



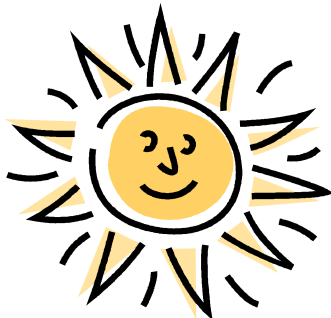
Spring/Summer Newsletter

Muskegon Community College Upward Bound

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Looking Back, Moving Forward

We have completed the first two trimesters and have begun the third. And March 1 was the deadline to submit the FAFSA form, so we can breathe easier knowing that



“Every success is built on the ability to do better than good enough.”

-Anonymous

this important step in the college process is complete.

And for our seniors, the next step is finalizing paperwork for the college they will be entering in the fall. And of course, graduation!

For the rest of our students, the next event on the horizon is the 2010 Summer Program. The tentative dates for the program are June 14th through July 16th. Remember that if this is your first year with Upward Bound, you are required to attend this summer. All other students are expected to attend two out of the three summers you are in high school. We look forward to seeing you

this summer!

We are also looking forward to continuing with our community service projects, and have some exciting opportunities coming up. Please remember that you must complete 40 hours of community service, among other things, to be eligible for the summer trip.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday May 8th, from 10 am to Noon in the Blue and Gold room at MCC.

Any questions regarding the program may be directed to Robert Ross at 231-777-0425 or Maggie Knox at 231-720-2432.



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Summer 2010

This year's summer program is fast approaching. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you to turn in your Summer Letter of Intent, if you have not already done so. We need your response so that we are able to finalize our plans.

While we hope to see all of our students this summer, we recognize that some of you may have other commitments. So, if you are unable to attend, just let us know!

Also, please remember that

daily attendance in the summer program is mandatory. Absences for drivers education, vacations, church functions or sports camps are not allowed and may impact your stipends or enrollment in Upward Bound.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go.”

Dr. Seuss

In the Spotlight: Police Officer

So you want to be Police Officer? From COPS to Bad Boys, the television and movie studios have portrayed police officers as gun toting, car chase junkies. Let's take a look at what is involved in becoming a police officer.

To be a police officer you must be a U.S. Citizen and have a clean criminal record. Additionally, a high school diploma is required.

Beyond those basic requirements, each Police department is different. As a general rule of thumb, the more urban or specialized a department is, the more education will be required to be accepted. However, it is important to note that job openings tend to be very competitive, with many applicants

applying for even one opening.

Many police departments require at least an Associates degree in Criminal Justice. Additionally, police departments often require that recruits graduate from a police academy.

Police academies expose recruits to the specific job duties of a police officer, as well as prepping their students for the rigorous physical and psychological tests that are given by police departments.



"Education helps one cease being intimidated by strange situations."
Maya Angelou

All Federal law enforcement positions require at least Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice.

An Associate's Degree from a community college would cost an average of \$3,000 per year for tuition, while a Bachelor's from a four year institution costs an average of \$9,000 per year for tuition.

The starting pay for a police officer varies, however, it is usually in the range of \$35-\$45,000.

In the Spotlight: Teacher

So you want to be a teacher? A successful teaching career requires a lifelong love of learning and a passion for engaging young minds.

All K-12 teaching positions require at least a Bachelor's Degree. However, teaching at the collegiate level frequently requires either a Masters or a Doctorate level degree. Also, certification is required to teach. Some states required certification by a Board after completion of a four year degree, while other states allow graduates of a four year program to automatically receive certification.

Additionally, teachers must renew their certifications periodically, so they must attend classes and training workshops over the course of their career.

And while it's true that school is not in session on holidays, weekends, or summers, that does not mean that a teacher is not working. On weekends and holidays there are assignments to grade and lesson plans to write. Teachers often complete their re-certification requirements or pursue

higher degrees during the summer. A career in teaching is really a commitment to helping others and encouraging a love of learning.

Some of the traits of a good teacher are patience, ability to motivate, flexibility, organization and creativity. The ability to derive satisfaction from helping others is also an essential part of teaching.

The cost of a teaching degree at a four year public institution will be roughly \$30 -40,000, not including room and board.

Most public school teachers are part of a union, and the starting salary for a teacher will depend on the city and state you work in. However, the average starting teacher can expect to earn anywhere from \$25- \$35,000 per year. Teacher's unions generally provide excellent health and retirement benefits to their members as well.

Teachers in a private school can expect to make about two thirds of what a public school teacher earns.

"The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts."
C.S. Lewis

With school budgets constantly under scrutiny, now more than ever, teachers are expected to do more with less. So innovative educators who can inspire and motivate their students are needed. And if helping others learn is your passion, then teaching may just be the job for you!



In the Spotlight: Video Game Designer

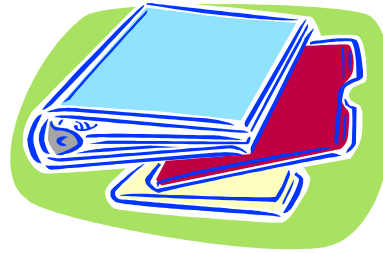
Getting paid to play video games? Sounds like the perfect job, right? Well a Video Game Designer does play video games, but there's a lot more to their job than just play.

