



Upward Bound News

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Upward Bound Students Celebrate the New Year With Acceptance Letters

This past year Upward Bound seniors have been hard at work applying to the colleges and universities of their choice. And, now their hard work is paying off. Acceptance letters typically arrive between the months of December and March. Students must enroll in a college of their choice by April, 2006. The following students have applied to the following Institutions:

Paul Adams

Central Michigan University - accepted
Michigan State University - accepted *
University of Michigan - accepted

Randy Battle

Central Michigan University
Eastern Michigan University - accepted
Wayne State University

Jayzmyr Cheese

Howard University
University of Rochester

Samira Finley

Central Michigan University
Eastern Michigan University - accepted
Grambling State University

Kendra Glover

Arizona State University
Eastern Michigan University
Grand Valley State University
Robert Morris College
University of Toledo
Wayne State University

Tradell Hawkins

Bethune-Cookman University
Bowling Green State University
Eastern Michigan University
Florida A&M University

Jami Jones

Michigan State University
Central Michigan University
Eastern Michigan University
Kettering University

Kenyetta Lindsey

Central Michigan University
Eastern Michigan University - accepted
Grand Valley State University - accepted



John Phillips

Michigan State University - accepted
Norfolk State University - accepted
Southern University Baton Rouge - accepted

Candice Stratton

Eastern Michigan University - accepted
Michigan State University
Washtenaw Community College
Central Michigan University

Charles Tillerson

Central Michigan University
Eastern Michigan University
Northern Michigan University
Western Michigan University

Gabrielle Wares

Central Michigan University - accepted*
Grand Valley State University - accepted
University of Michigan



Natasha Williams

Central Michigan University
Eastern Michigan University
Purdue University

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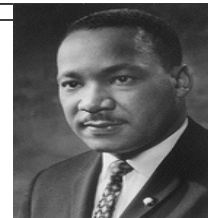
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“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable. Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.” — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In honor of Dr. King



Monday, Jan. 16, 2006 is a day that we honor a great man, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. King was a man of action. He put his life on the line everyday to bring justice, freedom and human dignity to every human being.

Coretta Scott King, said that her husband’s “vision filled a great void in our nation, and answered a collective longing to become a country that truly lived by its noblest principles.” Though Americans across the nation commemorate this great man’s birth by taking a day off, Coretta Scott King urged that we not have a “day off” but instead, a “day on.” She further states that Martin Luther King Day should not be just a day of remembrance but also a day of action; a day we pay tribute by holding teach-ins and volunteering to be of service to communities in need.

In honor of King, Upward Bound staff and seven Upward Bound students participated in several educational events on Jan. 16 at Eastern Michigan University. The Black Student Caucus, the Department of African American Studies and staff and students from across campus organized campus “teach-ins” to increase awareness and remembrance for the beliefs and ideologies of King. The following students joined staff in honoring King.

LaTisha Campbell
Jesse Campbell
Sergio Espinoza

Fred Mills
Devon Haywood

LaShawn Williams
Myesha Johnson

Step, look, listen and breakfast, 8:30-10 a.m., McKenny Union Ballroom.
Stories of Justice: Six Figures Playback Theatre Company, Tower Room.
Presidential luncheon, noon-1:30 p.m., Eagle Crest Marriott Conference Center.
Keynote speaker Alan Page, 3 p.m., Pease Auditorium.
CloseUP Theatre Troupe, 4:15 p.m., Pease Auditorium.

The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of giving.

With all the glimmering lights, the fancy trees, the TV commercials and the last minute shopping frenzy, its easy to forget about the true spirit of Christmas.

However, Upward Bound sophomore Kia Cunegin didn’t forget. Every Christmas, Kia and her mother, Gloria Etzel, donate their time to the Salvation Army to help communities in need for the holidays.

This year, Kia organized a group of Upward Bound students to help sort donated food items for the Salvation Army’s Christmas food drive. Students volunteered their time after school one December evening to sort through boxes and boxes of canned corn, beans, soup and cereal; there were so many different kinds of food items, including international and baby foods.

This past Christmas, the Salvation Army was able to assist more than 600 with food baskets for the holidays thanks to the volunteering spirit of people like Kia, her mother and the following students:

Britnee Brewer

Felicia Parris

Jeren Thompson



“There is a spirit and a need and a man at the beginning of every great human advance. Every one of these must be right for that particular moment of history, or nothing happens.” — Coretta Scott King

February is Black History Month



Carter G. Woodson

1875-1950

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as "Negro History Week" and later as "Black History Month" What you might not know is that black history had barely begun to be studied or even documented when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books.

We owe the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents who were former slaves, he spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines. He did not enroll in high school until the age of 20. He graduated within two years and later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard University. The scholar was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the black American population and when blacks did figure into the picture, it was generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at the time. Woodson, was always one to act on his ambitions and so he decided to take on the challenge of writing black Americans into the nation's history.

He established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915, and a year later he founded the widely respected *Journal of Negro History*. In 1926, he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history. Woodson chose the second week of February for Negro History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the black American population, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. However, February now has much more than Douglass and Lincoln to show for its significance in black American history.

