



Valdosta State University Upward Bound Program



What Is Upward Bound?

Upward Bound is a pre-college program hosted by Valdosta State University and funded by U.S. Department of Education. It is designed to motivate and provide academic skills for eligible students from Valdosta High School 9th through 12th grade who are interested in pursuing post-secondary education.

SUMMER SUCCESS!!!

The Valdosta State University Upward Bound Program has successfully completed its first summer portion. Approximately sixty students from Valdosta High School were chosen by way of a tough interview process and were granted the opportunity to participate with the new program although hundreds applied. The program is new to the Valdosta area and sets its targets on students who desire a post secondary education. The Up-



ward Bound Program helps to make this possible. The summer portion consisted but was not limited to: class time, mentoring, resi-

dential living, test prep, and several active trips that helped to expose students to different cultures and experiences.

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OH THE PLACES YOU WILL GO!!!!

- **State Capital
- * Morehouse University
- * Spellman
- * Anne Turner Howell Arts Center
- * Itchetucknee River
- * University of Florida
- * Florida State University
- * Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU)
- * Howard
- * George Washington University
- * Georgetown University

Special points of interest:

- Trip to Washington D.C.
- Intake (Fall Semester)
- Approx. 24 Rising Seniors.

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Together Everyone Achieves More



UPWARD BOUND SENIORS

-Ron Carter-

"Upward Bound is a program that allows high school students to experience college. This stemmed from dorm life, going to class, and eating. We love to eat. I am glad to be apart of such a program that uplifts, supports, and pushes its students for academic success".

-Gareyl Davis-

Upward Bound has been a great experience. My time here has been so amazing. The staff has been great for the time they have been here. The classes are draining but we make it through.

UPWARD BOUND JUNIORS

-Jarrett Miller-

"The Upward Bound Program is a great experience. I've learned a lot this summer. I enjoyed everyone that was in the program and all my Peer Mentors. The Upward Bound Program is a great program to be in and it's very fun".

-Jenny Fazekas-

"I have been in Upward Bound for the past year and it has been an awesome experience. I've made new friends and talked to people I probably would have never spoken talked to. The lessons given to me are going to help me in life and I have had another wonderful summer".




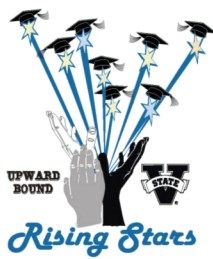

UPWARD BOUND SOPHMORES

Shaniqua Durr-

"Upward Bound has been a life changing experience. This is not just a program, it's a family that I can come to and confide in. Upward Bound is going to get me so far with the lessons and skills I've been taught".



FEATURED RISING STAR

Providing Hope & Opportunity

Kameron Copeland
Rising Senior VHS/VSU Dual Enrollment

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Meet Your Administrative Staff



Dondraie L. Seay
Director



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Maggie J. Viverette
Principal/Investigator

Upward Bound Summer 2009 Peer Mentors



Top left to right: Recardo Davis, Sylvain Ogbemudia, Daria McCombs, Sean Weathers
Bottom left to right: Brandon Mainer, Jana Edwards, Nayonda Teemer, Kelvin Riddle

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Washington, D.C. July 12th thru July 17th
 - Open Enrollment (Fall Semester)
 - Academic Year 2009-2010



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR:

Welcome to Valdosta State University Upward Bound, an educational opportunity program hosted by the Valdosta State University and funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

The major tenet of the South Central Georgia Upward Bound Program is similar to the University motto, "Valdosta State University...prepare for your world by coming to ours!"

Upward Bound teaches! Providing instructional services, college workshops, career assistance and cultural enrichment activities that help students complete high school and to enroll in a program of post-secondary study.



Upward Bound serves! Scheduling community service projects that connect Upward Bound participants to community agencies and promoting a proactive parents' association that bridges the gaps between parent and participant by providing parenting support workshops by trained professionals while actively involving parents in their children's educational endeavors.

Upward Bound supports and encourages! Functioning as a liaison between high school faculty/staff and Upward Bound participants; advocating for admission to prestigious colleges and universities and campaigning for the maximum financial aid awards while helping students research potential scholarships and other external funding sources. We are proud of the collaboration we have fostered between Valdosta State University, Valdosta High School and the Valdosta community. Because of these partnerships, hundreds of students will have every opportunity to successfully complete high school and enter college.

Upward Bound uplifts! By bringing together supportive, involved parents, motivated students and youth orientated staff members to focus on the short and long term educational needs of the participants.

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