

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



Greetings from the Executive

Happy New Year to all our Upward Bound families!!! Time to reset, recharge, and renew! New year, new outlook on life, and new year's resolutions all sounds like a plan for a fresh start. Although, the past year came with its challenges, we stuck together and were able to overcome and achieve what we set out to achieve.

For our families this is a new slate for you to start the semester off in the right direction. Continue to strive for greatness in all your courses, meet with your guidance counselor, ask those questions to prepare you for your next steps. Seniors make sure you have finished applying to colleges and receive your acceptance letter. For our underclassmen get started on test prep, work on balancing your college list, and work on improving grades if needed, and reach out to the Upward Bound staff for any help with any of these processes.

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 2021 Upward Bound Calendar for academic sessions, college tours, cultural activities and more. Remember new year to improve you.

Sincerely,
Deborah Kingsberry,
Executive Director



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Important Dates:

January 9th: Academic Saturday: 9AM-1PM

January 13th & 27th: UB Club Meetings

January 20th: Nuclear Power Workshop:
4PM-5PM

January 21st: Whitewater Ice Skating & Light
Trail: 5PM-7PM

Tuesday's & Thursday's
Tutoring & Academic Sessions: 3PM-6PM

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

TUTORIALS!!

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

Student Objectives

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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.

2021

“Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.”

- Abigail Adams

Next Step Readiness:

SELF-REFLECTION

- Take a career cluster inventory to identify one or two career fields that would be a good fit.
- What type of difference do you want to make in the world?
- What activities do you lose track of time doing because you enjoy them so much?
- Would you prefer to work with your hands, objects, data, people or ideas?

CAREER RESEARCH

- Learn more about each career.
- Wages
- Required preparation, education, and licensing
- Typical daily activities, values, and skills required
- Labor statistics, such as the projected job outlook, to determine if there are likely to be jobs in that field available in the future.

Career Exploration:

Forensic Science Technicians:

Collect, identify, classify, and analyze physical evidence related to criminal investigations. Perform tests on weapons or substances, such as fiber, hair, and tissue to determine significance to investigation. May testify as expert witnesses on evidence or crime laboratory techniques. May serve as specialists in area of expertise, such as ballistics, fingerprinting, handwriting, or biochemistry.

Median Pay:	\$59,150 + per year \$28.44 per hour
Entry-Level Education:	Bachelor's degree
Number of Jobs:	17,200
Future Outlook:	Overall employment of forensic science technicians is projected to grow 8 percent from 2019 to 2029, much faster than average. Job growth is projected due to essentiality in helping to catch and convict suspects in criminal matters.

PLANNING & EXPLORATION

- Find ways to further explore their career interests.
- Job shadow to see what a day (or morning/afternoon) on the job looks like.
- Tour a facility to get a sense of the workplace environment.
- Select high school classes related to the future career.
- Complete an internship or apprenticeship.

