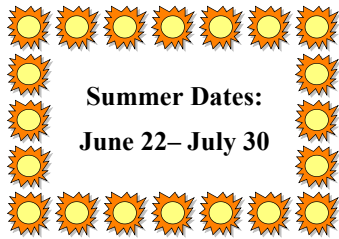




Upward Bound Times

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 26 - All Group
- February 23 - All Group
- February 28 - National TRIO Day
- March 23 - All Group
- April 1-30 - National Volunteer Month
- April 20- All Group
- April 25- Family Service Learning Day
- May 18 - All Group Honoring Seniors



Summer Dates:

June 22– July 30

Rites of Passage Leadership Program

Butterflies:

- Donavin S.
- Trinity M.
- Lillyanna H.
- Logan J.
- Abigail N.
- Olivia R.
- Vincent S.
- Nia S.
- Josi L.
- Tori A.
- Aracely L.

Congratulations!

Celebrating National TRIO DAY: Honoring a Remarkable Career

National TRIO Day is celebrated annually on the fourth Saturday of February. This year marks the 40th anniversary of TRIO programs and SCC will hold a special celebration on Wednesday, February 25th for the SCC community.

Upward Bound has helped over 2 billion students since 1964 and is

one of the eight TRIO programs. This national program more than doubles the likelihood of students from similar backgrounds attending and graduating from college.

SCC Upward Bound is celebrating its 27th birthday this year. For twenty-three of those years, Annette Kesgen provided positive and energetic leadership, before

her retirement in December.

As we honor a remarkable career and an amazing person, we want to share what some of our Upward Bound students have said over the years, and wish her well on the next chapter of her beautiful journey.



"Being in Upward Bound has helped me prepare for college, meet new people, gain lasting friendships, and challenge myself by trying new and different things." ~Paige

"The beautiful human beings who were my mentors in UB have impacted my life by sharing enthusiasm, wisdom, love and guidance with me since I started my high school journey. As an adult, they continue to inspire me to be a more joyous, passionate and giving soul. So grateful for this program and these women!" ~ Philip

"I would like to thank Upward Bound for all of their support throughout high school and even now in college. I could not have done all of this without their support and encouragement in such fundamental points in my life." ~Ivelyse

"At first I didn't know what I would get out of UB, but after four years of funny, emotional, serious times, I've realized it's a family." ~ Veronica



College/Career 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>

Not interested in transferring? SCC has more than 40 academic programs to help you reach your goals! Check them out here: <https://www.southwesterncc.edu/programs>

UNC Asheville College Tour

In November, students from Upward Bound attended the Fall Open House for the University of North Carolina at Asheville (UNCA). We took part in the academic and student services fair giving us a chance to learn about the academic programs, campus activities, and student resources. Through this experience, I was able to explore one of my top schools, meet others who

have chosen the engineering path, and learn more about the program I have applied for in my UNCA college application.

We then went on a tour and explored many buildings that UNCA has to offer, one of which is the Ramsey Library. They had many selections and places to sit down for studying/reading. Downstairs they had rooms for

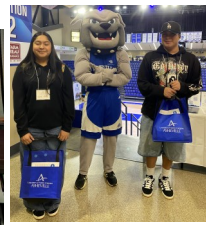
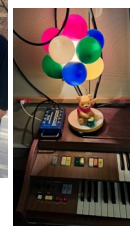
the music students to practice and learn.

Out of all the majors and programs they offer, the 2+2 mechanical engineering program stands out to me. It is a joint program that allows you to go to UNC Asheville for two years and then transfer seamlessly to NC State for the last two years to finish your engineering degree. This effectively gives you the life

of two campuses and the opportunity to be in both small and large classes.

UNC Asheville has a great campus, good lunch options, and fun things to check out. These were some of the reasons I applied for UNC Asheville's 2+2 Joint Mechanical Engineering Program.

~Logan



Making Spirits Bright

In December, during our monthly All Group Meeting, we collaborated with the Jackson County Department on Aging to provide gifts for homebound elders in Jackson county. This is an annual event for Upward Bounders and one of our favorite service projects.

Our first and main objective was

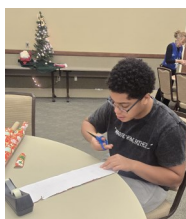
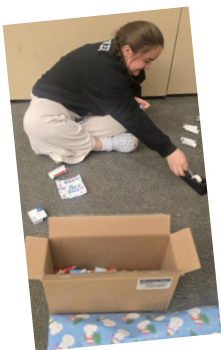
to wrap all the gifts that were donated by our SCC community. Some of the items were things such as socks, hats, gloves, candy, hygiene items, etc. Then, we decorated holiday bags to put all the items in. Once we finished wrapping and packing, Jackson County Department on Aging would help distribute the gifts. One of Upward Bound's values

is service learning, and this was a fun way to provide service and learn more about our community.

But, not just current members helped with this endeavor. Some alumni of Upward Bound showed up to reunite with the program and help as well. It was fun to see them.

Additionally, Annette, our Upward Bound Director retired. Since this was our last group meeting, we commemorated the moment with a slideshow of Upward Bound through the years. She will be missed at Upward Bound, but we are very happy for her. It was a fun and joyful meeting!

~Abigail



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