

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 29- All Group

February 26 - All Group

February 27-ACT for juniors at your high school

March 10- SAT for juniors

March 23-24-Leadership Conference for Rites of Passage Leadership at Appalachian State University

March 26 - All Group

April 28- Service Day/ Cultural Event

April 30 - All Group

May 21 - All Group (Senior Presentation)

UB Tentative Summer Dates - June 18-July 26

Testing Practice:

- College Foundation of North Carolina
 www.cfnc.org
- Khan Academy www.khanacademy.org/sat
- CollegeBoard www.collegeboard.org
- ACT www.act.org

Congratulations!

Over half of Upward Bound students received Academic Excellence (3.5 or higher) or Academic Honors (3.0 or higher) for this past semester.

Service Days

Each year before Christmas, Upward Bound collects goods to donate to the Jackson County Department of Aging. Each individual gift is wrapped with the utmost care and affection. Our gifts include: toiletries, blankets, hats, gloves,



On November 11, 2017, me and some of my classmates in Upward Bound decided to sign up for some community service at Equinox Ranch in Cullowhee. When we got there we started to rake leaves and clean up the driveway and get all the fallen leaves off the





candy and various other items. This year I had the opportunity to drop off the gifts at the Department of Aging. Getting to witness all of the donations made me proud to be part of the community. I am so thankful to have the op-

driveway and walkways. Then some of us worked on a trail to the river, while others kept raking leaves and doing other outside work. Next, we had the privilege of hearing some experiences from a Vietnam veteran. He was very emotional and gave a very good "speech". Then we got back to work. We did a little inside work - moving refrigerators and taking



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portunity to do this yearly with Upward Bound. ~Alysia F.



doors off so a refrigerator would fit. Later, we went to the park to have a picnic lunch. We ate and sat by the river and talked and had a great time. I'm so glad I went and served on Veterans Day for people who served for my freedom. The main goal of the Equinox Ranch is a retreat center for combat veterans.

~Jeffrey Tallent





CONGRATULATIONS!

Rites of Passage Leadership Program

Wolves:

Addie B.

- *Alysia F.
- *Lyndsi Y.
- *Madison P.

Butterflies:

Hannah S.

Anya W.

Lyndsi Y.

Tyler P.

Chase Q.

Chase B.

Morgan P.

Madison P.

Riley M.

Autumn G.

Amber G.

Scott A.

Niobie R.

Meredith P.

Chevenne H.

- *McKenzee C.
- *Brianna N.
- *Jeffery T.
- *Brenda A.
- *Dabriah J.

*Rae S.

*Zak J.

* Indicates January Inductees

College Connection

Appalachian State University



- Located in Boone, NC
- Established in 1899 as Watauga Academy
- 18, 811 Undergraduate Students (3,306 Freshmen)
 - Average GPA: 3.94-4.48 (Weighted), ACT: 23-28, SAT: 1120-1290
- More than 150 Undergraduate and Graduate Majors
- Average Class Size: 27, 16:1 Student/Faculty Ratio
- 20 Varsity Sports, 20 Club Sports, and 80 Intramural Sports

Career Exploration

Do you enjoy drawing, decorating, architecture, and design? If so, consider a career in Interior Design!

Program Website: http://www.appstate.edu/academics/majors/id/interior-design

Do you enjoy theatre, specifically designing props and the technical components? If so, consider a career in Theatre Arts!

Program Website: http://www.appstate.edu/academics/majors/id/theatre-arts-theatre-design-technology



UNC Charlotte was very exciting, hot, rainy, fun and educational. The students who went there from Upward Bound said they had an adventurous trip to one of the biggest colleges they had ever toured. Rae Shaw even said that to her, it was larger than WCU. They have a great study abroad program, where they can visit countries like Japan, England, Australia, South Korea,

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New Zealand, and many more. They also had Honors College, where you're in honors program classes and it gives you more benefits, such as, it looks great on a job application. They offered fine arts programs, medical programs, and teaching programs. They also had extra-curricular things such as concerts, sundae bars and places to hang out around the college. Overall, it



seems the students had a nice time touring the college and hanging out with their friends. For more information, please visit their website https://www.uncc.edu/.

~Scott A.

