



Academic Institute of Central Carolina TRiO Program

Upward Bound Insider

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Greetings from The Executive Director

Spring is in the air and the Upward Bound bug is biting. My staff and I are excited about what is in store for summer. Upward Bound received funding September 2017 and a lot of work has gone on behind the scene. Tutorials are now available and Academic Saturdays are scheduled. As planning continues, the summer experience is coming.

Why Upward Bound? Upward Bound strives to provide academic challenges and emotional and social support in order to raise students' self-concept, enhance their self-development and achieve their full potential. Starting at enrollment, students are encouraged to remain in the program and to achieve success in their academic and personal development throughout their high school careers into college.

This summer, Wingate University is hosting our residential program and is committing to the mission. During the summer experience, students live on campus and Upward Bound provides academic instruction, exposure to various elective courses, (i.e. Dance, drama debate, personal fitness, art). Summer further offers cultural activities, community service and loads of fun. So join us and witness the birth of this great new program in the Charlotte community.

See us at www.academicinstitute.education.

With Kind regards, Deborah Kingsberry, Executive Director

“NINE TENTHS OF EDUCATION IS ENCOURAGEMENT”

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What is Upward Bound?

The Academic Institute of Central Carolina newly funded Upward Bound Programs are designed to help first generation college bound high school students enter as well as succeed in post-secondary education. Qualifying students are selected from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and are ethnically, economically, and academically diverse individuals. Students selected to join the program must be in 9th -11th grade and attend one of the following schools:

East Mecklenburg High School

Garinger High School

Independence High School

Rocky River High School

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Important Dates to Remember

Academic Saturday
April 28, 2018-8:30am-1:00pm
East Mecklenburg High School

End of Year Celebration
May 19, 2018

Summer Session Commence
June 18, 2018

Residential Summer Session
July 8, 2018
Wingate University

Summer Trip
July 30-August 2, 2018



Upward Bound Objectives and Goals

The project must achieve six student objectives.

1. **Academic Performance-Grade Point Average (GPA): 65%** of participants served will have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better at the end of the school year.
2. **Performance on Standardized Test-55%** of UB students served during the project year, will have achieved at the proficient level on state assessments in reading/language arts and math.
3. **Secondary School Retention and Graduation- 85%** of project participants served during the project year will continue in school each year and graduate with a school diploma.
4. **Secondary School Graduation (rigorous secondary school program of study)- 40%** of all current and prior year UB participants, will complete a rigorous course of study and graduate school diploma.
5. **Postsecondary Enrollment-70%** of all current and prior UB participants, who at the time of entrance into the project had an expected high school graduation date in the school year, will enroll in a program of postsecondary education by the fall term immediately following high school graduation or will have received notification, by the fall term immediately following high school, from an institution of higher education, of acceptance but deferred enrollment until the next academic semester (e.g. spring semester).
6. **Postsecondary Completion- 40%** of participants who enrolled in college, will attain either an associate's or bachelor's degree within six years following graduation from high school.

Quote of the month

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

Parent's Corner



Know your Child's Friends

Friendships take on new meaning and importance as your child grows. Close friendships involve intense feelings, learning how to trust, learning to criticize with honesty, and feeling secure outside of the family.

With more friends and a wider range of interests and activities, your child may begin to spend less time at home. By knowing your child's close friends, you will learn a lot about your child.

1. Meet their friends.
2. Make sure the friends know they are welcome at your home.
3. Get to know the friends' parents.
4. Know where and with whom your child is spending time with.
5. Stay in touch with your child and have a back-up plan when your child cannot reach you.
6. When plans change and they will, make sure your child knows to get your approval.

Tips for Getting Good (or Better) Grades

1. Attend All Your Classes.
2. Learn Your Teachers.
3. Get/Stay Organized.
4. Use Time Wisely.
5. Take Good Notes.
6. Use Your Textbooks.
7. Follow Good Rules of Writing.
8. Study, Study, Study.
9. Become a Good Test Taker.



What is the difference between High School and College? A lot!! The Upward Bound Insider will introduce a new piece every month to help explain. This information is a reprint from Texas A&M University Student Counseling Services.

GRADES in HIGH SCHOOL

Grades are given for most assigned work.

Consistently good homework grades may raise your overall grade when test grades are low.

Extra credit projects are often available to help raise your grade.

Initial test grades, especially when they are low, may not have an adverse effect on your final grade.

You may graduate as long as you have passed all required courses with a grade of D or higher.

Guiding principle: "Effort counts." Courses are usually structured to reward a "good faith effort."

GRADES in COLLEGE

Grades may not be provided for all assigned work.

Grades on test and major papers usually provide most of the course grade.

Extra credit projects cannot, generally speaking, be used to raise a grade in a college course.

Watch out for your first tests. These are usually "wake-up calls" to let you know what is expected-but they also may account for a substantial part of your course grade. You may be shocked when you get your grades.

You may graduate only if your average in classes meets the departmental standard-typically a 2.0 or C.

Guiding principle: "Results count." Though "good-faith effort" is important in regard to the professor's willingness to help you achieve good results, it will not substitute for results in the grading process.

High School Vs College



Spring Break Trips

Toured North Carolina A&T State University and the International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro, NC.
Attended the Charlotte Checkers Hockey Game in Charlotte, NC



Upward Bound students enjoying NC A&T State University college tour





Upward Bound students stand with “Greensboro Four”





Upward Bound students striking a pose with Chubby at the Checkers Hockey Game

