



# Upward Bound Times

## Upcoming Events:

**June 10**-Summer Institute Begins

**July 11** Summer Institute Banquet

**July 15-18**-College Tour Trip for eligible students

### Rites of Passage Leadership Program

#### Mountain Lions:

Ivelyse R.  
Maritza H.

#### Butterflies:

Ixcel S.  
Kara M.  
Donavin S.  
Veronica M.  
Connor C.  
Ava A.  
Bailey M.  
Trinity M.  
Lillyanna H.

## Family Service Learning Day

Each year Upward Bound students and families have the opportunity to participate in Family Service Learning Day! Families are invited to take part in a service project and learn more about opportunities in our surrounding communities. Since April is Nation-

al Volunteer Month, the event took place on April 27th.

Greening Up The Mountains was a great opportunity to help out our community! It was a lot of fun and we all worked together with any task we were asked to assist with. When we

first arrived, we helped vendors set up their booths. After helping, it was so cool to come back and see the booths all set up knowing we got to be a part of it! I loved helping our community and seeing the different talents we each have to offer.

*~Angelina R.*



## Upward Bound Advice: From our Mountain Lions



### Congrats Mountain Lions!

Upward Bound honors leaders through our Rites of Passage Leadership Program. There are three levels including, Butterfly, Wolf, and Mountain Lion.

After completing over 50 hours of service and leading an Upward Bound presentation on Mental Wellness, in addition to completing all other steps, Ivelyse and Maritza were awarded Mountain Lion!



Hello! My name is Ivelyse and I am a senior at Smoky Mountain High School. I have been part of Upward Bound for all four years in high school. One of the biggest pieces of advice I can give to people, as someone who has been very active in the program, is to take part in as many activities as possible! Taking part in the different Upward Bound activities offered will get you out of your comfort zone and help prepare you for what it is like to be away from home. These activities (serving learning, leadership, college visits, etc.) force you to interact with others from different schools and build a sense of community that you probably would not have otherwise.

I can't describe how great it is to know that you have peers

you can talk to and rely on every time you show up to an Upward Bound meeting.

*~Ivelyse R.*



Hi, I'm Maritza and I am a senior at Smoky Mountain High School. Upward Bound is important to me because it showed me places and things I had never heard about. It broadened my experiences. Upward Bound is a place where people will look out for

you and wish only the best for you. Upward Bound is both fun and informative. I recommend it to anyone who gets the opportunity to join.

My advice would be to make sure to participate in service learning opportunities. Community service allows you to find hidden gems around where you live, help your community and have fun!

*~Maritza H.*



# Upward Bound Seniors



**Adrian McKinley**

**Southwestern Community College**



**Kaitlyn Duvall**

**Southwestern Community College**

New Century Scholar  
John and Lori Impagiatelli Memorial Scholarship



**Maritza Hernandez Antonio**

**Southwestern Community College**

Larry Crawford Scholarship  
Karl and Peggy Taylor Scholarship



**Connor Cooper**

**Western Carolina University**  
Southwestern Community College

New Century Scholar  
Rotary Scholarship  
FHS Band Booster Scholarship  
Tri-M Scholarship  
NC Next Scholarship  
Catamount Commitment  
Marine Musicianship Award  
John Philip Sousa Award



**Ivelyse Rodriguez**

**UNC-Chapel Hill**  
University of Michigan  
Western Carolina University  
Southwestern Community College

New Century Scholar  
Brinson Honors College  
Brinson Honors College Scholar Award  
Brinson Honors College Ad Vitam Paramus Scholarship  
NC Next Scholarship  
Catamount Commitment  
School of Nursing Scholarship  
Victors Award Scholarship  
National Honor Society Scholarship  
Hispanic Heritage Youth Award  
Gene and Lee Meyer Scholarship  
Clyde and Mildred Wright Endowment Fund Scholarship  
Kenny Nicholson Service Above Self Scholarship

# Upward Bound Seniors



**Landon Maloy**

**Southwestern Community College**

SCC/UNC-Chapel Hill C-STEP Program



**Kara Marr**

**Southwestern Community College**



**Veronica Mathis**

**Southwestern Community College**  
Cape Fear Community College

William Lenson and Frances Raleigh (Rose)  
Groves Scholarship



**Darrien Vaughn**

**Southwestern Community College**

Soil and Water Conservation Scholarship  
Toi Walters Charlton Scholarship



**Logan Watts**

**Southwestern Community College**

## Exciting News from our Alumni...

We are very thankful for the many visits and updates from our alumni!