Video game designers must have a genuine passion for gaming, and have the hours of play while growing up to prove it. Video game companies are looking for designers that are huge game players themselves in order to ensure an understanding of what makes a good game work.

Other traits of a good video game designer are the ability to problem solve and be patient. Often times it takes repeated attempts to fix a bug in the game, and you have to go until you

get it right. But the need to be an efficient worker cannot be overstated. Video game companies are in a constant battle to get new games to market, so speed is essential.

A degree in Video Game Design is a must when trying to break into the field, and while this is a relatively new field, many schools have developed programs, including ITT, DeVry, The Art Institutes, and Digital Media College, among others. Degrees vary, with programs ranging from 2 to



*"Big thinking precedes great achievement."
Wilferd A. Peterson*

4 years in length. The average cost of a program is about \$12,000 per year for tuition. However since some programs are offered online, the higher tuition may be offset by reduced costs for housing.

The average salary for a beginning Video Game Designer ranges from \$40-\$55,000, with the top designers earning upwards of \$70,000. And as a side note, video game testers can earn between \$25-\$30,000 to start, and is a great way to get in the door.

We're Here to Help

High school can be rough! With all the homework and extracurricular activities it can be hard to keep up. Fortunately, being a part of the Upward Bound program means there are resources available to you.

If the problem is falling grades, see Mrs. Knox at the school or call the office at 231-777-0425. Let us know what class you are struggling with and we can help set up some additional help. Whether you just need a few concepts explained, or intensive tutoring, we will

be more than happy to see what sort of assistance we can offer.

If the problem lies in personal or extracurricular activities, we can help with that as well. Again, please see Mrs. Knox at the school to set up a time for some mentoring or counseling. Or, you may call the Upward Bound office and speak with Mr. Ross.

We are committed to helping all of our students graduate successfully, and the sooner we know of a problem, the odds of a successful outcome improve.

*"Adversities do not make a man fail. They show what sort of a man he is."
Thomas Kempis*

Remember, you are in charge of your education, so take advantage of all the help you need to make it a success!

Community Service Opportunities

An important part of being in Upward Bound is giving back to the community. While we in the Upward Bound office try to organize some group activities, we know that not everyone is able to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

So in order to make sure everyone has the opportunity to volunteer, we have a list of some organizations that are looking for students to help out!

Hopes Outlet Thrift Store

2424 Glade Street, 737-9707

They are looking for volunteers to help sort donations, mainly on Saturdays during the hours of 10 am-6 pm.

Christian Care Nursing Home

1275 Kenneth Street. Contact Tammy at 722-7165 extension 28 ahead of time.

They are looking for students to help with the bingo game at 10 am on Saturdays. They are also looking for people to visit and play games with the residents weekdays from 3-5 pm.

As always, if you decide to volunteer on your own, please check with the Upward Bound staff ahead of time to make sure the volunteer activities are approved.

Congratulations to the Class of 2010

Montreial Burns

Julian Clanton

Latasha Dye

Ja'Quoia Heard

Precious Jackson

Calvin Kennebrew

Lenise Kibbey

Camille King

Reginald Moore

Derrick Oakes

Sharnae Reid

Rodney Wedlaw

Shatoya Wilson



Spring Birthdays

April

Gary Thompson	4/13
Juliana Alvarado	4/16
Lenise Kibbey	4/16
LaVarcia Hodges	4/30

May

Shatoya Wilson	5/1
Kristina Gulley	5/4
Montreal Burns	5/31

June

Shelby Stokes	6/7
Angela Acre	6/19
Khandi Rone	6/19
Precious Jackson	6/24

Summer Birthdays

July

Sharna Reid	7/6
RaShonda Seals	7/6
Elijah Curry	7/9
Meagan Jones	7/9
Jasmine Wallace	7/16
David Longmire	7/19
Kayla Jourdan	7/27
Clifton Newell	7/31

August

Sarah Cherry	8/2
Ja'Leesha Crews	8/2
Terrance Spears	8/10
Ebony Cotton	8/23
Bre'Onna Sanders	8/31

April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Gary T.	14	15	16 Juliana A. Lenise K..	17 Program Meeting
18	19	20	21	22 Recruiting Meeting 5pm MHS	23	24 Harbor Hospice Activity
25	26	27	28	29	30 LaVarcia H.	

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Shatoya W. March for Babies
2	3	4 Kristina G.	5	6	7	8 Program Meeting 10 am
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Mayfest 9:30am - 4PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Montreial B. Memorial Day					

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <i>Shelby S.</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Summer Program Begins</i>	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Angela A. Khandi R.</i>
20	21	22	23	24 <i>Precious J.</i>	25	26
27	28	29	30			

July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 <i>Fourth of July</i>	5 <i>Campus Closed</i>	6 <i>Sharnae R. RaShonda S.</i>	7	8	9 <i>Elijah C. Meagan J.</i>	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 <i>Banquet Jasmine W. Final Exams</i>	17
18	19 <i>Summer trip to St. Louis</i>	20	21	22 <i>Return from St. Louis</i>	23	24
25	26	27 <i>David L.</i>	28	29	30	31 <i>Clifton N.</i>



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To the Parents/Guardians of/and:

August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Sarah C. Ja'Leesha C.	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Terrance S.	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Ebony C.	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Bre'Onna S.				