



Upward Bound Times

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 30 - All Group
- February 27 - All Group
- February 25 - National TRIO Day
- March 27 - All Group
- April 1-30 - National Volunteer Month
- April 16-22- National Volunteer Week
- April 24- All Group
- May 15 - All Group Honoring seniors!



Rites of Passage Leadership Program

Butterflies:

- Ivelyse R.
- Maritza A.
- Destiny S.
- Shelby M.
- Veronica M.
- Adia F.
- Aiden C.
- Ixel S.
- Kara M.
- Grace S.
- Donavin S.
- Aiden W.
- Isaiah W.
- Lilah R.

Congratulations!

With SCC Upward Bound, a college prep program, we helped direct traffic for four hours at the Frog Fair in Franklin, NC on November 5th. An unbelievable amount of people thought I was waving, but overall we were a huge help. The Frog Fair was put on by Friends of the Greenway (FROG) at Frog Quarters. FROG promotes education about the Little Tennessee River Greenway in Macon County. The greenway runs along the Little Tennessee River. The greenway is a great place to walk or jog, and

Service Learning

also for picnics. It is a fun place to explore.

On the 23rd of November, my church group and I went to the shoebox processing center in Atlanta, Georgia to pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child. My job was to fill cardboard boxes with shoe boxes. I also had to tape the cardboard boxes and put them on a conveyor belt. These shoeboxes went to South Sudan. We could not allow any food, money, dangerous items, or anything with a lot of camo. (If any-

thing were to be packed with a lot of camo, it would remind the kids of war.) I did this for four hours. When I left, there were about 40,000 boxes ready to be shipped.

I enjoyed doing these things because I felt that I helped good causes. Doing community service at the processing center for Operation Christmas Child felt so great to me. It didn't feel like work, it felt like I simply made children happy in South Sudan.

~ Donavin



Spreading Joy

December All Group is a treasured meeting for Upward Bound students because it is a time of giving back and spreading joy. Year after year, students decorate gift bags, stuff treat bags and wrap all

the generous donations from the SCC community to get 50 bags ready for delivery. It is a very fun and fulfilling evening and we are extremely grateful for all the support to make this happen! "One of

the best projects Upward Bound does is pack gifts for the Jackson County Department on Aging. It is a great feeling being able to impact the community around us in a long-lasting manner." ~ Sam



College Connection: SCC/College Transfer

- **Did you know that one of the most cost effective ways to obtain your four-year degree is by starting at SCC?** Through an agreement with the University of North Carolina system, SCC students can earn up to 61 hours worth of credit that will transfer to any public university and many private colleges in the state. Completion of the Associate in Arts, Associate in Fine Arts, or Associate in Science degree program ensures students' transfer with junior status into most majors.
More information can be found here: <https://www.southwesterncc.edu/easy-transfer>
- SCC is Located in Sylva, NC (Main Campus)
- 2,366 students enrolled in educational programs, student to faculty ratio is 13:1
- SCC has been ranked among the Top 10 community college's in the nation by Washington Monthly (2007 and 2010) and WalletHub (2015)

Career Exploration: Optician

- One of only two such programs in the state, Opticianry prepares you to adapt and fit corrective eyewear or ophthalmic devices as prescribed by the ophthalmologist or optometrist.
- Opticians are licensed health professionals who fit eyeglasses or contact lenses, using prescriptions written by ophthalmologists or optometrists. Eyewear is the term used for eyeglasses, contact lenses and low vision aids.
- Employment opportunities include working in offices of optometrists or ophthalmologists. Opticians also work in stores that sell eyeglasses, contact lenses, visual aids and other optical goods. These stores may be stand-alone businesses or parts of larger retail establishments, such as department stores. Some opticians choose to own their own business.



Want to learn more and explore the curriculum? Please visit the link below:
<https://www.southwesterncc.edu/health-sciences/opticianry>

Celebrating National Trio Day with SCC UB!



24
YEARS
10
STATES
75
SERVICE DAYS
150
COLLEGE TOURS
215
ALL GROUP MEETINGS
950
SCHOOL MEETINGS
1000s
PHONE CALLS, TEXTS, EMAILS
MORE THAN
500
SUCCESSSES

