My Brother’s Buddy

Kyle McCloud is a high school sophomore at Jackson High School and an Upward Bound student. He has grown up with his older brother who has a developmental disability. Like many in his position, Kyle noticed his brother was often left out, secluded or ignored. Because he lived alongside his brother who was special needs, he also began to realize other students with special needs were also secluded. Kyle took his realizations and made the best of them.

In September of 2013, Kyle created the “My Brother’s Buddy” club with the purpose to provide an outlet in which friendships between students with and without developmental disabilities are created. Kyle said, “I want (students) to talk to (those who are special needs) daily and flash a smile their way, not because they feel bad, but because they genuinely appreciate their friendship.” Kyle wants to create an environment in which his brother and other students who are impacted by developmental disabilities can feel welcome. He sees the loneliness his brother goes through and wants to prevent other students from feeling alone. He wants to help students make sincere friendships with one another.

Although students are now welcome to join My Brother’s Buddy, Kyle and his supervisor are still implementing changes to the club. Once details are finalized, Kyle wants to extend the club beyond Jackson High School and into more schools throughout southeastern Ohio.

Overall, Kyle is making differences in his school and being an excellent student leader. Upward Bound is proud to have a student like Kyle McCloud in the UB family!

UB to DC!

The Upward Bound summer phase zoomed by as fifty students took classes, built friendships, and lived the pseudo-college life. As usual, the end of the summer topped off with the out-of-state trip. The goal of this trip was to visit colleges, explore a new city, and have a blast! This year Ohio University Upward Bound traveled to Washington D.C. The group explored a couple universities in the D.C. area: Georgetown University and George Washington University. Aside from the college visitations, Upward Bound also visited various famous U.S. monuments, including the Washington Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to name a few.

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Upward Bound also toured the U.S. Capitol building and Arlington National Cemetery, just outside of Washington D.C. The students and staff also visited the famous Smithsonian Museum. Afterwards, the students split into small groups to discover as much as they could within the multiple buildings of the Smithsonian Museum. Overall, the group had a wonderful experience exploring Washington D.C. The Upward Bound students returned to Ohio with great knowledge of American history, out-of-state colleges, and a fantastic city.

Let’s Get Organized!
The first Upward Bound workshop, Let’s Get Organized, was held on Saturday, September 14, 2013. There was an excellent turn out at McCracken Hall; approximately 30 students arrived ready to get organized with the Upward Bound team. As students checked in, they were divided into groups: The Cat’s Meow, Rage in Da Cage, The Lightning Brigade, The Meme Team and the ARMS. Once they were in their small groups and the workshop festivities began, the groups ran in a relay to complete the most organized and creative binder. They had to speed walk around McCracken in order to find clues to complete their binders. The group with the best binder won! Upon finishing the binder scavenger hunt/relay, all of the students were divided into small groups in order to have a discussion about each members’ organization techniques. The small group discussion proved to be very effective; each student shared his/her issues with their organization tactics or perks about their style of organization and each student helped one another to enhance their organization skills. By the workshop’s end, nearly every student walked away with a smile on their faces. The workshop seemed to be an absolute success, so hopefully students will keep coming to experience the fun Upward Bound has in store! After all, the UB team hopes to see more students attending the workshops and plans to make the workshops as enjoyable as possible (plus if 60 or more students attend we can pie our director, Kwabena, in the face).

When is the next workshop?
Tentative schedule – subject to change

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The Upward Bound Class of 2013 has officially started life beyond high school. Students have enlisted in the military, enrolled in college or technical school or have already obtained a job. A few of the students from the class of 2013 are currently Ohio University scholars: Dallas Cordle, Chase Goodwin and Chloe Musick. Each shared their experiences on campus thus far with the UB team. How are those scholars adjusting to life beyond Upward Bound?

Dallas Cordle is a recipient of the Upward Bound Scholar Athlete Award for the 2013-2014 academic year. She is currently a freshman at Ohio University and is exploring careers in Health Sciences and Professions. Dallas is balancing her classwork, with her free time, and plans to get involved with the Sign Language Club. She is also showing her support for Autism Speaks U by running in the annual 5K. In her free time Dallas enjoys sleeping, getting coffee, and hanging out with her friends. Overall, she is proud to be a UBSAA recipient and an Upward Bound alum.

Chase Goodwin is a recipient of the Upward Bound Scholar Athlete Award for the 2013-2014 academic year. He is currently a freshman at Ohio University and is studying Media Arts and Studies. His ultimate career goal is to work on a major motion picture. Upon enrollment, Chase became involved with Film 419 and Blue Pencil Comedy; he has successfully performed standup comedy and created a short film. In his free time Chase enjoys hanging out with his friends and watching the mentally stimulating Dr. Who. Overall Chase feels as though Upward Bound has thoroughly prepared him for college and he is extremely grateful for the scholarship.