Student of the Month
By Mr. Baskin

LaTisha Campbell was chosen as Upward Bound Student of the month because of her excellent commitment to her personal and academic success. LaTisha is an active member of the Upward Bound Student Advisory Board and serves on the cultural enrichment activities committee. LaTisha received the Mark of Excellence Award at our Summer Academy Banquet this past year and has nearly perfect attendance and citizenship at Upward Bound activities. She has also studied sign language and volunteers to assist at church and in her community with her sign language abilities.

Og Mandino, one of the most sought after speakers in the history of the United States and a National Speakers Association Hall of Famer, once said, "I am here for a purpose and that purpose is to grow into a mountain, not to shrink to a grain of sand. Henceforth I will apply all my efforts to become the highest mountain of all and I will strain my potential until it cries for mercy." Without a doubt, Upward Bound believes this quote significantly emulates the ideas and beliefs of LaTisha regarding her long term goals, as well as her academic achievements and extracurricular activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, LaTisha's parents, said, their daughter understands the value of her education. She is self-motivated, organized and uses her planner. In order to do her best, LaTisha sets goals for herself. One of her goals is to be valedictorian of her graduating class. LaTisha is very balanced, and does exceptionally well academically, but is also involved in extracurricular activities.

Academically, LaTisha pays attention in class and participates. She takes notes and reads the materials assigned; then she goes back and studies the notes and the assigned materials. She also uses the study guides that she is given to review. LaTisha completes all of her assignments fully and turns them in on time; she has mastered the point game and understands whoever earns the needed points gets an A. Lastly, LaTisha talks to her teachers and asks them questions or seeks help if needed. Very active in her church locally and on a national level (she believes in putting God first), and doing things together as a family, LaTisha is willing to help others which helps her also. LaTisha stated during her Upward Bound interview that she plans to become president of the United States of America and I think it's safe to say she is definitely on the right track!

Congratulations LaTisha!

Congrats to the following students!
Upward Bound Honor Roll

4.0

Paul Adams
LaTisha Campbell*
Kendra Glover
Marlin Johnson
Kwame Searcy

3.9-3.5

Brittney Braxton
Raven Battle
Kyra Caldwell
Jesse Campell
Kia Cunegin
Samira Finley
Octavia Gibson
Tradell Hawkins
Charrena Jones
Fred Mills
Kenyetta Lindsey
Felicia Parris
Kendra Smeaton
Sarah Smith
Anthony Strickland
Ayana Thomas
Mikael Thomas
Jeren Thompson
Ashley White

3.4-3.0

Britnee Brewer
Malcolm Bibins
Kayla Daily
Danny Douglas
Michelle Douglas
Sergio Espinoza
Richard Gore
Rudra Patel
Lance Provost
Deanna Roeska
Taylor Stone
Candice Stratton
Antonice Strickland

Senior Section



- Feb. 13 Last date to turn in completed financial aid application (FAFSA)
- Feb. 28 Last date to return corrected FAFSA (if necessary)
- March 15 Narrow down college choice
- April 1 Submit enrollment documents

Quote of the month!

"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong." — Mahatma Ghandi

Happy Birthday!

Be sure to wish these students a happy birthday when you see them.

January

- 1 Myesha Johnson
- 5 Nilima Patel
- 10 Antonice Strickland
- 15 Gabriel Ford
- 18 Natasha Williams
- 20 Charrena Jones
- 21 Nath-niel Bass
- 21 Kendra Smeaton
- 25 Gabrielle Wares
- 26 Taylore Murry
- 31 Ashley White

February

- 1 John Phillips
- 9 Marlin Johnson
- 18 Cree Dye
- 26 Lance Provost

Important Dates



Please place the following dates on your calendar.

- 01/11 College Club resumes at Ypsilanti High School (ISP Day)
- 01/12 College Club resumes at Willow Run High School (ISP Day)
- 01/14 Financial Aid Workshop 9:30-11 a.m. McKenny Union
- 01/16 No College Club/MLK Day festivities at EMU
- 01/25 Group meeting, 6-8 p.m. Halle Library Auditorium
- 02/03 Report cards due, Willow Run High School
- 02/13 Report cards due, Ypsilanti High School
- 02/15 Tool Tyme, Ypsilanti High School
- 02/16 Tool Tyme, Willow Run High School
- 02/20 No College Club, Ypsilanti High School
- 02/22 Group meeting (Career Night), 6-8 p.m. McKenny Union
- 03/17 Report cards due, Willow Run High School
- 03/18 Report cards due, Ypsilanti High School

Are you going to the Pistons vs. Miami Game On March 22?

It's the Upward Bound GPA Challenge

Upward Bound students have one more marking period to raise their GPA by .2! Example: 2.8 must improve to a 3.0
You can do it Upward Bound!!



ACT National Test Date Reminder

| <u>Deadline</u> | <u>Test Date</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Jan. 6, 2006 | Feb. 11, 2006 |
| March 3, 2006 | April 8, 2006 |
| May 5, 2006 | June 10, 2006 |

Contact Mr. Baskin for more info!

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Upward Bound Mission Statement

The Upward Bound program provides the academic support, college preparation, career exploration and personal growth necessary to help students excel academically, enroll in and graduate from college, set and accomplish their goals, and to realize their fullest potential as individuals.

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