

January 2021



Upward Bound Times

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 25 - All Group
February 22 - All Group
February 24 - ACT for juniors at your high school
February 27 - National TRIO Day "Molding Your Future" Pottery Class
March 13- SAT for juniors
March 20 - Cantonese Cooking Class
March 22 - All Group
National Volunteer Week - April 18-24/Earth Day April 22
April 26- All Group
May 17 - All Group (Senior Presentation)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Rites of Passage
Leadership Program

Current Butterflies:

Destiny M.
Tyler C.
Alyssa S.
Taleigh V.
Maggie K.
Delaney R.
Marqualand N.
Taylor B.
Lindsey S.
Ivelyse R.
Maritza A.
Joey T.
Destiny S.
Chloe S.

Highlights from 2020

Fall 2020 was a busy season for SCC Upward Bounders! In addition to tutoring, college/scholarship applications and weekly meetings, students attended monthly themed activities to continue to learn, grow, and give back. Topics included critical thinking, mindfulness and team-building. Students also partic-

ipated in The Legend of Treasure Mountain virtual escape experience, a virtual group cooking class from local nonprofit Uncomplicated Kitchen, and a virtual painting class from New York City. Alumni offered a student panel discussion on their college experiences and students were able to explore

colleges through a national virtual college fair. The semester ended with the annual service project for the Jackson County Department on Aging. (Students love this organization!) Upward Bounders painted birdhouses and made fleece blankets to fill holiday bags with the goal of passing along joy and comfort.



College Connection: SCC



- Located in Sylva, NC (Main Campus)
- 2,050 students enrolled in curriculum programs
- Student to faculty ratio is 12:1
- BestColleges.com put SCC at No. 1 in its listing of "The Best Community Colleges & Trade Schools of 2020." SCC has also been ranked among the Top 10 community colleges in the nation by Washington Monthly (No. 4 in 2007 and No. 9 in 2010) and WalletHub (No. 7 in 2015).
- Unique Two-Year Degree Programs: Civil Engineering Technology, Mechatronics Engineering Technology, Outdoor Leadership, Associate in Fine Arts in Visual Arts
- New Programs for 2021: Opticianry, Surgical Technology

Want more information? Visit this link: <https://www.southwesterncc.edu/programs>

Career Exploration: Surgical Technologist

- Do you enjoy the idea of being in surgery and assisting doctors, nurses, and other health care team members?
- Want to help set-up operating rooms, transport patients, arrange equipment for surgery, and assist with post-operative procedures?
- In two years, you could be highly employable in the field with the new program offered at SCC. The median annual salary is \$47,300 and there is no shortage of jobs! (You can even specialize for even more specific job opportunities.)

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

Surgical Technology Program, Southwestern Community College
<https://www.southwesterncc.edu/program/surgical-technology-aas>

YouTube: "What is a SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST?"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJNswr2jLcE>



Celebrating National Trio Day with Trio Trivia

Name the 8 Trio Programs in which Upward Bound is one of:

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 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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