UPWARD BOUND
Kentucky State University
ASB Room 519
400 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS- SPRING SEMESTER 2015

FEBRUARY
Saturday, February 7th
In this Corner Cassius Clay
(Play at the Kentucky Center, Louisville)
HH Auditorium, 10:00am – 12:30pm

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Speech and Poise Workshop (Jennifer Miles)
HH Auditorium, 10:00am – 12:30pm

MARCH
Saturday, March 7th
Building Workshop (Dr. Silvia Mason)
May 22, 2015
Saturday, March 7th
From College II Career
Student Center Ballroom, 9:00am – 2:00pm

APRIL
Saturday, April 4th
Kentucky Science Center, Louisville, KY

Saturday, April 18th
Surprise Senior Trip
Lexington, KY or Louisville, KY

MAY
Tuesday May 5th
UU End of the Year Banquet – BR

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR
YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO PUSH!!!!!

Greetings to both parents and students from the world of Upward Bound. It is 2015 already!!!! A brand new year to push! It is understood that “push” requires action. Webster defines the verb “push” as followed: to press against with force in order to drive or impel. When a person pushes an object, the object is forcefully moved from one location to another. Moreover, pushing is looked upon as an aggressive act. Although I do not condone violence or acts of aggression towards another individual that might cause harm, there are times in life when we are going to have to “push” our way through our day to day activities.

Pushing through periods of academic hills requires one to aggressively wake from laziness, boredom, or apathy in order to achieve the A or B in a subject that may challenge us. This form of push can be attending tutoring on Tuesday or Thursday rather than going home to take a nap or watch television. It can also be seen in choosing to utilize SMARTTHINKING, our online tutoring system, while at home rather than getting on YouTube for entertainment. Maybe, it is working with online ACT Practice Test as a sophomore or junior in high school so that you can work towards achieving a score of 21 or above.

Pushing yourselves academically may also mean hitting the self-control to attend school or go to class when you don't have the parental support you may need. Maybe it’s the self-control to treat your parents, teachers, adults, family, friends, and enemies with respect even when it doesn't feel good and/or when you did not do anything wrong.

Beginning in the month of December, the Upward Bound staff had to push ourselves to do an accurate job on our Annual Performance Report (APR). The APR is a federal report that requires us to report on each student Upward Bound served since 2008. It was a very tedious, arduous process but we pushed our way through it. However, from this report we learned we have much work to do. Out of all of the objectives, we did not achieve three. One of the three was due to not having students who graduated from high school and attend college in 2008; yet, two out of the three are objectives we are going to have to tackle. These objectives were: 83% of our students maintaining a grade point average of 2.5 or above and the other is 75% of our students achieving a proficient in Reading/Language Arts and Math state assessments. We did not meet these objectives; therefore, we are going to have to push ourselves, students, and parents in order for us to meet and/or exceed our goals.

I encourage each of you to attend tutoring on Tuesday or Thursday of each week as well as your scheduled events/activities and senior meetings. We appreciate and thank each of you for doing your part and remember in order to end strong by the end of the school year, each of you may have to PUSH YOURSELVES!!!!

P.S. As the Upward Bound Director, I would like to welcome Ms. JoAnn Webb to our Upward Bound family. She officially started on December 4th and we are blessed to have her as a part of our team.

Love,
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Upward Bound Director

FAST FACTS

• Since 1964, more than 2 million students have participated in Upward Bound.
• In 1964, 17 Pilot programs were funded, 2,061 students participated.
• In 1964, approximately 1,500 Upward Bound students graduated high school; 80% were admitted to college in 1965 and 69% graduated with a bachelor’s degree.
• Today, 964 programs are funded with more than 80,000 students participating.
• The likelihood of Upward Bound students going to college immediately after graduation increases by persistence in the program from 77% at two years to 93% at three or more years.
• A student from top quartile of family income is nine times more likely to earn a bachelor’s degree than a student born into the bottom quartile - 73.3% compared to 8.3%.
Upward Bound Students Reason to “Succeed” while in High School: Scholarships

The Academic Scholarship Program at Kentucky State University is designed to recognize and reward students who have exemplified academic excellence. Scholarships are awarded by the Admissions Office to entering students who have not completed a bachelor’s degree program. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis and many are renewable for subsequent semesters. For more information on Academic Scholarships offered to incoming KSU students, please click on Academic Scholarships or view the Admissions webpage. Scholarship awards are based upon a number of criteria including cumulative grade point average (4.0 scale) composite ACT or SAT scores and acceptance into the university.

Reduced Tuition for State Employees at Kentucky State University

Proposal by President Burse

Do you or someone you know work for Kentucky State Government?

BY BRENT SCHANDING

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Reduced Tuition

Do You Know Some People That Upward Bound Has Assisted?

Who Is Oprah?


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About Oprah

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Celebrating 50 Years

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