



# TRiO Newsletter

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Wallace Community College

## Special points of interest:

- Upward Bound Visits Little Rock, Arkansas
- Talent Search Summer Activities
- Troy University Campus Tour and Team Building at Camp Butter and Eggs

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## Upward Bound Participants Tour Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine in Dothan, AL



Left to Right (Front Row) Nasasha Davis, Chalacia Freeman, Chelsea Craddock, Breanna McCray, Miranda Gilbert, , (2<sup>nd</sup> Row) Jaleah Ledbetter, Adrienne Conner, Aaliyia Rogers, Tahjmare Dale, Tynesha Jones, (3<sup>rd</sup> Row) Chelsea Ayeni, Joshua Williams, Brittany Paige, Dashon Cromwell, Christopher Rodgers, Marcos Young, Riley Ross, Shacoya Mack

Upward Bound participants toured the newly-built Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine located in Dothan, AL. Assistant Director of Enrollment, Bob Willis, and a current medical student were phenomenal tour guides. After the 90-minute tour, the students were very impressed with the college's rigorous admission process and its programs. They also gained a new respect for the medical field after touring the anatomy department where they were allowed to visit the area housing cadavers. The students were extremely fascinated with the process of donating a body to science.

After visiting ACOM, several students were interested in learning more and excitedly signed up to receive more information about osteopathic medicine. A special thank you goes to the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine, Mr. Bob Willis, and the college staff for exposing Upward Bound students to great opportunities.

Then it was off to a fun-filled day at Dothan Survival Games. While enjoying the paint-ball games, the students were taught team building, listening, and effective communication skills.

Upward Bound rocks!

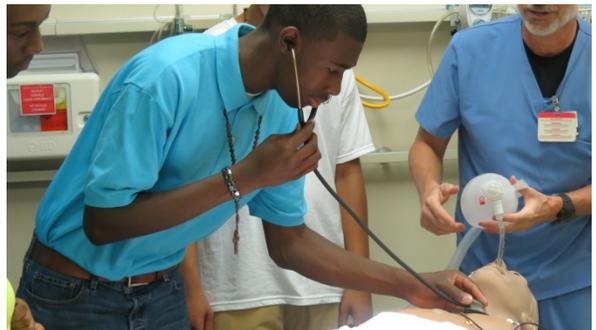
—Monchel Hollins

## Upward Bound Cultural Enrichment Trip to Little Rock, Arkansas

With historic highlights such as the President William J. Clinton Library and Central High School, Little Rock stands out as an important piece of American culture. Upward Bound participants were able to experience and relive episodes of rich Southern history at many of these historic sites and museums. They also gained a “real” college experience at The University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR).



Upward Bound participants learning how to effectively communicate as a team in order to save a life. Most of the students left with a newfound respect for following directions and effectively communicating with other people.



Riley Ross gained hands-on experience in the simulation center at the Spine Institute, Little Rock, Arkansas



Adrienne Conner was super excited about living on a campus for a week!



Brittany Paige and Janis F. Kearney, former White House Presidential diarist, author, historian and publisher. The Upward Bound students had an opportunity to have a question and answer session centered around Kearney’s memoir, *Cotton Field of Dreams*.



Dr. William Greenfield, who was born and raised in Abbeville, AL, took time from his busy schedule to share his success story with Upward Bound participants.



Riley Ross, Chelsea Ayeni, Brittany Paige (sitting on table) and the tour guide at the Spine Institute.



Upward Bound participants touring the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum in Little Rock, Arkansas.



Ms. Tameka Hicks took this beautiful photograph at the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum in Little Rock, Arkansas.



Upward Bound students attentively listening about the history of the oval office at the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum.

## TALENT SEARCH NEWS

TRiO Educational Talent Search (ETS) on the Sparks Campus has not let the conclusion of the school year leave its participants idle. Two weeks of the month of June were filled with enrichment activities which were offered to all Talent Search participants entering grades 7-12 in the fall. The event was attended by 81 middle school and high school students.

During the middle school enrichment week, participants learned lessons that would be beneficial for the remainder of their school years as well as some that will continue to be useful throughout their personal and professional lives. The week began with a "Write Right" workshop during which participants learned to generate and organize thoughts for writing. The students also acquired a bit of financial knowledge using the FDIC Money Smarts curriculum and participated in team building exercises.

High school participants began their week with the "Get Your Money WRITE" session which consisted of writing lessons pertaining to scholarship essays. Many students began completing the application for the Gates Millennium Scholarship (GMS) during this time. As part of the mission of getting more students to receive scholarships, Gates Millennium Scholar and Upward Bound instructor Ms. Tameka Hicks shared her story of earning the GMS and mentored students on academic success and the scholarship application process. Ms. Lynn Lamere (Dual Enrollment Coordinator) informed the group of educational opportunities available through dual enrollment, and students received instruction on linking high school and college courses with career interests.

