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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



Greetings from the Executive

Greetings to all our Upward Bound families! Despite the pandemic, we are glad that we have all had the opportunity to explore, grow and cultivate these new norms. As we continue through the rest of 2020, we will continue to plan socially distance activities as well as virtual activities to keep our families engaged and safe according to the CDC covid guidelines.

If there are any resources that you need, please reach out to our Upward Bound staff. For seniors, please make sure that you are on track for meeting graduation requirements, so that you will be prepared to apply for early admissions to your college of choice. Juniors need to have the ACT/SAT on their radar and register for the PSAT so that you can get a hint as to how well you will do on the ACT/SAT. Important reminder that it is imperative that you set time aside for test prep.

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!

Sincerely,

Deborah Kingsberry,

Executive Director



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Important Dates:

October 10th: Academic Saturday: 9AM-1PM

October 14th: UB Club Meetings

October 22nd: UB Activity TRiO Treat: 5PM-7PM

October 24th: Professional Development: 9AM-1PM

October 28th: UB Club Meetings

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.

“I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better.”

- Maya Angelou

Transition to College Life:

- **Take control of your own education:** think of yourself as a scholar.
- **Get to know your professors:** they are your single greatest resource.
- **Be assertive:** create your own support systems and seek help when you realize you may need it.
- **Take advantage of workshops:** enroll in Reading and Learning Strategies, work with a tutor.
- **Take control of your time:** Plan ahead to satisfy academic obligations and make room for everything else.
- **Challenge yourself:** enroll in at least one course that really challenges you.
- **Make thoughtful decisions:** don't take a course just to satisfy a requirement, and don't drop any course too quickly.
- **Think beyond the moment:** set goals for the semester, the year, your college career.

Career Exploration:

Librarians and Library Media Specialists

Librarians and library media specialists help people find information and conduct research for personal and professional use.

Median Pay:	\$60,820 + per year \$29.24 per hour
Entry-Level Education:	Bachelor's Degree
Number of Jobs:	146,500
Future Outlook:	Employment of librarians and library media specialists is projected to grow 5 percent from 2019 to 2029, faster than the average for all occupations. Communities are increasingly turning to libraries for a variety of services and activities. Therefore, there will be a need for librarians and library media specialists to manage these resources and to help patrons find information.



Medical Librarian
University Librarian
Law Librarian
Public Librarian



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