UPWARD BOUND HAS MET ENROLLMENT FOR 2017-18

The Upward Bound Program has recently announced that the enrollment quota for the 2017-18 Academic Year Component has been met. This is great news because normally recruitment to reach the program goal goes well into the new year.

The program is responsible for servicing 76 students per-year from the Dollarway, Pine Bluff, and Watson Chapel School Districts. Each year the program is responsible for maintaining this number in spite of the students the program may lose due to things like: high school graduation, employment, and relocation.

The program sites some new and improved recruitment methods as the possible reasons for the early enrollment completion. Some of the things that were used this past enrollment period include: On-line application downloads, utilization of email and fax technologies as well as on-site recruitment at each of the High Schools during the earlier part of the fall semester.

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Fall Academic Year Program

current 8th and 9th graders welcome

THREE FORMER UPWARD BOUND STUDENTS PERFORM IN MESSIAH

The Upward Bound students attended the Vesper Choirs’ annual production of Handel’s Messiah held at the Pine Bluff Convention Center, Sunday December 3, 2017.

This years performance held a special meaning for most of the upward bound students because this years choir contains three former Upward Bound students. Those students are Darrius Dickens- Dollarway High School 2017 graduate, Brandon Thomas- Watson Chapel High School 2017 graduate, and Nathan Morgan- Watson Chapel High School 2016 graduate. CONGRATULATIONS!
There is a saying that goes, “All work and no play makes Johnny a dull boy.” The last thing that the staff of UAPB Upward Bound would want said about them is that “All our students do is work.” So on Saturday November 4, 2017, after a rigorous morning class session, the students in the program had an opportunity to attend the UAPB vs GSU football game held at Golden Lion Stadium. The students attending wore Red Upward Bound t-shirts with the Golden Lion proudly displayed on the front.

We were not able to cheer the Golden Lions to victory, but we had an awesome time trying.

Special thanks to Mr. Ralph Owens, Dean of Residential Services and Mr. Steven Paskel, Director of University Housing for providing transportation to and from the stadium.

The ACT Test vouchers for the 2017-18 testing year are now available to Upward Bound students. Each year students have an opportunity to receive 2 test vouchers. The test vouchers allow a student to sit for the ACT Test at any designated testing location free of charge.

The student must adhere to all of the established test registration directions and enter the voucher number when asked on the online registration page.

Students in the local program who would like to take advantage of the test vouchers, must sign up in the office of Upward Bound, Corbin Hall room 223. Or call (870) 575-8517 for more information.

One of the goals for the new grant cycle is to have all the Upward Bound graduates receive a score of 19 or better in English, Math and Reading ACT so that NO remediation is needed when these students enter college.