War on Poverty:
50th Anniversary

President Lyndon B. Johnson announced his declaration on the “War on Poverty” fifty years ago during his State of the Union speech in 1964. He later outlined his plan to eliminate poverty during a speech at the Templeton-Blackburn Memorial Auditorium at Ohio University, a central Appalachian location. Johnson spoke in several impoverished areas, including many deep southern states and Appalachian Ohio.

As a result of the War on Poverty, the Educational

The unpredictable Ohio weather was not going to stop the much awaited New Student Orientation on Saturday, January 18, 2014. Upward Bound students, both old and new arrived at McCracken Hall and split up to either learn about college finances or to learn about the Upward Bound program. After lunch, both groups of students had the opportunity to mingle and get to know one another in small groups. New student Caysee Kisor said her favorite part of the day was when the students broke

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Opportunity Act was passed in 1964. Johnson’s plan to limit poverty was to focus on educating the youth. He realized that many people who were impoverished often came from a family who did not go to college or complete high school. Fortunately the Educational Opportunity Act created programs such as Head Start and Upward Bound. Both programs were experiments to see if bettering the education of students would create more opportunity for those students in the long run. Both programs proved to be successful and are still in effect today.

Because Upward Bound proved to be successful, two other programs, Student Support Services and Talent Search, were created. The trifecta of federally funded programs geared towards higher education was called TRiO. Each of the programs enabled first generation college students and/or low income students, to excel in their studies and ultimately pursue a higher education. Since the development of the original three programs in the sixties, other TRiO programs have been created, including the McNair Achievement Program and Upward Bound Math/Science.

Ohio University has two TRiO programs available to students, Upward Bound and Student Support services. Upward Bound is a program available to high school students from Athens county and neighboring counties. The students can attend workshops throughout the year covering topics such as organization, financial aid, and the college experience. They also have the chance to participate in the summer portion of the programs which allows students to live on Ohio University’s campus, eat at the dining halls, take mock classes, and explore universities all over the United States. Student Support Services provides academic support to Ohio University students. For example, the program provides study skills courses, tutoring, math and writing centers, a computer lab and Supplemental Instruction. Additionally, the College Adjustment Program is available to students who are in need of academic assistance and are a first generation college student, a student from a low income family or a student who has a disability.

Due to the efforts of President Lyndon B. Johnson, many programs are available to help students succeed and overcome poverty. Nearly 800,000 low income students are benefiting from the TRiO programs originally created from the Educational Opportunity Act. Although poverty is still present in the United States, poverty rates have decreased since 1964, when the War on Poverty was declared. Poverty is dwindling as first generation students are earning their college degrees.
Upward Bound is a program that prepares students for college in every way imaginable. Morgan Tucker, a senior from Meigs High School, managed to take what he learned from Upward Bound and run with it. Tucker was a defensive lineman on his high school football team. He proved his talent when he had the opportunity to try out for the All-American Blue Grey football game and earned his position on the East team. Tucker played in the East v West game at the Dallas Cowboys AT&T Stadium in Dallas, Texas. As a result of his major accomplishment and commitment to the game, Morgan Tucker recently signed his letter of intent to play football at Ashland University. Aside from playing football, he is most excited to move away from home and apply what he learned from Upward Bound to his college endeavors. Tucker plans on majoring in International Business and playing as a defensive lineman for the Ashland University Eagles.

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into small groups because “she met new people and had a few good laughs.” Like Kisor, the majority of the Upward Bound students seemed to thoroughly enjoy the breakout session. Meigs sophomore, Andrew Johnson said, “I enjoyed meeting our new UB friends and now I know my second year is going to be great with the new members.”

Students who have been in the program for at least a year have made it clear that they have made strides both academically and socially upon entering the program. The consensus among students entering the program is that they want to develop their social and academic skills through Upward Bound. New student, Ivy Acord claimed she wants “to make friends and learn to talk to people.” With the efforts of the UB staff and the integration of old students with new students, it is inevitable that the new students will begin the process of becoming college bound.
Upward Bound is a college prep program with a high success rate for its students. Every year, Upward Bound students are taking what they learned from Upward Bound and applying it in their everyday lives. Josh Parker, a senior at Eastern High School, has utilized what he learned to its fullest extent.

Parker has applied to be in a scholars program at Hanover College in Indiana. The Hanover Global Scholars Program is a selective program in which the receivers win a full scholarship for Hanover College. Additionally, they get a $3,000 stipend for summer travels. To win all of this, students must write an essay and do an interview with the school administrators. While in college, Parker plans on majoring in Political Science with minors in Economics and Business Management.

Parker feels that UB certainly helped him prepare for college. He has done the summer phase for three years now and knows the challenges the students face. He has taken actual college classes that helped him see what it was like to actually be in college. With the help Josh Parker acquired from UB he is ready to take the next step in his life.

Want to know more about the Hanover Global Scholars Program? Check out http://www.hanover.edu/admission/financialaid/scholarships/globalscholars

Who Said It?
Upward Bound students sharing their talents!

A. I have 20-30 tubes of chapstick!
B. I have met Katy Perry!
C. I will be in the Great Gatsby for my school play!
D. I am in choir and I love playing sports!
E. I love making people smile!
F. I am obsessed with Dr. Seuss!

1. Kyle McCloud
2. Destiny Gooslin
3. Kayla Tope
4. Lauren Dunn
5. Letrea Fowlkes
6. Donovan Ross

Answers: 1-F, 2-A, 3-B, 4-E, 5-C, 6-D

Joshua Parker: Scholarship Explorer
By: Anaisa Wallace
An Upward Bound Success Story:

Tyler Hatfield

Upward Bound enables students to succeed throughout their college years. Many alumni can look back on their experience with the program and apply what they learned in their daily lives as college students. Tyler Hatfield lives one of the many Upward Bound success stories and he credits much of his success to his knowledge gained in Upward Bound.

Tyler Hatfield is networking systems major and a sophomore at Hocking College. Although he is doing well at Hocking College, he plans on transferring to Ohio University in the fall. He has faced a few challenges during the transfer process, though. For example, he is having a troublesome time choosing a major that aligns with the track he has already begun at Hocking. Despite his difficulties, he is “eagerly expecting his acceptance letter” and is very excited to start in the fall.

Hatfield acknowledges that he has not faced his collegiate level challenges alone. He knows that he can consult any UB staff member, past or present, to help him with any questions he has pertaining to college. He even finds guidance through his friends he made from UB or through his religion. Hatfield claims that Upward Bound has changed him for the better, overall. Tyler Hatfield is a true Upward Bound success story and has proven that he will always be a member of the Upward Bound family!

Birthdays!

January
Lisa Tilley 1/14
Layton Ridgeway 1/17
Thunder Clonch 1/24

February
Keely Mankin 2/3
Uriah Freeborn 2/7
Michael Hamilton 2/7
Trinity Appleman 2/10
Heaven Herrold 2/11
Martina Seeber 2/29

March
Dinisha Vogt 3/12
Jessica Thompson 3/16
Kylynn Forrest 3/17
Morgan Barringer 3/18
Danny Williams 3/19
Ashley Jordan 3/21
Kaitland Hickman 3/26

April
Brooke Russell 4/2
Tannis Cydrus 4/11
Ashley Graham 4/11
William Koppelkom 4/15
Andrea Swart 4/19
Top Ten Foods Consumed by College Students

1. Candy
2. Soda Pop
3. Instant Mac and Cheese
4. Cereal
5. Chips
6. Instant Hot Chocolate
7. Energy Drinks
8. Pizza
9. Microwave Popcorn
10. Ramen Noodles

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