Ohio University Upward Bound Program

The Drum

The Drum Empowers; The Drum Communicates; The Drum Unifies

Upward Bound: Providing Opportunity, Celebrating Student Success

Upward Bound has been very busy this spring! We’ve made this a quarter to celebrate the success of our program and the accomplishments of our students.

Ohio University President and First Lady, Dr. and Mrs. Roderick McDavis hosted the National TRIO Day Spring Reception (April 9) at their home to continue celebrating the academic successes of youth and adults aspiring to higher education and further raising community awareness about the many services Upward Bound, College Adjustment Program (CAP), and McNair Scholars provide to first generation college students.

All three TRIO programs are extremely honored and appreciative of Dr. and Mrs. McDavis’s support and recognition of our efforts to increase college access and enhance educational opportunities for our participants. In his keynote address, Dr. McDavis, stressed how essential our strong dedication and quality support services are to lessening some of the challenges first generation college students face and vital to improving the overall growth and development of the southeast Ohio community.

TRIO programs have successfully served approximately 5,000 students and brought in over $11 million to the University.

In addition to the TRIO Day spring reception, Upward Bound, in conjunction with the College of Education, Office of Minority Recruitment and Retention, hosted our first annual student leadership conference, NIA: Building Future Leaders, Manifesting Excellence (April 16).

UB Welcomes A New Administrative Associate

Terri Mosher, administrative associate, joined the Upward Bound staff on February 21, 2005. Prior to joining the staff, Terri worked for Ohio University for six years in the Development Office and the Office of Alumni Relations.

In addition to her experience at Ohio University, Mosher is actively involved in community service projects such as fundraisers for American Cancer Society/Breast Cancer Awareness, Relay for Life, Bartlett Elementary School, and Warren Local School District.

Terri wants to continue working towards her Bachelor’s degree at Ohio University in Accounting/Business Management. She has taken classes at Washington State Community College in Marietta and has also attended multiple training courses and workshops through the University to enhance her communication, computer, and budgeting skills.

Since 1989, Terri and her husband, Tim, have owned and operated Tim Mosher Trucking, a small fleet of four trucks. They also have three children; twin daughters, Shannon and Shawna, and a son, Sam.

We are definitely glad to have Terri on our team as she has a very diverse background and has honed skills in areas integral to our program’s success.
TRIO Celebration Continues at Ohio University President and First Lady’s Residence!

“Surround yourself with only people who are going to lift you higher.”

-Oprah Winfrey

Facts about TRIO Programs

• Since 1965, TRIO programs have helped over 10.5 million Americans further their educational goals and improve their quality of life.

• There are 72 TRIO programs in Ohio serving almost 25,000 participants!

• TRIO programs have been key in breaking the cycle of poverty and improving the future for all people in our region.

Facts about Ohio University’s Upward Bound

• 95% of students who participate in Upward Bound graduate from high school.

• Over 50% of our seniors decide to attend Ohio University upon graduation from high school.

CAP and McNair Students conversing at National TRIO Day Spring Reception

Field Representative for Congressman Ted Strickland, Christi Lynch, McNair Alum, Deborah Lucas and Cynthia King (College Adjustment Program)

The UB students gather to take a group photo on the back patio.

TRIO Staff
(From Left to Right)
Greg Lester, Cynthia King, Dawn Jenkins, George Hartley (standing in for Valerie Mendoza) Ayanna Jordan, and Terri Mosher

Mrs. McDavis and UB students sit down to have a little chat!
"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers."

- Ralph Nader

Upcoming Events:

**May 14, 2005**
8:30am-3:30pm  
Otterbein College  
Campus Tour  
Westerville, Ohio  
(Sophomores & Juniors ONLY)  
- Bus will leave at 8:30am Sharp!  
- ALL students must have a signed permission slip in order to participate.  
- Bring money for breakfast and lunch.

**June 4, 2005**
12:00pm-3:00pm  
Summer Residential Phase Orientation  
Morton Hall 235 & 237  
- Parents/Guardians MUST attend.

**June 18, 2005**
1:00pm  
Summer Residential Phase  
- Students move into the residence hall.

On Saturday, April 16, 2005 the Ohio University Upward Bound Program in conjunction with the College of Education hosted a Career and Professional/Personal Development Conference, entitled *Nia: Building Future Leaders, Manifesting Excellence*. The purpose of this conference was to expose students to the diverse college and career options available and to encourage them to continue tapping into the various educational resources that are important for entering into and graduating from college.

*Photo (Right): Terri Mosher, Marie Robinson, Corey Michalos, Dawn Jenkins, Ayanna Jordan (from Left to Right)*

The NIA Student Conference keynote speaker, Omekongo Dibinga presents a workshop on, “The Hustle: Attaining Academic Success Despite all obstacles.” During this session, Omekongo taught the students how to turn their natural skills into academic and financial success.

The College of Education and Upward Bound appreciate Omekongo Dibinga for sharing his diverse life experiences and poetic talent with our participants as a means of motivating and inspiring them to strive for educational success!

