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- Upward Bound Student Essay Finalist at Tuskegee University's AgriTREK
- Upward Bound Student Ambassador for Henry County Youth Leadership

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TRiO Newsletter

Wallace Community College

Upward Bound 20/20 Club

Under the leadership of Mr. Baker, The Upward Bound program is setting the bar high for participants' ACT performance. His goal is that each participant enter the 20/20 Club prior to graduating from high school. The 20/20 Club is a motivational tool used to encourage participants to work hard and score a 20 or higher on both the Math and English sections of the ACT. Why a 20?



Upward Bound participants in ACT Preparation course. They were amazed at how much they learned and didn't even know they were learning!

A score of 20 on the ACT automatically exempts a student from taking a college placement exam and results in the student being placed directly into college level Math and English courses, therefore deeming the student college ready. There are two ways the Upward Bound program will help the participants score higher on the ACT. First, the Upward Bound program plans to increase ACT scores by strengthening test taking skills by administering quarterly mock ACT exams. Second, the participants will be placed in an environment where ACT preparation is embedded within hands-on activities. After researching several places that would offer both ACT preparation and exposure requirements, the Alabama Math and Science School in Mobile, Alabama was found to have everything we needed and more! The Alabama School of Mathematics and Science is our state's only fully public residential high school for sophomores, juniors, and seniors seeking advanced studies in math, science, and the humanities.

ASMS offers camps for kids as young as sixth grade and as old as freshmen. They spend 1-3 weeks on campus either in the dorms or just during the day. At ASMS, the Adventures in Math and Science campers select several classes to take a crash course in a given subject and participate in dozens of activities and mini-field trips. From computer work to lab work, literature and more, there's a class for everyone, often with a creative twist.

Upward Bound Participants at Alabama School of Math and Science



Kendall Jones (in red shirt) with other campers learning communication skills at a local radio station in Mobile, AL.

If you would like to see more pictures of our residential week at the Alabama School of Math and Science, please go to the link below and be amazed at how much our participants enjoyed ASMS camp!

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/asmsphotos/sets/>
—Monchel Hollins



Frederick Marsh smiling while preparing for the ACT.



Kendall Jones (far right with binder) taking a mini-field trip to the news station with his journalism class.



Bobby Mahone and Kendall Jones having a great time with a lesson on probability in ACT math preparation.



Group of Upward Bound participants waiting for lunch.



Zanesh Jackson, Jamaya Grooms, Zatisa Starling, and other campers in a cross fit course.



Hands-on math activity. The students were so engaged!

Upward Bound's Chelsea Craddock Essay Finalist



Upward Bound senior, Chelsea Craddock, recently participated in Tuskegee's summer AgriTREK science program. During the summer camp, Chelsea participated in an essay contest with other students. On July 29, 2015, Chelsea's essay was chosen as one of seven finalists. She plans to represent Wallace Community College Upward Bound, Tuskegee University, and Abbeville High School during her all-expense paid trip to the Iowa Youth Institute and World Food Prize event in Des Moines, Iowa in October. Tuskegee University faculty and staff are organizing the trip. This event will feature the agricultural research of scientists from sixty-five countries.

Chelsea released the following statement after being notified of her selection:

During my internship at Tuskegee University I participated in the world food prize contest. My essay consisted of five pages regarding issues related to water and sanitation problems in Jordan. I was extremely excited when I received

the news from my counselor at TU, Dr. Olga B. Tiller, that I won the contest! I would like to thank Wallace Community College – Upward Bound program for also giving me this opportunity. Without help from my Upward Bound staff, none of this would be possible.

— Brittany Jones

Upward Bound Student Selected Ambassador for Henry County Youth Leadership

Adrienne Conner will represent Abbeville High as part of Henry County Youth Leadership. This program involves students from Headland High, Abbeville High, and Abbeville Christian Academy. Congratulations Adrienne on your selection to serve as an Ambassador.





TRiO on the Wallace Community College Sparks and Dothan Campuses is made up of three programs: Student Support Services, Upward Bound and Talent Search. They are federally

funded programs by the U. S. Department of Education that provide support and opportunity for eligible students-middle school through college. To reach any person on this list, call 983-3521 or 687-3543 and then the extension below:

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BE somebody
WHO MAKES
EVERYBODY
FEEL LIKE A
somebody.
-Kid President

Financial Aid and Scholarship Information

Wallace Community College has a limited number of institutional scholarships that are awarded primarily to students who excel academically, exhibit outstanding leadership skills, or possess talent in the area of music or the arts. Institutional scholarships are tuition and fee waivers that cover 100% of in-state tuition and mandatory fees, unless otherwise stated. Scholarships are awarded for a one-year period. All students interested in applying for an institutional scholarship must also complete an *Application for Admission* to the College and the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*.

Wallace Community College also offers a number of privately funded scholarships through external agencies and the two College Foundations. These scholarships may have specific requirements beyond those established by the College.

For an application and more information go to:

www.wallace.edu
Click Financial Aid
Click Current Scholarships

Check this site often for scholarship information and deadlines to apply. Scholarships are listed only when applications are being taken.

