

## Director's Desktop



Geraldine E. Graham, Director

The 2014-2015 Academic Year is, as they say, "a wrap." And it was filled with just as much excitement in the second half as it was in the first.

We are most excited that all of the work both Scholars and the PUB Team do through the year was validated when we received the results of our **2013-2014 Annual Performance Report**. **PUB exceeded anticipated performance levels for every single objective!** We were pleased to share this news with the entire **Division of Student Affairs** when our outcomes were published in the monthly **Assessment Highlights**.

In February, **PUB's Annual College/Career Day** focused on college life including a mini-orientation, an interactive role-play to help Scholars manage situations that may occur in freshman year, and college panels. PUB alumni, PUB tutors, and Mentors from the Center for Multicultural Initiatives helped to make this a great learning experience.

March was really a whirlwind. Not only did we have back-to-back **Saturday Academies** and **Graduation**, but it also included **OU Day at the Capitol**, the **COE Advocacy**

## "My Mind, My Body, & My Spirit Create My Excellence"



**cacy Training and Policy Seminar**, and the **Seminar with the U. S. Department of Education**.

In April, the PUB Team attended the **MI-CAPP Professional Spring Conference**. It was good to get away to a mountain retreat for a few days of professional development. And Mrs. McDowell conducted a workshop to enlighten colleagues on the state switchover from ACT to SAT.

With May came the finalization of 2015 Summer Academy plans. We are excited that our **Leadership Development Institute** week will again include golf with **PGA golfer Butch Rhodes**. And this summer, everyone will receive an introduction to **Archery** as well. In regards to electives, we are adding motors to both **STEM I** and **STEM II** models. Scholars in **W-P-U-B** will produce and present a **weekly news program**. And **#justthefacts** will explore questions like, "Where does the Internet come from?" and "How do cell phones work?" We are also looking into publishing a book of Scholars' work through the English Composition class.

PUB was represented well by 10 Scholars at the June **2015 COE National Student Leadership Congress**. The site of this year's event was the prestigious **Georgetown University** campus, and everyone got a chance to meet **The Honorable Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor**.

Today you get to witness history! It gives me great pleasure and pride to share this front page with **PUB's Gates Millennium Scholar**:



Stephanie Bell

The GMS covers all unmet need as well as providing self-help aid. Awards are renewable as long as recipients maintain satisfactory academic progress. Continuing GM Scholars may qualify for leadership development or graduate school funding in STEM majors as well.

Stephanie will be **attending Santa Monica College next fall**. And we have no doubt that her name will soon be among those of TRIO postsecondary completers! Thanks, Stephanie, for setting the example of staying focused and going after your dreams with gusto! TRIO works!!!

*Geri Graham*

Project Director

## 10 PUB SCHOLARS HONORED

On Thursday evening, April 30, PUB was proud to have **8 Scholars inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS)**. These were all PUB Scholars who received training at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northeast.



**Kahrissemai Brinson**  
Health Sciences



**Darryl Granberry Jr.**  
iTEAM\*



**Janae Chunn**  
Culinary Arts



**Stephenson Kent Jr.**  
iTEAM



**Jade Davis**  
Engineering/Emerging  
Technologies



**Ivelisse Morales**  
Health Sciences



**A'Johntae Dillon-Donaladson**  
iTEAM



**Sierra Tolbert**  
Health Sciences

\*(iTEAM = Information Technology, Entrepreneurship, and Advanced Marketing)

In addition, **2 Scholars were honored as second-year NTHS members: Stephanie Bell** and **Bryan Munoz**  
Cosmetology                      Health Services

Bryan also co-conducted the candle-lighting ceremony.



It was a great ceremony with some individuals receiving stoles and honor cords. The ceremony was followed by a reception in the spacious lobby of the Oakland County Intermediate School District Building. And the Culinary Arts students prepared the hors' d'oeuvres.

## WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

On Saturday, March 28, PUB ushered its Class of 2015 into their futures. Those listed below were among the **special guests we were pleased to welcome to PUB's 2015 Graduation and Recognition Banquet**. PUB appreciates their support of graduating seniors on their special day as they received PUB Certificates of Completion, Honor Cords, and Congressional Certificates of Accomplishment from U. S. Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence.

Mr. **Jeremy Kaplan**, Congressional Liaison to Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence

Ms. **Karen Cain**, Pontiac School Board President

Mr. **Stan Trompeter**, Exec. Dir. Curriculum & Title Program, Oak Park Schools

Dr. **Bureda Johnson**, Pontiac High School Principal

Mr. **Kwame Stephens**, Oak Park High School Principal

Dr. **Kimberly Leverette**, Asst. Super. Curriculum & Instruction, Pontiac Schools

Mrs. **Brenda Carter**, Vice President, Pontiac School Board

Mr. **Randy Carter**, Pontiac City Councilman, District 4

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## SENIOR SEND-OFF

Ms. Graham always likes to have one last cultural outing with graduating seniors. So this year, she and Ms. C. hosted seniors for dinner at Southgate's **All American Buffet**; then enjoyed an evening of fun at the **Fisher Theatre** with "**Blue Man Group**." It was just the right combination of music and comedy to keep us laughing – and all without any of the performers saying a word! Everyone was able to get involved at the end spiking balloons and streaming paper throughout the audience. But we won't tell what happened at the end because you may want to experience it for yourself one day!



## OU DAY AT THE CAPITOL

PUB appreciates that **Oakland University's Office of Government Affairs** and **University Student Congress** always sponsor a whole busload of PUB Scholars and Parents to attend OU Day at the Capitol. This year there were 37 of us who got a chance to listen to addresses by government officials and have a personal conversation with our Congress persons. OU Day at the Capitol was also OU **President Hynd's** first opportunity to meet PUB Scholars and parents up close and personal. An added treat was the time we spent learning about motion and making goo at Lansing's **Impressions 5 Science Center**. Our time in Lansing ended with a photo on the Capitol steps before heading back to OU. We'll be ready again next year!



