

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.

Hello,

Upward Bound would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

The staff hope everyone pauses and reflects on what they are truly grateful for. It is such a great time to appreciate and reflect on the things we have and not focus on the things we do not have. Here at Upward Bound, the staff and I are truly grateful for our students and the resources we provide to benefit their future. We hope Upward Bound will continue to grow to create an amazing experience for everyone we serve.

With that being said, Upward Bound want to remind all seniors we are assisting with FAFSA, scholarships, and college applications. So stop by the office and let us help you! Remember, the best financial aid packages are given to those who apply early...so don't wait! Also, 2 hours of tutoring per week is mandatory, so take advantage. Enjoy the holiday and give thanks!

Sincerely,

Deborah Kingsberry, Executive Director



Best Thanksgiving

*Thanksgiving is here, so our minds have turned
 To what time has taught us, to what we've learned:*

We often focus all our thought

On shiny things we've shopped and bought.

*We take our pleasure in material things,
 Forgetting the pleasure that friendship brings.*

*If a lot of our stuff just vanished today,
 We'd see the foundation of each happy day
 Is special relationships, constant and true,
 And that's when our thoughts go directly to you.*

*We wish you a Thanksgiving you'll never forget,
 Full of love and joy—your best one yet!*

By Joanna Fuchs



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“NINE TENTHS OF EDUCATION IS ENCOURAGEMENT”

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Important Dates

November 10th – 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.

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*Motivation comes from
working on things we
care about.*
- Sheryl Sandberg
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Requirements for Admission

Wanting to know more about how you stack up against your #1 college choice? There are a few factors to consider when it comes to college admissions: SAT/ACT scores and GPA. Below, we gathered SAT, ACT and GPAs for various colleges and universities based on their average admitted freshman.

School	SAT (1600 Scale)	ACT	GPA
NC A&T State University	1,041	18	2.48
NC State University	1300	29	3.67
Wake Forest University	1380	30	3.88
UNC Chapel Hill	1370	29	4.63 (unweighted)
UNC Charlotte	1160	24	3.9
Appalachian State University	1200	25	4.14 (unweighted)
Johnson C. Smith University	870	17	2.78
Catawba College	1060	21	3.66
Rice University	1510	33	4.11
East Carolina University	1120	23	3.76
CPCC	N/A	N/A	N/A



WAKE FOREST
UNIVERSITY

Very selective. A strong academic performance is critical in your chances of admission.



Moderately selective. A strong academic performance will almost guarantee admission.



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Very selective. A strong academic performance is critical in your chances of admission.



Extremely selective. A strong academic performance is vital.

Career Exploration

STEM: Software Developer

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

According to U.S. News, Software Developer is the #1 best STEM job. The best software developers are creative and have the technical expertise to carry out innovative ideas. You might expect software developers to sit at their desks designing programs all day – and they do, but their job involves many more responsibilities. They could spend their days working on a client project from scratch and writing new code. But they could also be tasked with maintaining or improving the code for programs that are already up and running. Developers are often natural problem solvers who possess strong analytical skills and the ability to think outside the box.

Software developers are in high demand right now. They're employed in a range of industries, including computer systems design, manufacturing and finance. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects more than 30% employment growth between 2016 and 2026.

Quick Stats: Median Salary - \$100,080
Unemployment Rate – 1.6%
Number of Jobs – 253,400

Fall College Trip

On Halloween day, Educational Talent Search and Upward Bound took a day trip to tour Catawba College in Salisbury and Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer, NC. If you didn't come, you missed a great trip. ☹️ Check out the pictures below!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION!



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!

Vision To Learn

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Get a free eye exam during Academic Saturdays!



Please RSVP at ub@academicinstitute.education



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We are partnering with Vision To Learn to provide eye exams at no cost! It will take place on December 15th (during Academic Saturday) at East Meck. If you are interested, please let us know by RSVP'ing to ub@academicinstitute.education.