One of the highlights of middle school and high school Summer Enrichment was community service. Prior to attending Summer Enrichment, students received letters asking them to bring certain nonperishable food items to donate to the Back Pack Program. During Summer Enrichment, they participated in workshops on the importance of involving themselves in community service for scholarship purposes and for self-fulfillment. Students were also given tools and instruction to document community service. At the end of the week, ETS participants were visited by Ms. Carol Rich (Math Instructor at WCC) who is a coordinator for one of the local Back Pack Programs. Ms. Rich explained to students that a local teacher noticed a young child coming to school unusually hungry on Monday mornings and mentioned it to her and some others. They began to pack the child's book bag with food on Friday afternoons. They soon began to wonder how many other children were in similar situations. Presently, twelve children have been identified and are being served by this program. Ms. Rich informed ETS participants that the amount of food collected during Summer Enrichment would keep those twelve children from being hungry during the week-end for over a month.

In addition to other activities, both middle school and high school students participated in industry tours. Middle school participants learned lessons about electricity production and received first-hand career information from employees while visiting the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant in Columbia, AL. High school participants were enlightened on the poultry industry while discovering the wide-range of careers in the business directly from degree-holding employees at Keystone Foods in Eufaula. All attendees toured Wallace Community College - Sparks Campus as a part of Summer Enrichment 2014.

Although the academic year has ended (or has yet to begin) for most students, Educational Talent Search participants can expect opportunities for educational enrichment and career discovery at any time.

—Buffae Howard

Page 5 contains pictures of the Talent Search activities.



Tykearia Williams, Seyn Richardson, Jessica Ross and other middle school ETS participants complete a "Write Right" activity in small groups.

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Middle school Talent Search participants work on team building skills as they prepare boxes for the Back Pack program.



Ms. Carol Rich, Math Instructor, poses with a group of high school ETS participants who donated food items for the Back Pack program.



High school participants stop for a picture after touring Keystone Foods.



Middle school Talent Search participants learn about the role of engineers while visiting a control room at Farley Nuclear Plant.

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Alexius Lynn, Hasani Harris, and Shaqori Morris, high school participants, enjoy a lunch break.

## TRiO First-Year College Experience Students Tour Troy University And Team Build at Camp Butter and Eggs



The 2014 First-Year College Experience Program students traveled to Troy University, Troy, AL on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 for an awesome tour of the campus. They received important information about the Troy programs and its transfer admission requirements.

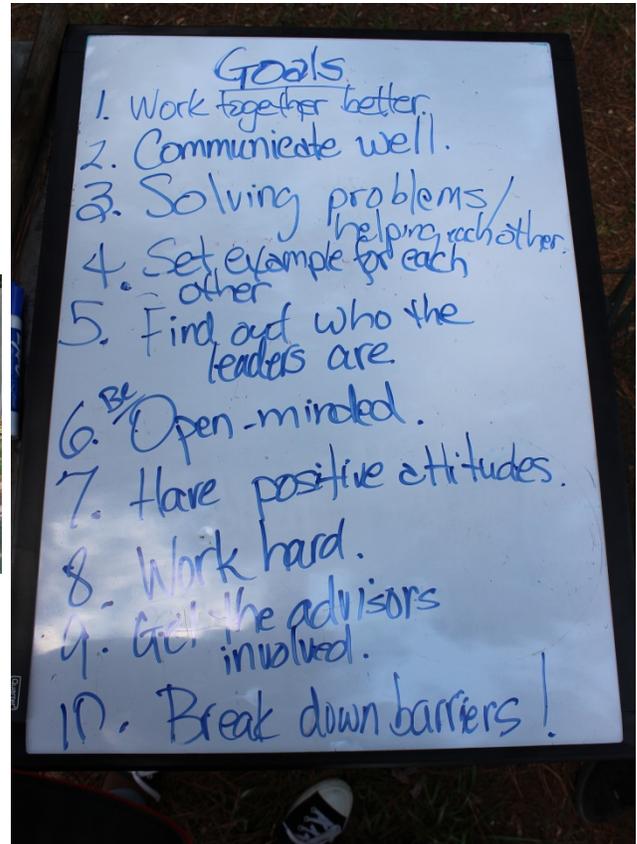


After a filling lunch at Mikata Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar, they headed to Camp Butter and Eggs near Troy. From brainstorming on how to cross toxic swamps with four boards to trusting new people to be your eyes while blindfolded, the FYCE students learned many new tactics for teambuilding and stepping into leadership roles. It was amazing to see some of the quiet students open up and take charge in order to overcome the challenges. Overall the students really stepped outside their comfort zones and enjoyed every minute of the challenges while learning life-long lessons about being great leaders and team members.

—Jertavia Lyman



### Camp Butter and Eggs Troy, AL





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:

## Dates to Remember

**July 31, August 4-6, 2014**  
Summer Semester Finals

**August 11, 2014**  
Tuition Deadline for  
Pre-Registered Students  
Unpaid registrations will be deleted  
after 4:00 p.m.

**August 14-15, 2014**  
Regular Fall Semester Registration

**August 18, 2014**  
Fall Semester Classes Begin

**August 18-19, 2014**  
Drop and Add  
Late Registration  
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*"It doesn't matter what  
others are doing.  
It matters what you  
are doing."*