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## An Awards Ceremony to Remember

An eventful summer was capped off with a surprising end of program awards ceremony. While the program has had multiple Miss Upward Bounds in the past, it has never in history had both multiple Miss Upward Bounds and Mr. Upward Bounds. This award is the highest achievement that any student in the program can hope to attain. The recipient of the award must embody a loyalty to the ideals of the program, a commitment to his/her academics and community service a strong level of leadership, and serve as a role model for his/her peers in the program. Program staff, instructional staff, and residential staff must come to an agreement as



**Director Susan E. Powell (middle) with Miss UB and Mr. UB recipients (from left, Jennifer King, Ivy Jackson, Daniel Cordova, and Matthew Clary)**

to who deserves the award for each category.

In an unprecedented decision, staff voted for both two Miss Upward Bounds and two Mr. Upward Bounds. In addition to these awards, Bakari Prigg received the Isaiah Smith award, Jennifer King received the Most Improved Student Overall award, and Ivy Jackson won the Herschel L. Bailey award. The Class of 2014 won the highest overall class GPA award.

While each year’s closing ceremony is special in its own way, this summer will stand out amongst the forty-plus years the program has been in place. Who knows what is in store for us next summer.

## ThinkQuest Does It Again

All-nighters; passionate debates; squeezing a year’s worth of work into 23 days. This is the fate of those involved in the ThinkQuest class. While it seems like an impossible feat, the students involved in this class make it happen each year, and this year was no different.

Eight students were put to the task of creating two digisites for a national competition that emphasizes educational uses of the Web and promotes critical thinking, intellectual honesty and proper citation skills. “Fig Tree” is a website centered around the various costs of

clothing. “Universally Private: Who’s Thirst?” speaks about the privatization of water. The deadline for submissions is August 10th. We look forward to seeing how our students’ websites fare within this competition.

## Upward Bound Heads to VA, NC

This year, Upward Bound headed south for its college tour. During the five-day trip, students had the opportunity to visit the University of Richmond, Duke University, Elon University, Fayetteville State University, and Methodist University. It was an eye-opening experience for all, as they were able to see the variety of institutions that exist within higher education.

The Upward Bound staff was treated to an unexpected surprise when they ran into their colleagues at Fayetteville State University's Upward Bound program. This institution held special meaning for the program, as it is our very own director's alma mater!



The group enjoying a tour of University of Richmond

## Family, Food, and Fun

Family Day: a time for students, staff, and families to take a breather from strenuous work in the program and break bread with one another. Family and friends were able to join students on Lincoln's campus for a picnic, and students had a rare opportunity within the six weeks to enjoy a home

cooked meal. Each family provided a special dish, which allowed students, staff, and families to sample a variety of different foods.

This summer, the program enjoyed a special treat, for several alumni of the program attended the picnic, and they were able to com-

miserate with the current students about the 5 a.m. workout.

Thank you to all of the family members who provided the delicious food. A special thanks goes to those parents who assisted in grilling and organizing/supervising the food table.

## UB Students at Work



Community service is one of the staples of the Upward Bound program, and this summer, students and staff continued their efforts to give back. They participated in two different projects. The first involved putting together gift

baskets filled with donation items for the homeless at Horizon House in West Chester, PA. Additionally, students were involved in an outdoor landscaping project at Kendal-Crosslands Community, a retirement village for senior citizens. The program has been involved with

projects at these places before, and were requested back. Each year, students are involved in at least four projects, and each organization Upward Bound partners with has appreciated the difference that our students make.

# Lunch with the President



## President Jennings speaking with UB participants

One of the highlights of the program came when Lincoln Univer-

sity's 13th president visited the Upward Bound students. At this time, he invited them to join him in a barbecue during the last week of the program, and the students were more than happy to accept.

On Wednesday, July 25th, the thirty-one students of Upward Bound had a chance to dine with the president of the university. His welcoming nature struck a chord in many of the students, as never before had a president

from any institution these students visited spent quality time with the Upward Bound program. Where before it was a campus on which students spent six weeks of their summer, now it is a prospective school for them as they begin narrowing down the list of their potential colleges.

We'd like to thank Dr. Jennings for making our students feel a part of the Lincoln University family!

# "A Night in Hollywood"

It is something that is celebrated every year; the night before the last day of the summer program. This is the evening that all who have given their very best receive a much deserved reward. Gone are the days of an intense six-week program consisting of 5 a.m. work outs, classes from 8-5, and study sessions until 10pm. Senior Night, with the theme "A Night In Hollywood", was one to

remember, starting with Mr. Garlic taking photos of all the students from the program, as well as 2012 graduates who were being honored that night.

The evening comprised of a fashion show, a talent show, and recognition of the 2012 graduates. During the recognition ceremony, students and staff had a special surprise for Mr. Gard-

ner, the counselor for the program. In the middle of his presentation, the group jumped in and flash mobbed him with their rendition of the "Wobble" dance. The night ended with a dance, where students were able to blow off some steam.



# Our Summer Staff

The summer would not have run as smoothly as it did without the support of our residential staff. These Lincoln students and alum did an amazing job, working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide a safe, fun environment for the Upward Bound participants. The Tutor/Counselors included Jataun Cobb, Hosea

Crooms, Kettleen Esperance, Jacqueline Ferguson, and Christopher Howard. They were supervised by Assistant Resident Director, Tokunbo Ashorobi and Resident Director, Carmen Lesesne-Stevens. The Upward Bound program staff would like to thank all of these individuals for their hard work and dedication.



From left, Christopher Howard, Jacqueline Ferguson, Kettleen Esperance, Jataun Cobb, and Hosea Crooms



From left, Carmen Lesesne-Stevens and Tokunbo Ashorobi



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## What's Next for Upward Bound:

- **September 1: Lincoln University's First Home Game Against Cheyney University**
- **September 10-13: Academic Year Orientations**
- **September 22: Admissions Workshop**
- **September 24-25: First Day of Enrichment Center**
- **October 6: First Saturday Session**
- **October 27: Lincoln University's Homecoming**

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## Fundraising for the Future

The Upward Bound program is kicking off a large fundraising campaign this year. In the past, money raised by fundraising has been put towards scholarships for graduating seniors, SAT preparation resources, and extracurricular activities.

In conjunction with the UB Alumni Association and UB Parent Association, the Upward Bound staff will be raising money this year for two causes. The first is the continued scholarship fund for graduating seniors. The second is a week long college tour to Atlanta, GA for students participating in the Summer 2013 program, providing them with a more extensive view of potential universities. Some fundrais-

ing activities already in the works include candy bar sales, a 50/50 raffle, a school supply basket raffle, and an organized social activity.



We will be seeking the help of all current bounders, bounder alum, and parents of bounders. In order to help support our program and provide our students with more opportunities, we are asking for

everyone's help. More information will be provided throughout the academic year.

Join us in giving our hard working students more opportunities. Our target for this year's campaign is \$25,000, and we are confident that we can reach it with the help of everyone in the Lincoln University Upward Bound family. If you have any questions/ideas/concerns, please contact the office at 484-365-7551.