

May 2022



Upward Bound Times

Upcoming Events:

May 16– All Group
Honoring UB Seniors and
Service Project

June 13-Summer Institute
Begins

July 14-Summer Institute
Banquet

July 18-21-College Tour Trip

What Does Upward Bound Mean to Me?

What does Upward Bound mean to me? I'll be honest, when I started it meant pocket money and time to work on homework before going home. There couldn't be a shallower definition.

It's always having a compassionate ear or helping hand, even when you think you don't want or need it.

It's having people who care, pushing you to go the extra mile, challenging you for your sake, not theirs.

It's forming friendships with people you only see once a month and for a few weeks in the summer.

It's coming out of your shell, not because you have to, or even because you can, but because you want to.

So community might be the word for what Upward Bound means to me.

~ Taylor



Service Day:

Great Smoky Mountains Cleanup

On April 23rd, Upward Bound spent a lovely Saturday cleaning up popular areas in Western North Carolina, such as "The Road to Nowhere" and Deep Creek.

First, we started with "The Road to Nowhere". As soon as we stepped out, we were greeted with an unwelcoming and disappointing amount of garbage. As we cleaned, many people thanked us for our service as they passed by enjoying the day. Making our way through, we went beyond the tunnel, discovering even more trash. We cleaned it up with good spirits,

singing songs and joking around through the dark tunnel.

After "The Road to Nowhere", Upward Bounders had lunch in the Bryson City Courtyard, venturing off to Deep Creek afterwards. Thankfully, there was barely any trash to be found so we took the extra time to hike up to the falls, picking up any small pieces of garbage along the way before returning to the vans.

This experience was not only good for the park, but it was fun and educational for the volunteers. Everyone had a lot of laughs, forged new bonds, and made a difference in the community.

~Ava and Bailey



Save Our Smokies

Great Smoky Mountains National Park Spring Clean Event

- largest cleanup in the history of Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- around 200 volunteers
- removed 4614.7 pounds of litter from all over the Park
- saveoursmokies.org

Congratulations!

Rites of Passage Leadership Program

Wolves:
Taylor B.

Butterflies:
Taleigh V.
Lindsey S.
Ivelyse R.
Maritza A.
Destiny S.
Shelby M.
Veronica M.
Adia F.
Aiden C.
Ixcel S.
Kara M.

Resources:

- College Foundation of North Carolina
www.cfnc.org
- Khan Academy
www.khanacademy.org/sat
- CollegeBoard
www.collegeboard.org
- ACT
www.act.org
- Thinking Storm
www.thinkingstorm.com/sccub
24/7 tutoring – Free for UB



Upward Bound Seniors



Taylor Ball

Western Carolina University
NC State University
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Southwestern Community College

Brinson Honors College
HC Premier Pathway Scholarship
CS Madison Academic Scholarship
Ewing-Huffman Scholarship; Chapter CL, P.E.O.
William V. Mason Scholarship
Fred Siler Memorial Scholarship
Adelaide Brewer Scholarship



Taleigh Verrault

Western Carolina University
NC State University
UNC-Chapel Hill
UNC-Charlotte
Southwestern Community College

Brinson Honors College
HC Premier Pathway Scholarship
Crawford Sherrill Scholarship
Michael Buckner Scholarship
Golden Leaf Scholarship
WNC Regionals Scholarship
Gene and Lee Meyer Scholarship
Clyde and Mildred Wright Endowment Fund Scholarship
College of Humanities and Social Sciences Impact Scholar
Accelerated Research Program
Carolina Covenant Scholarship
Chancellor's Scholarship
New Century Scholar



Lindsey Stephens

Southwestern Community College
Western Carolina University

Founders Scholarship



Makayla Yacuzzo

Southwestern Community College

New Century Scholar

Upward Bound Seniors



Jocelyn Gunter

Southwestern Community College



Jordan Jones

Southwestern Community College



Skylar Henderson

Southwestern Community College



Tate Wahcahunka

Southwestern 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:

- Emily Alligood graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education and a minor in Marketing from Western Carolina University.
- Kierra Shook is interning at NASA. She's a current student at NC State University, pursuing a degree in Aerospace Engineering.
- Chase Queen will spend the summer with the Red River Pilots collegiate summer league team of the Expedition League in North Dakota for a baseball operations internship. He is a current student at Western Carolina University pursuing a major in Sports Management.
- Riley McConnell graduated from UNC-Asheville with a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry. She is going to Genoa, Italy to study abroad before applying to medical school.
- Addie Beck received a diploma in Medical Office Administration from Southwestern Community College and was inducted into Alpha Beta. She previously received her Associate of Applied Science in Radiography.
- Alysia Figueroa graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts in Exercise and Sport Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.
- Serena Hart received a certificate in Culinary Arts and is continuing at Southwestern Community College to complete an associate's degree in Culinary Arts.

College Connection: SCC



- 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 colleges in the nation by Washington Monthly (2007 and 2010) and WalletHub (2015)
- Southwestern Community College's three-county service area totals 1,534 square miles (30 percent larger than the state of Rhode Island) and has a population of approximately 78,000.

Career Exploration: Mechatronics

Do you enjoy robotics and/or programming? Learning new technology? Exploring how technology impacts our daily lives? Want to be highly marketable in two years? We may have just the program for you...


Associate of Applied Science degree in Mechatronics Technology at SCC

Graduates will be qualified for the following:

Employment in industrial maintenance and manufacturing including assembly, testing, startup, troubleshooting, repair, process improvement, and control systems, and should qualify to sit for Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Institute (PMMI) mechatronics or similar industry examinations.

Want to learn more and explore the curriculum? Please visit the link below:

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




Summer Institute 2022

Our Summer Institute dates are June 13th-July 21st with the Annual Banquet on Thursday, July 14th at 7pm.

Our theme is "Mapping Your Future" and we will be focusing on critical thinking, decision making, and choices.

The Summer Institute will culminate with our College Tour Trip to the Outer Banks of North Carolina Monday, July 18th-Thursday, July 21st!



"Mapping Your Future" Upward Bound Summer Institute 2022				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 9:00am-4:00pm	14 9:00am-4:00pm	15 9:00am-4:00pm	16 9:00am-4:00pm	17 Service Learning Work Study Job Shadowing Career Exploration
20 9:00am-4:00pm	21 9:00am-4:00pm	22 9:00am-4:00pm	23 9:00am-4:00pm	24 Service Learning Work Study Job Shadowing Career Exploration
27 9:00am-4:00pm	28 9:00am-4:00pm	29 9:00am-4:00pm	30 9:00am-4:00pm	JULY 1 Service Learning Work Study Job Shadowing Career Exploration
4 HOLIDAY	5 9:00am-4:00pm	6 9:00am-4:00pm	7 9:00am-4:00pm	8 Service Learning Work Study Job Shadowing Career Exploration
11 9:00am-4:00pm	12 9:00am-4:00pm	13 9:00am-4:00pm	14 9:00am-4:00pm UB SUMMER INSTITUTE BANQUET 7pm	15 Service Learning Work Study Job Shadowing Career Exploration
18 College Tour	19 Trip to the Outer Banks of NC for eligible students !	20	21	Happy Summer!