Chloe Musick is a freshman Jewell-Cutler Scholar at Ohio University and an Upward Bound alum. She remains undecided as she continues to search for a major. In the meantime, she has become involved with the All Campus Radio Network, the Table Tennis Club, as well as various community service projects throughout Southeastern Ohio. She is also a student worker in the Upward Bound office. As a Cutler Scholar, she has the opportunity to travel and plans to volunteer abroad this upcoming summer. Chloe is thankful that Upward Bound has provided her with the necessary tools to not only become a sound Ohio University student, but also a Cutler Scholar. She looks forward to continuing to help out other UB students as she works in the office.
Upward Bound does not have to end with high school. Ohio University freshman and Upward Bound alum, Anaisa Wallace is a College Adjustment Program (CAP) student. CAP provides college students with resources to better their academic development. Anaisa stated a few perks of CAP: “CAP offers free tutoring and free printing. There is always a CAP advisor to guide a student through any difficulties they may face while in college.” Anaisa is enjoying CAP so far and she feels as though it is a continuation of Upward Bound in college.

As a CAP student, Anaisa volunteered to become a mentor for an Ohio University Upward Bound Student. Although she has not yet met her mentee, she plans on helping them through the stressful moments of the college application process. She also wants to offer any helpful advice and give her mentee a glimpse of actual college student life. Anaisa is excited for the relationship with her mentee and any opportunities the mentorship has in store. Ultimately she wants to give back to the program she loves: Upward Bound.

It is certainly no secret that Upward Bound students are involved in more than just Upward Bound. UB students of all grades are making a name for themselves at their high schools. Athens senior Ashley Jordan is currently a post-secondary student and has an internship in a kindergarten class two days a week. Like Ashley, junior Michael Hamilton from River Valley HS is also doing post secondary full time. There are other trends in extracurriculars among UB students. Brooke Russell, Alexander HS; Casey Ridenour, Eastern HS; Kayla Tope, Logan HS; Ashley Jordan, Athens HS; Hannah Cochran, Southern HS; and Kyle McCloud, Jackson HS all participate in band. Layton Ridgeway (Vinton HS), Brooke Russell, Xavier Newsome (Chillicothe HS), and Marilynn Sprague (Vinton HS) are all Spanish Club members. Autumn Lawless (Logan) and Xavier Newsome are both involved in dance, and Hannah Cochran, Holly Cochran, and Lauren Dunn are all Southern High School Newspaper staff members. Many of our UB students participate in sports as well. Morgan Barringer (Eastern HS) commits the majority of her free time to basketball and as a result, she was a freshman varsity basketball player last year. Morgan Tucker (Meigs HS) is also involved with the football team. Hayley Hurst (Miller HS) spends much of her time training horses and taking pictures. William Koppelkom (Nelsonville-York HS) is involved in several activities too; his goal is to participate and be a leader. William is Nelsonville High School’s senior class president and National Honor Society vice president. Every Upward Bound student’s efforts show that whether it is in the classroom, after school, or at a UB workshop, UB students are always striving to be the best students they can be.
Morgan Duncan is one of the current academic advisors for the Upward Bound program. She is originally from the glorious Jackson, Ohio, and she is a Critical Studies Masters student at Ohio University. Throughout the year she will be mentoring Upward Bound students and meeting monthly with students from each school. Morgan is also reviving the Upward Bound tutoring program so UB students can receive instantaneous academic help from an online tutor. She hopes to have a fantastic year and get to know each and every UB student. Additionally in her limited free time Morgan enjoys playing piano and spending time with her family.

Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Ariana Bovell is currently a Master’s student studying International Development Studies. She is also one of the two new Upward Bound academic advisors. Ariana is already working hard with Upward Bound; she is planning the October Leadership & Art Workshop. In the meantime, she is visiting schools all across Southeastern Ohio in order to recruit new Upward Bounders. She is most excited to have the opportunity to work with UB students and help prepare them to graduate from high school and apply to college. If she is not working in the UB office or studying, Ariana enjoys cooking, reading and playing soccer.

Edie Buess is the new multimedia expert in the Upward Bound office. She hails from Bowling Green, Ohio to share her knowledge of Facebook, Twitter and Instagram with the UB family, and to get an education at Ohio University, of course. She is currently a sophomore and plans on studying public relations. In her spare time, Edie pumps iron and hangs out with her friends. As for her future with Upward Bound, she is most excited about attending the workshops and meeting all of the wonderful students!
Who has a birthday?

September
- Austin Crabtree 9.1
- Kayla Tope 9.14
- K'Tayona Garnes 9.21
- Makayla Allison 9.22
- Autumn Lawless 9.22
- Rebecca Hamner 9.28

October
- Cassidy Cleland 10.2
- Andrew Tracy 10.2
- Emily Selanders 10.3
- Kayla Pittman 10.4
- Meghan Surbella 10.9
- Casey Graham 10.13
- Holly Cochran 10.13
- Olivia Barker 10.18
- Troy Rivera 10.21
- Hannah Cochran 10.27
- Natalee Fitzpatrick 10.31
- Nicole Fitzpatrick 10.31

November
- Andrew Johnson 11.4
- Sierra Todd 11.5
- Michaela Pope 11.8
- Kyle Nightingale 11.10
- Marybeth Pancoast 11.13
- Makayla Allison 11.16
- Morgan Tucker 11.18
- Kara Cain 11.19
- Destiny Gooslin 11.19

December
- Kyle McCloud 12.6
- Abby Dupler 12.7
- Kaylee Mckinnley 12.11
- Autumn Porter 12.11
- Donovan Ross 12.11
- Noelle Mash 12.12
- Ariel Swartz 12.16
- Makayla Hardin 12.19
- Katelyn Hysell 12.25
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