

MEET THE STAFF:

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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 school's:

**East Mecklenburg
High School**

Garinger High School

**Independence
High School**

Rocky River High School



As the Thanksgiving Holiday approaches, we all wish that we could gather with family and friends for good laughs and good food. But, because of CDC guidelines we know that the big family gathering this year for Thanksgiving will not be possible. So, at this time, the Upward Bound staff would like to say thank you to all our families for their time, perseverance, and diligence as you gather around the kitchen table to give thanks with your family.

Since we have had to switch gears and do things a little different, we thank you for your support by showing up virtually and in-person safely socially distancing to participate in all planned activities. We cover all our families in prayer and hope that none of our families have had to deal with losing loved ones due to covid.

November reminder for our seniors, this is a pivotal time of year for high school seniors. It's the month where early admission applications are due. We ask that you continue to pay attention to upcoming deadlines for each college you are planning to apply.

Please be reminded that all students must complete a mandatory two hours of tutoring every week. Online tutorials will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 3pm until 6pm.

The overall goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participant's complete secondary education then enroll *and* graduate from institutions of postsecondary education. So, our goal each year is to increase student engagement and participation. With the continued support of our school and community partners, teachers, tutors, and parents we will continue to have a successful Upward Bound year!

We encourage you to review the 2020 Upward Bound Calendar for academic sessions, college tours, cultural activities and more.

Continue to operate and grow in a spirit of love. Happy Holiday, from the Upward Bound family to all our families!

Sincerely,

Deborah Kingsberry,

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Important Dates:

November 3rd: UB Activity/ No Tutoring
November 7th: Academic Saturday: 9AM-1PM
November 18th: UB Club Meetings
November 21st: Professional Development:
9AM-1PM
November 26th: **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**
Tuesday's & Thursday's
Tutoring & Educational Workshops: 3PM-6PM

TUTORIALS!!

Online tutoring sessions will be held every
Tuesday and Thursday from 3pm until 6pm.
Every student **MUST** complete 2 hours every
week.

**UPWARD BOUND OBJECTIVES AND
GOALS ARE MANDATORY!**

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.

**“Knowledge will bring you the opportunity
to make a difference.”**

- Claire Fagin

Activities to boost your college application:

1. Participate in a specialized high school program:

*Specialized summer programs are held on college campuses all over the country where students explore a future career, develop *leadership* skills, and get a taste of college life.

2. Take a college class:

*Many colleges offer summer programs where high school students come to campus to take courses and live in the dorms.

3. Find a summer program at a local school or community college.

4. Get involved with research:

**Experience* in a lab as a high school student is impressive to colleges.

5. Create your own project:

*Turn your interests and talents into your own summer-long project.

6. Get a job:

*Colleges are impressed when students have jobs, whether they are working for family income or just for fun. Your work history demonstrates your *initiative* and *responsibility*.

7. Be an entrepreneur:

*Start a business with friends that offers a service in your community. Colleges love to see *collaboration*, so try to spend your summer working with others versus only on solo projects.

8. Volunteer in your community:

Colleges would rather see *continuity* and *commitment* to a community service activity instead of a bunch of one-offs.

Career Exploration:

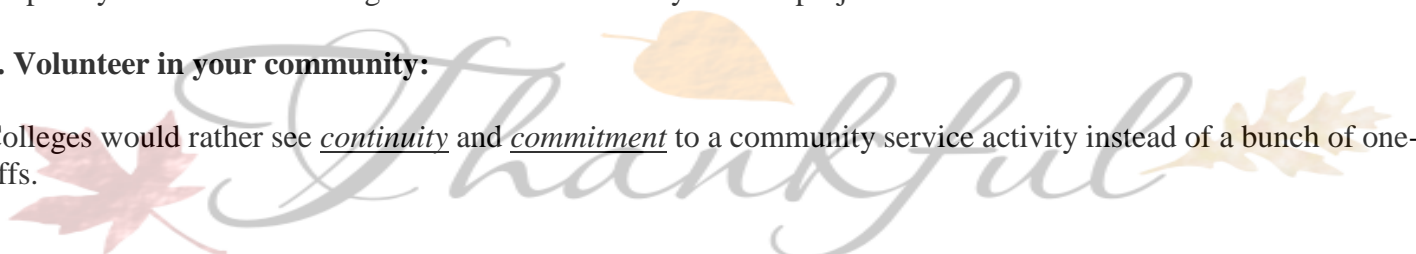
Accountants and Auditors

Prepare and examine financial records.

Median Pay:	\$73,560 + per year \$35.37 per hour
Entry-Level Education:	Bachelor's Degree
Number of Jobs:	\$1,436,100
Future Outlook:	Employment of accountants and auditors is projected to grow 4 percent from 2019 to 2029, about as fast as the average for all occupations. In general, employment growth of accountants and auditors is expected to be closely tied to the health of the overall economy. As the economy grows, more workers should be needed to prepare and examine financial records.



Auditors, Accountants and Tax advisors



UB Picture Input

