Director’s Corner

It is a pleasure to welcome back all our returning participants and to give a huge hello to the newest members of the JSCC Upward Bound Program! Many exciting activities are planned throughout the upcoming year, all aimed at preparing our participants for success in college. Our dedicated staff has scheduled Saturday Academic Sessions, After School Tutoring, and a variety of outstanding workshops to assist you with high school and prepare you for college. However, remember that it is ultimately the student’s responsibility to utilize the multiple services that Upward Bound offers. We look forward to working with each participant to make 2012-13 a year that you achieve all your academic goals!

Sincerely,
C. Brian Jones

“You’re not different, you’re just unique in good character...”

**New Grant Cycle**

On September 1, 2012 Upward Bound began its initial year of a new five-year grant cycle at James Sprunt Community College. This will be the 14th year JSCC Upward Bound has served Duplin County Schools. The JSCC staff would like to thank the countless number of citizens who have made the Upward Bound Program a tremendous success over the years. We look forward to continuing to lead high school students in Duplin County to academic success for generations to come!
From The Desk Of Princess Raines...

I hope this school year is going well for everyone. If you are having difficulty in a class please feel free to contact me so I can arrange a tutorial for you. Please do not hesitate to call. I am here to assist you to reach your educational goals. I encourage you to study, stay focused and motivated throughout this rest of this semester. By doing this, you will be able increase your knowledge of the subject you are studying for and also will have a clear opened mind so that you can retain all the new things that are taught to you ever day at school.

I also would like to encourage all Seniors who have not registered for the SAT/ACT to please do so. If you need any assistance with registering please see your Pre-College Advisor at your school and they will be glad to assist you. Seniors, if you have applied to colleges/universities and have received an acceptance letter please make sure to turn it in to me or to your advisor. I still encourage you to continue to apply for the colleges that you already would like to attend and to search and apply for scholarships. Congratulations to the following Seniors who have been accepted to college:

**Ebone Henry** - Coastal Carolina University (Conway, SC)
**Alexis Hall** – North Carolina Central University

Please feel free to contact me at (910)-296-2448 if you should need any assistance.

Always remember, **“Success always comes when preparation meets opportunity.”** ~ Henry Hartman

From The Desk Of The Technology Assistant...

**Greetings,**

To all the UB Students, I would like to wish you a happy and successful school year. I always ask you to give me your best efforts in all your classes. My motto has been “work now, play later.” Let’s keep our ambitions & goals set high as we embark on a new semester that we have yet to experience together. I want to wish you the best on your success, a good understanding of why you are here because we all have a purpose. I only ask a few things as follows: take heed to what your teachers are trying to teach you, be respectful to everyone, show gratitude to those who give you praises of achievement, and be aggressive when it comes to learning more because “enough” is never enough. In a nutshell, don’t let anyone of any kind within this society tell you that you can’t make it. Let them know that you have people who care for and about you, your future, and your endeavors and they are known as the “Upward Bound Staff & Faculty.”

~Garrett Owens

Quotes For Daily Living...

“**Colors only matter when you’re doing art, not whom you’re dealing with in life.”**

“**You can have just as many seeds if it’s allowed by your heart.”**

“**Love who you are & can be, don’t love who you’re not destined to be.”**
The “Real McCoy Challenge”

This year’s theme is “You Make It Happen!” No matter how much we want and try to assist you in your academic endeavors, you are the one to truly make things happen. As I stated on our first Saturday back, you making things happen this year starts with three goals:

1. Participation—At your school, ask questions when you don’t understand what the teacher is covering. Answer questions out loud when you do understand what the teacher is teaching. This gives you the edge for extra help and points when you think the teacher isn’t looking. As a teacher myself, when a student tries and gives me their best, their grade reflects that extra effort (212 Degrees). Open your mouth and “Make it Happen!”

