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UPWARD BOUND I MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Greetings from the Upward Bound I Summer Component (SY)

It is indeed an honor to represent this summer edition of the Upward Bound program due in part to this year marking 50 years of consecutive service and dedication to the many participants of the Upward Bound program over the years. This milestone is indeed an opportunity to reflect on the past while also focusing on the future for yet another 50 years of service. Upward Bound provides the supplemental instruction and extracurricular activities necessary for students in the Mississippi Delta to build great character, discipline, dedication, and determination to succeed in higher education. The Upward Bound staff and I encourage you to always keep us in mind when it comes to preparing your son or daughter for upward mobility from high school to higher education ranks. Thank you and have a great summer!

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UPWARD BOUND I & II

THE UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM

The Upward Bound Program at Mississippi Valley State University is comprised of two components. The Summer Year Component (SY) is a six weeks' session where students live on campus to get a feel of college life.

The Academic Year component is made up of twenty Saturdays, and students are enrolled in three academic classes that they are currently enrolled in at their high schools.

The Upward Bound Programs at Mississippi Valley State University provides services for 165 ninth through twelfth grade students from Holmes, Humphreys, Leflore, and Sunflower Counties. The Upward Bound Project is funded by the U.S. Department of Education.



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GOALS

- ❖ TO OFFER STUDENTS OPPORTUNITIES OTHERWISE NOT AVAILABLE TO THEM
- ❖ TO MOTIVATE STUDENTS TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL BY PROVIDING THE NECESSARY ACADEMIC SUPPORT
- ❖ TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE THE COLLEGE ENVIRONMENT FIRST HAND

SCHOOLS

- Amanda Elzy High School
- Greenwood High School
- Leflore County High School
- Ruleville Central High School
- Humphreys County High School
- Gentry High School
- Holmes County Central High School



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LESSONS LEARNED

ZENYIA WHITE - FRESHMAN

“My first experience having a roommate has been cool however, I would rather have my own room to myself. The roommate that I have, I have known for a while and since we started living in the dorm together I realized that we have many differences. I plan on attending Mississippi Valley State University and I pray that I can get my own room.”

MY FIRST TIME AWAY FROM HOME

ALEXIS HOWARD - FRESHMAN

“My experience at Upward Bound so far has been okay. I am still trying to adjust to being away from home every day. The classes are going very well. There are a lot of things I am still trying to adjust to such as: walking, many activities, meeting new friends, having a roommate. Being away from home is really hard for me.

I have never been away from home this long before. We are really being taken care of even though we are not at home with our parents. The counselors and director try their best to take care of all of us. They also try to supply things we may need. Even though I miss being away from home, I am glad that I am in the Upward Bound program at MVSU.

UPWARD BOUND WORKS

Voices from our students

SPANISH CLASS ALIJAH JONES - SOPHOMORE

“Mi nombre es Alijah Jones. This means my name is Alijah Jones. I have learned how to say my name, greetings, alphabet, and something as great as the Pledge of Allegiance in Spanish. Señora Davis teaches this educational and exciting program at Mississippi Valley State University’s Upward Bound.

Señora Davis speaks French, Spanish and is studying many more languages. She provides proof that if we put our mind and heart to it we can achieve more than we could ever dreamed possible. She teaches Spanish history as well as the culture. If you are interested in learning a completely different way of life, being a part of the Upward Bound program will be a great experience for you.”

TEACHERS AND STAFF CORY TAYLOR - FRESHMAN

“The teachers and staff of Upward Bound at Mississippi Valley State University are firm and nice at the same time. The teachers try to help us. Sometimes we are misunderstood. They also show us that they are role models. I know that they really want to help us as much as they can before the program is over.

The teachers are here to help us, when we need it. They help the students stay on track and discipline us when necessary. They also try many ways to help the students even though sometimes the students don’t see it that way. They may even write the students up when necessary but they still love us. In conclusion, the teachers are nice and firm at the same time. They love their students. We love our teachers !!!”

I LIKE THE UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM

ZARIYA COOLEY - FRESHMAN

“There are three reasons what I like the most about the Upward Bound program; going to class, mingling with my friends, and being in the dorm. First, we learn many new things in class and the teachers make sure that we understand the work. This is the main reason I like going to class. Next, going to the gym is fun; we exercise, play and go to the track to walk. Last but not least is being in the dorm. I can socialize with my friends, eat and sleep, and hang out or do whatever. I like a lot of things about Upward Bound. Most of all, going to class, exercising at the gym, and doing whatever in the dorm.”

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“Ambition is the path to success.

Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in” -Bill Bradley

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