*Photo (Left): Omekongo Dibinga*

During the conference students attended various college/career development workshops, as well as personal development workshops. However, the best was yet to come! Students were also given the opportunity to participate in four different competitions: Poetry, Essay, Poster and Video.

In addition, we were joined by the Upward Bound students of Washington State Community College.

*Photo (Right): Nikki Stitt, Bo Weaver, Derrick Stoneburner, and Amber Mayle (from Left to Right)*

In order to make this conference a success we sought out assistance from some of our campus student organizations. Members of *Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity* and *The Hip Hop Congress* volunteered their time by assisting with the registration and the workshop sessions.

They were an asset to our conference!

*Photo (Left): Julie Bowes, Jennn Vero, Deonna Whitfield (from left to right)*

NIA Student Volunteers take a moment to strike a pose!
The mission of the conference was to expose participants to the various majors and career options available through diverse workshop sessions presented by University faculty and administrators, as well as various supporters from the surrounding community.

We were honored to have Omékongo Dibinga, founder and CEO of Free Your Mind Publishing, Boston, Massachusetts, as our keynote speaker. Omékongo is an author, activist, spoken word artist, and educator, who works to develop programs that focus on building bridges between Africans throughout the Diaspora and helping to improve cultural understanding among all races. Through poetry and sharing his own life experiences growing up as a first generation Congolese-American, Omékongo encouraged Upward Bound students to attain academic success despite obstacles they will face in their quest for higher education.

For more information about Omékongo Dibinga, visit his website at www.omekongo.com

Needless to say, Upward Bound has had a very full and rewarding spring quarter and we’re looking forward to another exciting, educationally-enriching summer! In fact, our six-week component is quickly approaching – beginning June 18. To continue in our tradition of creating a theme for each summer component, this year’s theme is “IT’S A SUMMER SAFARI!” Students will be stepping into an experience filled with safari adventure in and outside the classroom! What a great getaway!

Thank you for your continued support and participation, and enjoy the spring quarter issue of The Drum as it provides a brief look into what the summer will bring and great “snapshots” of all the hard work and dedication that went into our spring events and activities!

It’s time to get ready

Parents hopefully you are ready to send your son/daughter off to Upward Bound for the summer.

This summer is filled with lots of great educational, cultural and social activities that will enlighten the students!

Please be aware that your son/daughter might get a little homesick, and may even ask to come home. That’s not uncommon, especially if it is their first time being away from home. Nonetheless, the Upward Bound staff ask that you support, both your child and the program by encouraging your son/daughter to participate throughout the entire residential phase.

Parents/Students please note that the following items are NOT permitted this summer:

- Cell Phones
- Hot Plates
- Furniture (all room in residence halls are fully furnished)
- Computer (all rooms in residence hall are equipped with computers and printers)
- Candles/Incense

Summer Mailing Address:
Name of Student
Ohio University
UB College Prep Academy
124L McCracken Hall
Athens, Ohio 45701

Things You Can Bring this Summer:
- Towels/Washcloths
- Shower Shoes
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Hair Care Products
- Soap
- Pillows
- Razor
- Shaving Cream
- Lotion
- Cosmetics
- Twin size sheets
- Blanket
- Casual Wear
  - Shorts/Jeans
  - Slacks
  - Sporting Wear
  - Sneakers
  - Swim Suits
  - Umbrella
- Dress Clothes
  - Skirts/Dresses
  - Slacks/Shirt/Tie
- Dress Shoes
- Alarm Clock
- Desk Lamp
- Radio/Stereo
- Laundry Detergent
- Quarters for Laundry
- Posters/Decorations
- Musical Instruments
- Bikes & Bike Lock
- Board Games
- Pictures of loved ones

“Somewhere there is something incredible waiting to be known.”
- Carl Sagan
**This Summer’s Safari Fun!**

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**Safari Facts Did you know?**

- The topic countries for an African Safari are Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana, and Namibia.
- The word “safari”, which means a long journey, entered English from Swahili in 1890.
- Safaris typically last for several days or even weeks.
- An elephant is pregnant for 22 months before giving birth.
- Owls cannot turn their heads all the way around.
- A tiger’s stripes are not only on its fur but also on its skin.
- A parrot can live 60 to 80 years.
- Lions climb up high trees to rest on the branches and to escape biting insects below.

“The two basic processes of education are knowing and valuing.”

-Robert J. Havighurst
Congratulations to our NIA Conference Competition Winners!

1st Place Poetry
Jacey Hesson

1st Place Poster
Tyler Lee

Additional Winners Included:

Alexandra Niceswanger
Katrina Boley
Jessica Science
Bo Weaver

Congratulations, Graduates!

Michael LaTorre
Ohio University

Shannon Wilson
Case Western Reserve

Sagan Wallace
Berea College

Jessi Merriman
Ohio University

Mary Murphy
Ohio State University

Seniors, keep sending us your acceptance letters!
We want to celebrate your achievements in our next newsletter!

“Don’t go through life, GROW through life.”
-Eric Butterworth

Upward Bound is a successful pre-college program of rigorous academic instruction, tutoring, and counseling. The program provides high school students with the opportunity to enhance the academic skills necessary to successfully complete high school and enter college.

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