



Upward Bound Times

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 29 - All Group
- February 26 - All Group
- February 24 - National TRIO Day
- March 18 - All Group
- April 1-30 - National Volunteer Month
- April 27- Family Service Learning Day
- April 29- All Group
- May 13 - All Group Honoring Seniors

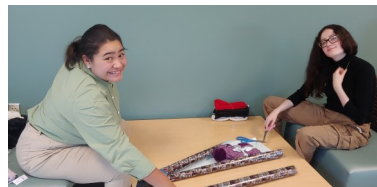
Each December, Upward Bound students gather for their annual service event. Donations come in throughout the year from the SCC community. Students decorate 50 bags with love and wrap hundreds of small gifts to stuff into the gift bags.

Spreading Joy

After a fun-filled evening, the next morning alumni and staff have the pleasure of delivering the bags to the Jackson County Department on Aging. "It was a good way to have fun with the people we love while doing good for others. We had hot chocolate, dinner

and many gifts to wrap! These gifts consisted of soap, lotion, socks, hats and gloves. We really tried and hope for a little more fire in their hearts for Christmas." Students were happy to bring holiday cheer to our local community.

~Donavin S.



Tentative Summer Dates:

June 10– July 18

Rites of Passage Leadership Program

Wolves:

Ivelyse R.
Maritza H.

Butterflies:

Ixel S.
Kara M.
Donavin S.
Veronica M.
Connor C.
Ava A.
Bailey M.
Trinity M.
Lillyanna H.

Congratulations!

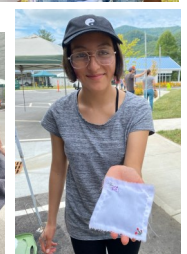
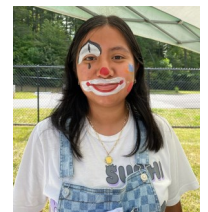
Service Learning

Upward Bound students had the opportunity to explore and learn more about the Jackson County Green Energy Park through demonstrations, activities and service. The Green Energy Park Youth Arts Festival was a fun experience

for all who attended. There were many activities that left lasting memories, each from their own unique style. Working with these various booths (and the people that ran them) was a delight. Also, being able to lead

the youth in having fun with art and seeing their appreciation for the arts filled us with a sense of joy. It was so rewarding watching them run around with smiles on their faces.

~Lillyanna H. and Maritza H.



College Connection: (Two-Year and Four-Year)



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>

Did you know that UNC-Asheville will cover the tuition and fees for NC first year-students and transfer undergraduates whose families make \$80,000 or less annually and meet the Access Asheville criteria?

More information may be found here: <https://new.unca.edu/admission/financial-aid/access-asheville/>

UNCA offers over 30 majors, an average class size of 19, and a smaller campus of around 4,000 students.

Interested in a virtual tour? https://avlbound.unca.edu/portal/visits_events?cmd=virtual_opportunities



Career Exploration: Welding

Want to be highly marketable in two years? Consider a degree in welding!

The Welding Technology curriculum provides students with a sound understanding of the science, technology, and applications essential for successful employment. Career opportunities also exist in construction, manufacturing, fabrication, sales, quality control, supervision, and welding-related self-employment. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median annual wage for welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers was \$47,540 in May 2022.

Interested in learning more or exploring the curriculum? Please visit the link below:

<https://www.southwesterncc.edu/career-technologies/welding-technology>



Celebrating National Trio Day with TRIO Trivia!

What are the 8 Trio Programs?

Educational Opportunity Centers, Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement, Student Support Services, Talent Search, Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs Staff, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math-Science, Veterans Upward Bound

What year did Lyndon B. Johnson sign the Economic Opportunity Act that ultimately created Upward Bound?

1964

What year was the Higher Education Act passed?

1965

What year was Upward Bound established at Southwestern Community College?

1999

Since 1964 how many students have participated in Upward Bound programs?

Over 2 million!

How many college graduates has TRIO produced?

Over 6 million!

How many students participate in Upward Bound at Southwestern Community College each year?

52

True or False?

Upward Bound is a national program that more than doubles the likelihood of students from similar backgrounds attending and graduating from college.

True



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