

WHAT'S UP?

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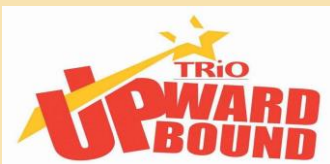


UPWARD BOUND SELECTS TRIO HALL OF FAMER

2017-18!



Congratulations
Kerissa Gipson
Senior Dollarway
High School



UAPB UPWARD BOUND SELECTS 2017-2018 TRIO HALL OF FAMER

The Upward Bound Program has recently announced its selection of the 2017-2018 Trio Hall of Famer, Kerissa Gipson. Miss Gipson is featured in the Arkansas Trio Program Hall of Fame Awardees electronic magazine along with twenty-nine other students selected throughout the state.

Kerissa is the lovely and proud daughter of Ms. Debra Cook. As a student at Dollarway High School Kerissa participates in a number of Dollarway Cardinal Activities some of which are:

- Cheer Squad
- National Honor Society
- Girls Softball
- Band
- Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

Kerissa is currently ranked seventh (7th) in her senior class and she maintains a GPA of 3.4.

Upon graduation Kerissa plans to attend college, major in Music Education and become a band director.

Kerissa defines herself as a hardworking, responsible, and ambitious individual. She feels that if she sets her mind to something she can get the job done. She will not feel that a task is completed until she has reached the best possible outcome. She prefers to finish a task earlier rather than later. In the words of Lik Hock Yap Ivan, "If you're early, you are on time. If you are on time you are late."

REGISTER YOUR CHILD NOW FOR 2018-19

Fall Academic Year Program

current 8th and 9th graders welcome

Dialoging with Delta's Invite Upward Bound Student Participation

The Pine Bluff Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Inc. hosted its annual Dialoging with Delta on the campus of UAPB, March 31, 2018. This year the topics included Cyber Security, Bullying and Standardized Testing.

Students were encouraged to provide input and share instances when they may have had been involved in or knew others that may have been a perpetrator or victim of bullying, cyber bullying or any type of breach of privacy due to social media participation.

Information on standardized tests emphasized that they are here to stay and that our students need to perform at a higher level on these test.

UNIVERSITY UPWARD BOUND CELEBRATES "NATIONAL TRIO DAY" WITH FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

On February 24, 2018 the faculty, staff, students, and parents of the UAPB Upward Bound Program celebrated National TRiO Day by hosting a Financial Literacy Workshop for students and parent in the program.

The workshop was held in the Sylvester Early Auditorium of the Henderson-Young Business Building on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. The theme for this year's workshop was "Feed the Pig = Money in the Bank" based on the "Feed the Pig National Saving Initiative." The workshop was organized by UAPB Upward Bound Academic Advisor Mrs. Angela Paskel in conjunction with the statewide National TRiO Day Celebration.

Presentations were made by local financial and legal professionals including: Mr. Richard Denny- CPA, Business Owner and Educator, Kandice Bell, Attorney at Law, and Mrs. Magnolia Rogers, Branch Manager- Simmons Bank. Each of these professionals shared financial, legal and tax information. In addition to the community professionals on program the audience received useful information from university department representatives: Mr. Nicodemus Monts, UAPB Student Recruitment, Mrs. Philomena Owasoyo, UAPB Director of Admissions, and Ms. Shere Morris, UAPB Financial Aid Analyst.

At the end of the workshop students received piggy banks with the theme printed on them and a cash donation from the Upward Bound Parent Advisory Committee of \$1.00 to start "Feeding their Pig."



Applications for Summer Residential Component Positions Available

The UAPB Upward Bound Program is currently accepting applications for employment in the Summer Residential Component. The dates of the program are June 10 – July 13, 2018 on the campus of UAPB with Cultural Enrichment the week of July 16-20, 2018.

The positions available are:

Residential Counselor: Students must have 90 credit hours and a cumulative GPA of 3.0. This is a residential position, living on campus in the dorm with students is required.

Tutor: Students must have 30 credit hours and a cumulative GPA of 3.0. This is a non-residential position.

Applications are available in the Upward Bound office, Corbin Hall, Rm. 223.

Deadline for applying is April 20, 2018.

Call (870) 575-8517 for additional Information.

Summer Residential Component Participation reaching its MAX.

The 2018 Upward Bound Summer Residential Program has reached maximum enrollment. We are currently placing applications received after March 31, 2018 on a waiting list.

What, When, and Where is the Six-Week Summer Program?

From June 10 to July 13, 2018 on campus with a Cultural Enrichment experience to Atlanta, GA. July 17-20, 2018, Upward Bound students will be chosen to attend six-week Summer Residential Component. Students live in the campus dorms at The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and attend academic classes from 9 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Physical Education is being added. Rising sophomores (10), juniors (11), and seniors (12) are eligible to participate. Four afternoons, students work for up to two hours a day in offices around campus to obtain valuable experience and insight into potential future career choices as well as a salary. We will provide ample time for study, students will be assisted by tutors to help improve academic techniques. There will also be recreation and entertainment opportunities each week. occasional guest speakers and/or field trips during the evenings. The ACT Prep Academy will also be included.

Summer Residential Component Applies for Supplemental Grant



With the rising cost of Room and Board the Upward Bound program has been seeking ways to defer some of these cost. Upon the recommendation of Dr. George Herts and encouragement of Dr. Patricia Russ, Dean of School of Education, the Summer Food Service Program was selected. The SFSP program is part of the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Child Care.

The grant when completed and approved will subsidize the cost of meals throughout the summer residential component. recipients of the grant must complete the application process, attend training sessions, develop a plan of service and delivery and provide all necessary documentation to meet the program qualifications.

Pending final notification the UAPB Upward Bound Summer Residential Program should be notified of its status in the upcoming weeks.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Mrs. Jackie!!!**



UAPB UPWARD BOUND STAFF PARTICIPATE IN RECOMMENDED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As one of the National Trio Services Recommendations the UAPB Upward Bound staff participated in Professional Development March 20-22, 2018. This training was designed to increase TRIO staff knowledge and skills around the following topic areas: Priority #1 Evaluation, Recordkeeping and Reporting Student/Project Performance and Priority #2 Budget Management and Statutory/Regulatory Requirements. Also the staff heard reports on Budgeting and Spending – Summer Residential Component.

In addition to the training components the staff enjoyed some downtime and attended the movie “Black Panther” as a group activity.



Cultural Enrichment Tour- ATL Here We Come!

For many, the Cultural Enrichment experience is the favorite part of the six-week Summer Program. We spend our last 4/5 days of the six weeks in an urban (or big city) setting, where we can experience all the educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities a metropolitan area has to offer. ***THIS YEAR WE ARE HEADING TO ATLANTA, GA.*** We tour colleges and universities in the area and may visit museums, zoos, aquariums, and/or other local places of interest. The last few summers the UAPB Upward Bound students visited Houston, Birmingham, Selma, Nashville, Memphis, and Branson. Highlights of these trips included visits to the Selma Bridge, Alex Haley’s Home, Civil Rights Museum, NOAH the Play, Tennessee State, College of the Ozarks, University of Arkansas, Prairie View A&M, Texas Southern and many other landmarks and sites.