

# Upward Bound Insider

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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.*

*Greetings from the Executive Director,*

Happy Holidays!

We were so happy to see the turn out we had at this past Academic Saturday! Glad to see there are so many students interested and wanting to participate in Upward Bound. Our next Academic Saturday is **January 19<sup>th</sup>**, so make sure to mark it on your calendar!

We also welcomed 10 new students into the program! If you see a new face, make sure to say hi, introduce yourself and talk about all the services we have to offer!

Thank you to Vision to Learn for coming out and servicing our students with free eye screens, we greatly appreciate it! We look forward to continuing our partnership in the future.

We hope you all have a safe and fun holiday and we will see you in the new year!

Sincerely,

Deborah Kingsberry, Executive Director



Students making Christmas cards to send to Levine Children's Hospital.



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UPWARD BOUND

**"NINE TENTHS OF EDUCATION IS ENCOURAGEMENT"**

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## Important Dates

**December 19<sup>th</sup>** – No school.  
Teacher workday.

**December 20<sup>th</sup>** – Winter  
Break begins

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Winter Break  
Ends

**January 16<sup>th</sup>** – Academic  
Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm.

Please call the office to get  
on the schedule if Academic  
Saturdays does not work  
with your schedule. 704-  
536-9007.

## UPWARD BOUND OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

The project is designed to achieve six student objectives.

***Academic Performance-Grade Point Average (GPA):*** 65% of participants served during the project year will have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a four-point scale at the end of the school year.

***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.

***Secondary School Retention and Graduation:*** 85% of project participants served during the project year will continue in school for the next academic year, at the next grade level, or will have graduated from secondary school with a regular secondary school diploma.

***Secondary School Graduation (rigorous secondary school program of study):*** 40% of all current and prior year UB participants, who at the time of entrance into the project had an expected high school graduation date in the school year, will complete a rigorous secondary school program of study and graduate in that school year with a regular secondary school diploma.

***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).

***Postsecondary Completion:*** 40% of participants who enrolled in a program of postsecondary education, by the fall term immediately following high school graduation or by the next academic term (e.g., spring term) as a result of acceptance by deferred enrollment, will attain either an associate's or bachelor's degree within six years following graduation from high school.

“*Christmas is a day of meaning and traditions, a special day spent in the warm circle of family and friends.*  
- Margaret Thatcher”

# Leadership Council!

Meet our Upward Bound Leadership Council! Divided by schools, each council member will be a spokesperson for Upward Bound in updating you all with important information and upcoming events!

## *East Meck High School*

1. Isaiah Brown
2. Daniella Hukportie
3. Tyler Jackson
4. Shelby Perry



## *Garinger High School*

1. Fatima Rossmery Lopez-Garcia
2. Brandon Ramirez
3. Michelle Sanchez



## *Rocky River High School*

1. Angel Avila-Sosa
2. Cierra Bradshaw
3. Zichia Harris
4. Ja'Shawn Walton-Roberts



## *Independence High School*

1. Laouratou Boiro
2. Karla Hernandez
3. Azaan Marshall



We are really appreciative of our Leadership Council, they show responsibility and maturity that we strive for in all of our students. Thank you!



## STEM: Statistician

*Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics are commonly grouped and known as STEM for short.*

Statisticians practice the science of using data to make decisions. They decide what data they need and how to collect it, design experiments, collect data, analyze and interpret the data, and then report conclusions. And unlike most professionals, statistics can be applied to a vast number of fields or issues, like the environment, public safety, health care and sports.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics expects this field to grow at a very fast rate of more than 33% from 2016 to 2026, resulting in 12,400 new jobs. Increasingly, industries and organizations will demand the use of statistical analyses to help them make informed decisions.

Quick Stats: Median Salary - \$80,500  
Unemployment Rate – 1.4%  
Number of Jobs – 12,400

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## Be Productive Over Winter Break!

1. Study for the SAT
  - a. With another SAT test date coming up in late January, winter break is the perfect opportunity to complete plenty of preparation. You can find various study resources online, such as sample questions, official practice tests, and test-taking tips. Many of these can be found at zero cost and offer just as much guidance and assistance as any expensive test prep program. Check out websites like Kahn Academy, as well as College Board’s official Daily Practice App.
  - b. Make sure you are also reviewing information from the SAT prep class during Academic Saturday!
2. Accumulate volunteer hours
  - a. Ideally, students can gain a large amount of community service hours over the course of two weeks. Aside from the typical opportunities, the holiday season presents many chances to get involved and help out within your community. Not only does volunteer service look fantastic on a résumé, but gaining the experience of helping others, particularly those in need, is a desirable asset that many colleges look for while reviewing applications. So take a look around your community and see if there are any upcoming food drives or holiday festivities in need of volunteers.
3. Apply for scholarships
  - a. For many students, college may be quickly approaching, though they still have no idea how to pay for it. However, scholarships are widespread and available to all kinds of students. Some scholarships may seem daunting if they come accompanied by a thousand-word essay or some other thought-provoking assignment, but spending time on them can be worth it in the long run if you’re awarded grand amounts of money designed to help you pay your way through school.
  - b. Stop by the office and let us help! Also consider consulting your school’s guidance counselor to find out about local scholarships as well as researching uncommon scholarships that can be found on the Internet.

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## Meet Our New Staff Members!



Meet Ms. Jackson, our new Academic Coordinator! She graduated from Johnson C. Smith University with her bachelor's in Biology.



Meet Ms. Bocus, our new Tutor Coordinator! She graduated from Hampton University with her bachelor's in Marketing and Master's in Counseling from Wake Forest University.



Meet Ms. Sierra, our new Outreach Specialist! She graduated from East Carolina University with a bachelor's in Public Health.

Make sure you all give them a warm welcome!  
They are all excited to be a part of Trio!

## Social Media



*Have you downloaded the Remind App yet? It's a great way to stay up to date with our events and information!*  
Text @24ca2a to 81010. After you receive the welcome message, reply with your name and your in! Parents, you're welcomed to join as well!

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