Hello UB, I hope everyone’s summer went well. We here at UB had a successful summer program, which ended with an awesome trip to Chicago. It has been strange to not see your faces around campus for the past few weeks. I hope everyone remembers what you learned this summer, and that you will carry the information and skills with you throughout this upcoming school year. We have several events planned which we believe will not only be fun, but very beneficial as well. Lastly, I hope the transition from fall to summer is going smoothly for you.

So, as we all transition, I encourage you to keep an open mind as we begin this new school year. “Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game.” We start the year with a clean slate, so make the most of what you have. Join clubs or sports teams; support your school under the Friday/Saturday night lights. Most importantly, remember your academics, and also that we here at UB are always available to help. We want you to make the most of the opportunities you are given this new school year, and to always remember that anything is possible. I will leave you with a quote from an old Chinese proverb: “He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever.” Have a great year.

Kwabena Owusu-Kwarteng
Director
Ohio University Upward Bound
This past August, a group of students along with UB staff visited Chicago for a fun-filled week. We visited two museums: the Field Museum of Natural History and the Museum of Science and Industry. We climbed 1,030 feet to the top of the John Hancock Center Observatory as well. The 94 floor ride was long and nerve-racking, but the view was breathtaking. In addition to visiting these local attractions, we also visited the Lincoln Park Zoo and went to see a show at the Apollo Theatre. There were several awesome restaurants we ate at, such as Ed DeBevic’s, a 50’s styled diner, Bubba Gump Shrimp Company, and Gino’s. Other places we visited were the Magnificent Mile where we could shop and Millennium Park. Lastly, we went on college tours of three colleges in the Chicago area: University of Chicago, Northwestern University, and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Overall, the trip was filled with eventful outings and we were able to relax and have fun after our 6-week summer session.
Professor Emeritus in the Patton College of Education Ray Skinner, 86, died at Riverside Hospital in Columbus on July 15. According to his obituary, Skinner taught at Ohio University for 30 years and during his first year, he submitted a proposal that was funded by the U.S. Department of Education to start the Upward Bound Program. "Dr. Skinner has been a tremendous supporter of our Upward Bound program," said Director of Upward Bound Kwabena Owusu-Kwarteng. "In addition to setting up and supporting the Ray and Marilyn Skinner Upward Bound Scholar Athlete Award (UBSAA) in 2010, he was an active member on our advisory board. "He was always full of life and ready with stories of his and Marilyn's travels as well as his experiences with Upward Bound. We dedicated our end of summer awards ceremony to his memory and will be looking to honor his legacy some more in the coming year. His loss is deeply felt." Skinner also directed many other programs such as the Ohio University Governor's Scholars for Talented and Gifted Students, The National Science Foundation Summer Institutes for Earth Science Teachers, and the Ohio Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. A native of the Columbus area, he graduated from Carroll High School in 1944. During his senior year, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. Using the G.I. Bill, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Ohio State University before obtaining his Ph.D. from Kent State University. Before coming to Ohio University, he taught math, biology and earth science at the high school level in northern Ohio and coached basketball for 15 years. During his lifetime, Skinner received many distinguished service awards for his professional career as well as his service to the community and is included in a number of halls of fame. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Lamont Skinner; two daughters, Sarah Jane and Suzanne Skinner of Florida; and stepson Sam DiLiberto and his wife Bunny of The Plains. "Dr. Skinner is and will always be a beloved member of our faculty," said Patton College Dean Renee Middleton. "He was responsible for the writing of our first Upward Bound grant and has had a significant impact on the lives of students who aspire to go to college."

"What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us." ~ Helen Keller
## In Memory of Ray Skinner

More than that, he has continued to be supportive of the mission of Upward Bound. He has established a legacy that we will continue to cherish and honor."

Dr. Skinner also began the Upward Bound Scholar Athlete Award (UBSAA) scholarship three years ago. This scholarship is awarded to a student who has participated in an athletic extracurricular activity, and plans on attending Ohio University as a first generation college student.

A memorial service was held in his memory Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Ohio University Walter Hall Rotunda. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Upward Bound Program, c/o Ohio University Patton College of Education, McCracken Hall, Suite 124, Athens, OH 45701.

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Meet Brianna Mauk

We at UB have a new academic advisor, Brianna Mauk! Brianna began working for Upward Bound as a Summer 2012 Co-Residential Director, and loved her experience so much that she accepted a graduate position as Academic Advisor for the 2012-2013 school year. She will be working with Alexander, Athens, Crooksville, Federal Hocking, Miller, Morgan, New Lexington, and Trimble High Schools. According to Brianna, her college experiences at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) and Ohio University have been the most fulfilling of her young life, and she is excited to help Upward Bound students reach their full college potential—no matter which college they choose to attend. At EKU Brianna secured a BA in Technical Writing, and she is now working toward an MA in Rhetoric and Composition at Ohio University. Her next step is to pursue a PhD in popular culture, new media, and/or English. Her hobbies and interests include teaching, television and movies, yoga, writing, singing, piano, and blogging.

Welcome Class of 2016

As the new students of the class of 2016 walked through OU’s college gate, one snap-shot was taken of a recent alumni of Upward Bound.

Click here to access the Compass article featuring Karissa Jones!

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” - Nelson Mandela
Happy Birthday!

**September**
- Austin Crabtree 9-1
- Mikayla Chaney 9-8
- Micah Thomas 9-10
- Kayla Tope 9-14
- Rebecca Hamner 9-28

**October**
- Cassidy Cleland 10-2
- Andrew Tracy 10-2
- Alex Tracy 10-2
- Taylor Dilley 10-11
- Casey Graham 10-13
- William Dutcher 10-17
- Chloe Musick 10-18
- Natalee Fitzpatrick 10-31
- Nicole Fitzpatrick 10-31

**November**
- Lakota Boetcher 11-7
- Michaela Pope 11-8
- Kyle Nightingale 11-10
- Brittany Eisman 11-15
- Makayla Allison 11-16
- Morgan Tucker 11-18
- Tiffany Wells 11-19
- Christina Richmond 11-20
- Regina Schrader 11-22
- Stephen Sprague 11-22
- Jacob Sizemore 11-30

**December**
- Brook Vanscyoc 12-2
- Abby Dupler 12-7
- Kaylee Mckinnley 12-11
- Erica Swart 12-11
- Jessica Clemons 12-21
- Justin Tolliver 12-24
- Katelyn Hysell 12-25
Keep up with UB throughout the school year through our social media sites! Get updates from Twitter, chat with on Facebook, read our blog at Wordpress, watch funny videos at YouTube, and start pinning with us on Pinterest. Both parents and students are more than welcome to join.

We can’t wait to hear from you!

Click on each icon to connect to each of our UB sites!

**Upcoming Events**

**October 13**—ACT Prep Test and Stress Management Workshop

**November 10**—Career Exploration Workshop

**December 8**—College Experience 101 & New Student and Parent Orientation

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