

May 2025



Upward Bound Times

Upcoming Events:

- June 9** Summer Institute Begins
- July 10** Summer Institute Banquet
- July 14-17** College Tour Trip for eligible students

Rites of Passage Leadership Program

Butterflies:

- Ixcel S.
- Donavin S.
- Ava A.
- Bailey M.
- Trinity M.
- Lillyanna H.
- Tung D.
- Gavin R.
- Logan J.
- Abigail N.
- Olivia R.
- Vincent K.
- Nia S.

Congratulations!



Family Service Learning Day

On the morning of April 26, we all met at SCC and went to the demo kitchen. Together we discussed our plan of making dog and cat treats for the local animal shelter.

Then we got into three groups and received a recipe and ingredients. Each group had a different recipe and made several batches. My group made four batches of rice crispy

balls for dogs. Others made cat and dog biscuits.

After we finished baking, we cleaned up while we waited for the food to cool. Once cooled, we packaged them in little bags and labeled them with the ingredient list.

This was fun and messy all at the same time. I feel like we all had a great time together

and it was amazing giving back to the community.

After our work was complete, we went to downtown Sylva for the Greening Up the Mountains Festival. There were many places to eat and lots of vendors. The service day was fun and I hope we do it again next year.

~Rosmery, Vincent, Aldo



Celebrating National Trio Day with 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:

- Shelby Maney graduated from SCC with an Associate in Arts-College Transfer degree and is continuing at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.
- Taleigh Verrault graduated from WCU with a Bachelor of Science in History and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She will be attending graduate school at James Madison University in the Fall.
- Delaney Rodriguez graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Global Studies with a concentration in Latin American International Politics, Nation-States, and Social Movements along with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Romance Languages with a concentration in Portuguese and a minor in Linguistics. She was the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Portuguese.
- Taylor Douthit Woodard graduated from NC State with a Master of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Sport Management (MPRTSM) degree.
- Kierra Shook graduated from NC State with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering.
- Makayla Yacuzzo graduated from SCC with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Administration-Entrepreneurship.
- Tyler Phillips graduated from SCC with an Associate in Arts-College Transfer degree.

Upward Bound Seniors



Ava Albright

Western Carolina University
 East Carolina University
 Southwestern Community College

Golden Leaf Scholarship
 FC2 Success Scholarship
 Catamount Commitment Platinum Scholarship
 Next NC Scholarship
 Annie and Ernest Bryson Scholarship
 Julia Hunt Endowment



Michael Brody

NC State University
 Western Carolina University
 Southwestern Community College

MedCaT Scholarship
 Next NC Scholarship



Tung Dang

Western Carolina University
 East Carolina University
 Southwestern Community College

Kenny Nicholson Service Above Self Scholarship
 WNC Regionals Scholarship
 Next NC Scholarship
 WNC PATH Scholarship
 Catamount Commitment Gold Scholarship
 Mary Helen Clement Scholarship



Bailey Mahardika

Western Carolina University
 East Carolina University
 Southwestern Community College

Nell Leatherwood Scholarship
 Next NC Scholarship
 Catamount Commitment Platinum Scholarship
 Professor Gainey Scholarship



Gavin Rinker

Southwestern Community College
 Western Carolina University

Catamount Commitment Scholarship



Adam Rogers

UNC-Pembroke
 Western Carolina University
 Montreat College

UNC-Pembroke Academic Scholarship
 UNC-Pembroke Athletic Scholarship
 Montreat College Academic Scholarship

Upward Bound Seniors



Gunnar Floyd

Southwestern Community College



Isabelle Henry

Southwestern Community College



Jack Hyatt

Southwestern Community College



David Rogers

UNC-Pembroke
Western Carolina University

UNC-Pembroke Academic Scholarship
UNC-Pembroke Athletic Scholarship



Ixcel Soriano-Aguilar

Southwestern Community College

Ingle's Markets Scholarship
Lions Club Scholarship



Abbygail Wildcatt

Southwestern Community College

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>



Florida State University
Located in Tallahassee, Florida

Founded in 1851; oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida

The university has 44,308 students including students from every Florida county and 130 countries

The university offers 274 degree programs including bachelor's, master's, doctoral, specialist, professional

The most popular majors include Psychology, Finance, Marketing, Criminal Justice/Safety Studies, and Political Science

A specialized major offered is Risk Management/Insurance, which is consistently ranked highly nationally

More information can be found here: <https://www.fsu.edu/>

Career Exploration: Aerospace Engineering

Are you interested in researching, designing, developing, and testing aircrafts?

Do you enjoy working on the computer?

If so, consider a degree in Aerospace Engineering!

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of aerospace engineers is projected to grow 6 percent from 2023 to 2033, faster than the average for all occupations. Two common types of aerospace engineers are aeronautical engineers which work with the aircraft and astronautical engineers which work with the science and technology of spacecraft.



Interested in exploring the curriculum? Please visit the links below:

https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGENG/ARO_BSAE/

<https://catalog.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/engineering/mechanical-aerospace/aerospace-engineering-bs/>

Want to know more?

The film, A Million Miles Away, chronicles the life story of NASA astronaut and TRIO alumnus José Hernández.

Want to talk to a SCC Upward Bound alumna?

Kierra Shook Interned at NASA's Johnson Space Center and just graduated from NC State with a degree in Aerospace Engineering!



Our summer dates are June 9-July 17.

Our theme is "Mission Possible"!

Please save the date for Thursday, July 10, 7-9pm for our Annual Banquet.

Our College Tour Trip (for eligible students) is July 14-17 and will be to Florida with college visits, cultural experiences, and lots of fun!



"Mission Possible" Upward Bound Summer Institute 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 9 9:00am-4:00pm	June 10 9:00am-4:00pm	June 11 9:00am-4:00pm	June 12 9:00am-4:00pm	June 13 Service Learning Work Study Job Shadowing Career Exploration
June 16 9:00am-4:00pm	June 17 9:00am-4:00pm	June 18 9:00am-4:00pm	June 19 9:00am-4:00pm	June 20 Service Learning Work Study Job Shadowing Career Exploration
June 23 9:00am-4:00pm	June 24 9:00am-4:00pm	June 25 9:00am-4:00pm	June 26 9:00am-4:00pm	June 27 Service Learning Work Study Job Shadowing Career Exploration
June 30 9:00am-4:00pm	July 1 9:00am-4:00pm	July 2 9:00am-4:00pm	July 3 9:00am-4:00pm	July 4 HOLIDAY
July 7 9:00am-4:00pm	July 8 9:00am-4:00pm	July 9 9:00am-4:00pm	July 10 9:00am-4:00pm UB Banquet 7:00pm	July 11 Service Learning Work Study Job Shadowing Career Exploration
July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	

College Tour Trip to Florida for eligible students!