

May 2016



# Upward Bound Times

## Upcoming Events:

**May 16–** All Group  
“Honoring UB Seniors”

**May 24–** Summer Institute  
Orientation (for new students that  
have not completed a summer or  
for any students that want to  
check out the space and drop off/  
pick up area before the first day  
of summer)

**June 20–** Summer Institute Begins

**July 21–** Summer Institute  
Banquet

**July 25–28–** College Tour trip for  
eligible students



**Cherokee High School**  
Autumn Norton  
Laurel Welch

**Franklin High School**  
Katlyn Brodnax  
Crystal Mathews  
Erin McCall

**Smoky Mountain High School**  
Autumn Farmer  
Kristina Frady  
Christian Queen

**Swain High School**  
Jacob Barker  
Katharine Murray  
Heather Whitt



## Service Day

On a cold October morning in Franklin, Upward Bound students volunteered at the 5K Pumpkin Run. We arrived early to help set up and then headed to our stations. One group helped with t-shirts as participants arrived and then moved over to cheer as runners started and finished the race. Other groups were stationed throughout the race to help keep runners on the correct path and provide inspiration along the way. We danced, made up songs and cheered until everyone finished! After the 5K, we went down to the Pumpkin-Fest where we had lunch and enjoyed the festival. We watched the “World Famous Pumpkin Roll” where participants tried to roll their pumpkin the furthest

down a huge hill without it going out of bounds. We were also able to get pumpkins to decorate and see the parade of costumes. It was a great day of service and fun!

*Emily Alligood*



## Mini Camp College

On the March 19th, Upward Bound students went to Greenville, South Carolina to participate in the Upstate South Carolina National College Fair hosted by Furman University. The students heard from many different representatives who offered information and tips for standardized tests, admissions and optional essays, financial aid, and scholarships. After the workshops, students listed top colleges to visit during the college fair to ask questions to the college's representatives. With well over 100 colleges to choose from, students successfully had their questions answered by multiple schools to provide them with a better look into the schools of their choosing. After the workshop and college fair, students

took a driving tour though Furman University's campus and stopped for pictures along the way. This day helped students gain tips for admissions, better insight into possible schools to apply to, and life skills such as face-to-face communication by speaking with college representatives. Overall, the trip was very helpful for each student who attended by preparing them for college decisions and admissions through the tips and insight of the college officials.

*Kylie Pond*

“One of my favorite things was college representatives presented a skit of how to make the most of the college fair including important questions to ask.”

*MariAnne Stephens*

## Congratulations! Rites of Passage Leadership Program

### Wolves:

\*Kristina F.  
\*Autumn N.  
\*Laurel W.  
\*Kylie P.  
\*Heather W.

### Butterflies:

Katlyn B.  
Naomy B.  
Autumn F.  
Christian Q.  
Emily A.  
Morgan C.  
Katharine M.  
Addie B.  
Erin M.  
Lyndsi Y.  
Anya W.  
Tristin B.  
Alysia F.  
Britt C.  
Chloe T.  
Crystal M.  
Jacob B.  
Tyler P.  
\*Lorena L.  
\*Chase Q.  
\*Hannah S.

\* Indicates May Inductees



## Making the Hardest Decision of My Life Thus Far

When I started high school, my goal was to graduate and go to a college or university away from home. I've lived in Swain County all of my life and I wanted to go out and experience the world. As a minority, low-income student, I knew the only way for me to accomplish that goal was through education. Along with striving to make good grades, I also knew to complete community service and participate in any extracurricular activities that interested me. Although none of this I could have achieved on my own; I regularly attended Upward Bound summer institutes, meetings and scheduled extra time to meet with Upward Bound staff. Despite all the times I wanted to give up because the work was stressful, I kept telling myself it would all be worth it in the end.

During my senior year I applied to 15 different schools and numerous scholarships ('cause hey, free money). By second semester, I had narrowed it down to two possible candidates: North Carolina State University and the University of Miami. After visiting both schools and considering where I wanted to live for the next four years, I received my financial aid packages which included school-specific scholarship offers. Now came the hard part. I had to make the decision by myself of which school to attend.

If attending NC State, I would have a full ride and potentially be paid to go to school; if attending UM I would have to cover some of the cost associated with room, board and travel expenses (as a Hammond Scholar, my tuition was covered). After visiting UM's campus I basically fell in love and I was determined to attend this school. They met, and exceeded, all of my criteria which included ethnic diversity, good academic programs, and strong support systems. When visiting NC State's campus I didn't have my "falling in love moment", but for me, money talks and a full ride was really enticing. I struggled to come up with a solid decision. I felt bad for turning down either school because of the amount of money they were willing to give me to have me attend. Ultimately, I decided to attend the University of Miami because I felt it was a better fit for me and overall I would be happier. Making this decision wasn't easy and brought me to tears on numerous occasions, but now I am so excited knowing I am moving to Miami in a couple of months.