There is not enough room here to share all their stories, but we wanted to mention as many as possible:

- Zak Jobe graduated from Berea College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Science.
- Brianna Norris graduated from East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and a double major in Marketing and Supply Chain Management. She also obtained a minor in sports studies.
- Haylie Prottsman graduated from The Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine!
- Isabella Cooper graduated from SCC with an Associate in Art-College Transfer degree and is transferring to UNC-Charlotte.
- Morgan Carpenter graduated from SCC with an Associate in Arts degree in Outdoor Leadership.
- Amber Gibbs graduated from SCC (December) with an Associate in Arts degree in Cosmetology.
- Scott Alligood graduated from SCC (December) with an Associate in Arts - College Transfer degree and is transferring to WCU.
- Rachel Shaw graduated from WCU (December) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

## College 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>**

### Berea College

Did you know our end-of-summer trip is to Kentucky this year? We're excited to explore with you and one of the colleges on this year's trip is Berea College which is located in Berea, KY.

\$0. That's how much 1,454 Berea College students paid for tuition last year. Berea College believes your income shouldn't limit your outcome, which is why they have not charged students tuition since 1892. In 2023, Washington Monthly magazine ranked Berea College the No. 2 liberal arts college in the nation! Want to learn more? Please visit: <https://www.berea.edu/admissions>

## Career Exploration: Outdoor Leadership



Do you love working outdoors, discussing leadership, and learning about effective teambuilding? If so, consider a degree in Outdoor Leadership!

You can work in the adventure tourism industry, therapeutic wilderness programs, specialized adventure/leadership programs, adventure programs for youth, challenge course industry, city, county, and state outdoor programs, public and private outdoor education centers, and private and public school outdoor programs.

Interested in learning more or exploring the curriculum? Please visit the link below: <https://www.southwesterncc.edu/career-technologies/outdoor-leadership>

### Summer Institute 2024

Our summer dates are June 10–July 18.

Our theme is "Leaving a Legacy"!

Please save the date for Thursday, July 11, 7–9pm for our Annual Banquet.

We will be celebrating 25 years of Upward Bound at SCC and 60 years of TRIO programs with current students, families, alumni and staff.

Our College Tour Trip (for eligible students) is July 15–18 and will be to Kentucky with college visits, cultural experiences, and lots of fun!



## "Leaving A Legacy" Upward Bound Summer Institute 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 10 9:00am–4:00pm	June 11 9:00am–4:00pm	June 12 9:00am–4:00pm	June 13 9:00am–4:00pm	June 14 Service Learning Work Study Job Shadowing Career Exploration
June 17 9:00am–4:00pm	June 18 9:00am–4:00pm	June 19 9:00am–4:00pm	June 20 9:00am–4:00pm	June 21 Service Learning Work Study Job Shadowing Career Exploration
June 24 9:00am–4:00pm	June 25 9:00am–4:00pm	June 26 9:00am–4:00pm	June 27 9:00am–4:00pm	June 28 Service Learning Work Study Job Shadowing Career Exploration
July 1 9:00am–4:00pm	July 2 9:00am–4:00pm	July 3 9:00am–4:00pm	July 4 HOLIDAY	July 5 Service Learning Work Study Job Shadowing Career Exploration
July 8 9:00am–4:00pm	July 9 9:00am–4:00pm	July 10 9:00am–4:00pm	July 11 9:00am–4:00pm UB Banquet 7:00pm	July 12 Service Learning Work Study Job Shadowing Career Exploration
July 15 College Tour	July 16 Trip to Kentucky	July 17 for eligible students!	July 18	