2. Balance—Many of you want and have taken jobs to make extra money now. The problem comes when your current job pursuit hinders academic progress. You need sleep! You need time to do homework! You need time to yourself! All of these things have to have balance, and “You make it happen!” Without balance, something suffers. Time is the one resource you cannot get back.

3. Preparation—These major tests are coming up: ACT, SAT, PLAN, PSAT, etc. Many of you play sports. You must prepare for your senior year now. Juniors, your GPA at the end of junior year is what colleges are looking at. You must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and 800 SAT (Composite score) or 17 ACT score to be considered for these state colleges and universities. College costs money, and the higher your grades, the more chance of getting scholarships to pay for school. You make your grades. Study, ask for help, and review your work. “You make it happen!”

I know each of you are well capable of achieving things in life, especially going to college, getting your degree and making a positive impact in the world and your community. Your future does not start tomorrow, it started yesterday. Whatever you put in, you get more of it out; nothing in equals nothing out plus time wasted. This is your life, YOU make it happen this year!!

Marsha McCoy

From The Desk Of Mr. Lee Williams....

I first want to welcome each of our participants back for another year of Upward Bound. I also like to extend a special welcome to our new participants. I hope you enjoyed the UB Summer program and trip. I trust that you had a wonderful summer break and that you are ready to work hard in school. I trust that you will take advantage of all the services that we have to offer.

To our seniors, I want to remind you to make sure you begin to complete college admission application for early decision. To our juniors, I want to remind you to register early for the S.A.T. or the A.C.T.

I am looking forward working with all our participants this year and I high expectations for all of you. I am at James Kenan High School on Tuesdays & Thursdays in the media center. I am at North Duplin High School on Wednesdays in the office with the school resource officer. I also would like to stress the importance of attending our Saturday sessions and our Tuesday sessions. These sessions are design to give you the help that you need to be successful in your classes. You need to come prepared for each session. Please come see me if you are having any problems. I cannot help if you do not let me know.

“The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.”

Lee Williams

By Aristole

Indigenous vs. multinationals in Mexico wind power... (Mr. Kake)

Mexico is putting up wind power turbines at a breakneck pace and the expansion is pitting energy companies against the natives who live in one of the windiest spots in the world.

The country is posting one of the world's highest growth rates in wind energy, and almost all of it is concentrated in the narrow strip of Mexico known as the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, where winds from the Pacific meet winds from the Gulf of Mexico, spawning places so wind-blown that one town's formal name is simply "Windy."

The largely indigenous residents of the Isthmus complain that the wind farms take control of their land, affect fish and livestock with their vibrations, chop up birds and pit residents against each other for the damage or royalty payments. They also claim they see few of the profits from such projects.
The weather changes with the season, but that doesn’t mean you change who you are…

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Upcoming Events & Activities

♦ Oct. 27 - Saturday Academic Session
♦ Nov. 3 - Saturday Academic Session
♦ Nov. 6 - After-school Tutorial, 3:30 - 5:30 P.M. (WRH)
♦ Nov. 17 - Saturday Academic Session
♦ Nov. 21 - End of Grading Period
♦ Dec. 1 - Saturday Academic Session
♦ Dec. 4 - After-school Tutorial, 3:30 - 5:30 P.M. (JKHS)
♦ Dec. 15 - Saturday Academic Session

TO THE PARENTS:
THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT WITHIN YOUR CHILD & OUR PROGRAM!

Jimmy Sprunt Community College
YOUR BRIDGE TO SUCCESS

Happy Birthday

October
Carlos Martinez 2
Melissa Cox 2
Michael Stridiron 5
Marquita Middleton 18
Schlacia Hill 19
Christian Powell 21
Alexander Daniel 25
Hawkia Laporte 28

November
Mentor Stallings 7
Cristian Perez 8
Bryan Simmons 11
Michelle Bowers 17
Ashley Sutton 20

December
Ayoisha Miller 5
Karen Williams 8
**Lee Williams 22
Eddie Jones 25

**Upward Bound Staff