~Heather Whitt

# Upward Bound Seniors



Jacob Barker

Southwestern Community College  
Western Carolina University  
Haywood Community College



Katlyn Brodnax

Southwestern Community College  
Western Carolina University



Autumn Farmer

Southwestern Community College  
Young Harris College

New Century Scholar  
Young Harris College Academic Scholarship



Kristina Frady

Southwestern Community College  
Western Carolina University  
Mars Hill University

Jackson County Western Alumni Scholarship  
Mars Hill University Academic Scholarship



Crystal Mathews

Southwestern Community College  
AB Tech Community College

## Exciting News from our Alumni...



We are very thankful for the many visits and updates from our alumni!

There is not enough room here to share all their stories, but we wanted to mention as many as possible in this newsletter:

- Jeremy Wilde received second place in the poster presentation at the Kentucky Academy of Sciences for his research on salamander diversity. He is going to nationals for pole vaulting, representing Berea College. This summer he will be doing research, looking at staph bacteria and its antibiotic resistance level in the Berea community.
- Emily Donovan is a trauma/orthopedic trauma nurse at Carolinas Healthcare System in Charlotte.
- Heather Styles graduated this May from Mars Hill University with degrees in Psychology, Art Therapy, and a minor in Studio Art. She opened her first art exhibition showcasing her senior work on April 22nd. In addition, she completed a program evaluation research project with Arts For Life and submitted a report on the work to be considered for publishing in an academic journal.
- Brionna Willingham graduated from Western Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.
- Angelica Yanez graduated from Western Carolina University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish and a Minor in Hospitality & Tourism Management.
- Brandon Nelon graduated from Appalachian State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Cell and Molecular Biology.



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**Erin McCall**

**Western Carolina University**  
Southwestern Community College  
UNC-Charlotte

United States Achievement Academy  
Homer Ray Davis Scholarship  
Lester C. Henderson Scholarship  
NCSECU "People Helping People" Scholarship  
Golden Leaf Foundation Scholarship  
New Century Scholar



**Katharine Murray**

**Berea College**  
Berea College Tuition Promise Scholarship



**Autumn Norton**

**Southwestern Community College**  
East Tennessee State University



**Christian Queen**

**Southwestern Community College**  
Wake Tech Community College



**Laurel Welch**

**Southwestern Community College**



**Heather Whitt**

**University of Miami**  
Milwaukee School of Engineering  
NC State University

Ronald A. Hammond Scholarship  
QuestBridge Finalist  
Aubrey Lee Brooks Scholarship  
Henry Nauss Scholarship  
Pack Promise

## College Connection: Blue Ridge Community College



- Located in Flat Rock, NC
- 2, 088 students enrolled in educational programs
- Unique Two-Year Degree Programs (not offered at SCC) : Electronics Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Game Design and Simulation, Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology, Alternative Transportation Technology, Film and Production Technology, Surgical Technology, Horticulture Technology
- Last year, more than \$456,638 in scholarships were available to attend

## Career Exploration: Simulation and Game Development, Associate in Applied Science Degree

Do you enjoy the thought of programming, modeling and game creation?  
Want to learn 3D modeling and software engineering?

Then consider this program!

An overview: Graduates should qualify for employment as designers, artists, animators, programmers, database administrators, testers, quality assurance analysts, engineers and administrators in the entertainment industry, the health care industry, engineering, forensics, education, NASA and government agencies.

Want to learn more? Visit this link:

<http://www.blueridge.edu/academics/business-computer-information-technologies/simulation-and-game-development>



### Summer Institute 2016

Summer is almost here and we are very excited about our upcoming Summer Institute! The dates are June 20-July 28, 2016. Our theme is "Perspectives", with the focus on telling our own stories and listening to others' perspectives.

Our annual banquet will be held on THURSDAY, July 21 with student presentations and awards. The summer will culminate with our College Tour Trip to Charleston, SC.

Orientation night: Tuesday, May 24, drop-in between 5:30 -7:00 pm. Please watch your mail for an RSVP.



### "Perspectives"

UPWARD BOUND SUMMER INSTITUTE 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JUNE 20 SUMMER INSTITUTE 9am-4pm Monday-Thursday	21 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm	22 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm	23 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm	24 "Edmodo Challenge"
27 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm	28 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm	29 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm	30 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm	July 1 "Edmodo Challenge"
4 Holiday	5 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm	6 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm	7 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm	8 "Edmodo Challenge"
11 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm	12 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm	13 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm	14 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm	15 "Edmodo Challenge"
18 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm "Edmodo Challenge"	19 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm	20 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm	21 Classes 9:00am-4:00pm UB SUMMER INSTITUTE BANQUET 7-9pm	22
25	26	27	28	
College Tour Trip for eligible students !				

<http://www.southwesterncc.edu/upward-bound>

