



Upward Bound Times

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 27 - All Group
- February 24 - All Group
- February 22 - National TRIO Day
- March 17 - All Group
- April 1-30 - National Volunteer Month
- April 26- Family Service Learning Day
- April 28- All Group
- May 19 - All Group Honoring Seniors



Summer Dates:
June 9– July 17

Rites of Passage Leadership Program

Butterflies:

- Ixel S.
- Donavin S.
- Ava A.
- Bailey M.
- Trinity M.
- Lillyanna H.
- Tung D.
- Gavin R.
- Logan J.
- Abigail N.

Congratulations!

Upward Bound Celebrates 25 Years at SCC

It was an evening of celebration! Upward Bound students, parents, and alumni, along with SCC faculty/staff and community members gathered to celebrate Upward Bound being a part of so many lives the for the past 25

years at Southwestern Community College. There were student presentations, alumni projects, and lovely words shared by the very first SCC Upward Bound student. In addition, great food and conversation were

enjoyed with the chance to reflect on the legacy of the program and the impact it has had on so many thus far. It was a night of laughter and tears, paired with a vision of hope and opportunity for years to come.



UB provided lifelong memories and incredible opportunities.



UB students and staff have improved our community through service, enthusiasm, and sharing!



UB helped me so much with college and scholarship applications. Without them, I wouldn't be about to go to graduate school!

UB gave me a happy social environment to be myself.

The beautiful human beings who were my mentors in UB have impacted my life by sharing enthusiasm, wisdom, love and guidance with me since I started my high school journey. As an adult, they continue to inspire me to be a more joyous, passionate and giving soul. So grateful for this program and these women!



UB helped me realize that I really wanted to help my community.

UB provided lifelong friends, college success, and fun memories!



UB provided the opportunity for free college and lifelong mentors and friends!

UB impacted me by providing direction, laughter, and new experiences. IT ROCKS!



College/Career 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>

Not interested in transferring? SCC has more than 40 academic programs to help you reach your goals!

Check them out here: <https://www.southwesterncc.edu/programs>

Service Learning

Upward Bound headed to the annual Pumpkin Fest in Franklin for a service project assisting with the World Famous Pumpkin Roll! When we arrived, there was already a huge crowd ready for the festivities. We helped participants pick out their pumpkins if they needed to purchase one, but then we were ready for the main event. Our job was to measure and record the distance of each

pumpkin that was rolled down the massive hill. With over 700 pumpkins, there was a lot of action on the hill! Some rolled straight, while others did not, some went off course, and some hit the sidewalk and exploded on impact.

The most fun part was definitely seeing which pumpkins exploded. At the end of the roll, the

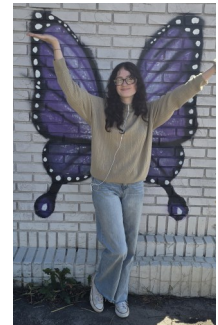
winning pumpkin rolled 915 feet!

After the roll we had a chance to eat lunch and check out the vendors. There were so many different cuisines and options for lunch such as Mexican, Chinese, Italian and American that we had to try a couple different things. We ended up with sandwiches, donuts, lemonade, coffee and even

freeze dried candy. Before leaving, we talked with vendors and viewed the costume contest.

Overall, the Pumpkin Fest was an amazing and fun experience. It was a great place to provide some service while also getting to hang out with our friends and enjoy some great food.

Vincent and Tung



Spreading Cheer

In December, UB students had the opportunity to wrap gifts like lip balm, gloves, soap, hats, scarves, and candy for the Jackson County Department on Aging Operation Christmas Box.

This event provides gifts during

the holidays for elderly and homebound residents of the county. Over 900 boxes were delivered during December.

Everyone had a lot of fun because we felt really happy gifting to the elderly. We all wanted

them to feel loved and cared for, especially in the cold winter months. We decorated the gift bags and wrapped each item with care.

It felt really good giving back and hopefully making someone's

day. Everyone was satisfied with what we had done and we can't wait to do more helpful service in the future.

Armani, Journey, Mia and Kay Kay

