fall college tour this year! We are excited to see what this group has in store for us in the coming months!

Shout Out

A special thank you goes out to Ms. Sade Kennedy, an EMU Upward Bound alum from the class of 2014, for all of her hard work and support during Summer Academy!

Sade assisted in a variety of behind-the-scenes logistics. Things wouldn't have run as smoothly without you!



Cue the Applause

We had an exceptional team of teachers, tutors, workshop facilitators, reading specialists, and a superb graduate intern who helped make the daily learning components of summer a reality. Thank you all for your dedication, planning, and enthusiasm throughout the 6 weeks. Our students could not have reached their goals without you!

Giving Students a “Jumpstart”

For the second year in a row, Upward Bound was able to offer incoming 9th grade Upward Bound students a preview of what it's like to be a part of Summer Academy by inviting them to participate in our Jumpstart program. During the fourth week of Summer Academy eight students got the chance to learn about “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens,” create vision boards of their goals for the future, read a thrilling graphic novel, and learn study strategies for math foundation skills.

Lastly, no Summer Academy preview would be complete without a college visit (to Oakland Community College) and overnight stay on campus. We're excited to have these new students join our program and hope that their experience has made them excited for the fall!



Mark your calendar

- ⇒ **Back to School: September 8**
- ⇒ **Senior Seminar: September 19, 10:00a.m.-Noon, Halle Library, Room 111**
- ⇒ **Group Meeting: October 1, 6:00-8:00p.m.**
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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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