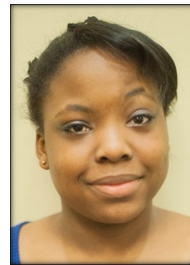


## 2015 MI-CAPP STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT & TRIO DAY

Our own Ms. Nicole Clements was the Chair of this year's **MI-CAPP Student Leadership Summit** held at **Great Wolf Lodge** in **Traverse City**. Select Summit Ambassadors provided her with the support needed for registration, event admission, and various other necessary odd jobs that, taken together, created a successful Summit. **A panel of PUB Scholars even presented a workshop on leadership** based on what they learned in PUB's 2014 Leadership Development Institute. Needless to say, it was a big hit. In fact, all of the sessions were so well attended that space had to be used very creatively.



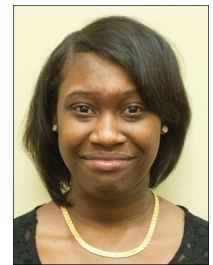
Another highlight was the **Educational Foundation Banquet** where, in the presence of more than 200 people, **Janae Chunn, Sabrina Eaton, and Jessica Shelton** all received **\$500 scholarships from MI-CAPP** to assist with their freshman year expenses. In addition, **Janae Chunn was later named the 2015 Silas Purnell Scholar** (\$1,000 award) by the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MAEOPP).



Sabrina Eaton



Janae Chunn



Jessica Shelton



Ms. C. and her committee worked hard to put this all together. We congratulate her on a job well done and we thank all of the Ambassadors for their assistance. See the delegate articles elsewhere in this newsletter.



Kettering University

PUB was also proud that **Vice President for Student Affairs, Mr. Glenn McIntosh, was the honored TRIO Achiever and luncheon keynote speaker**. His presentation was inspiring as he shared the obstacles he had to overcome and the standards he meets on a daily basis to have achieved what he has to date (author, body-builder, university executive, mentor, husband). Mr. McIntosh urged participants to set the bar high, eliminate distractions, and stay focused on achieving their goals – short term and long term. After lunch, there was a line of admirers waiting to chat with him.



## WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU

Serving three different schools districts, it becomes more of a challenge each year to plan PUB's Summer Academy because of the varying academic year end dates. But, in our case, challenge breeds creativity. So, again this year, we will apply the model piloted last year to accommodate everyone's scheduling needs.

June 22-26: Oak Park and Pontiac Academy live on campus and participate in PUB's Leadership Development Institute which includes afternoon golf instruction.

Pontiac High and Pontiac International Technical Academy commute for Golf Instruction each evening.

June 29: Pontiac High and Pontiac International Technical Academy join Oak Park and Pontiac Academy in the dorm. OP & PAE recap LDI for PH & ITA.

June 30: All classes begin.

## IMPORTANT DATES for SUMMER 2015

June 21: On-Site Registration for all Summer Academy Scholars



June 22: PUB Leadership Development Institute begins – OPHS & PAEHS All Day – PHS & ITA Evening Golf

June 29: PHS & ITA Move In (reference Summer Handbook for schedule)

June 30: All Classes Begin at 8:00 a.m.



July 3: Oakland University Campus is Closed for the Holiday



July 9: Etiquette Dinner for Summer Scholars (RSVP by July 2!)

July 12: Family Day, River Woods Park – Auburn Hills, 4:00 p.m.

July 16: Annual Scholarship Gospelfest, Meadow Brook Theatre, 5:45 p.m. (Ticket Required)



July 22: Electives Showcase, 1050 Human Health Building, 6:30 p.m.

July 30: Performance & Awards Program, 3:00 p.m., Varner Recital Hall



## PUB SELECTS ALUMNUS AS HEAD RESIDENT

PUB's 2015 Head Resident will be **Mr. Marcus Webb**. Mr. Webb is a Pontiac, Michigan native who attended Pontiac High School (then Pontiac Northern High School). He was an active football player in high school, at MSU where he attended college, and in the NFL. Having completed his bachelor's in communication and master's in sports administration, Mr. Webb is pursuing his Ph. D. at Oakland University and planning a career in education. He has extensive youth camp and coaching experience and is eager and excited to give back and make a positive difference in the lives of PUB Scholars. And we welcome him to do just that!



Attending the NSLC really changed my perspective on my environment. For starters, I've never been on a plane before; all I've ever done was drive out of state. But being on a plane was only the beginning of everything I was going to experience. As soon as we landed, I knew that this was going to be an interesting trip. While being informed of the trip, I remembered that we were going to get roomed with a stranger which kind of startled me. I'm not used to sharing things with a stranger let alone a dormitory room! But, when we got on the bus to go to the Georgetown campus, I was admiring how beautiful Washington DC was. I was amazed; and when we got to the campus, I didn't know so many teenagers were going to be there. So, we were known as the "Michigan Squad" and we went around introducing ourselves to students from the other states there. We came across so many funny and just really awesome people that I just knew I was going to have the best time ever!



Sahreyah Herring-Jones

The rest of this summer's Residential Team is all from Oakland University:



Leia Joyce, Night Watch  
Psychology



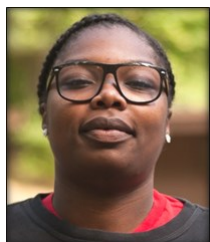
Christina Austin, Peer Mentor  
Biology/Chinese Language & Civilization



Timothy Tucker,  
Peer Mentor  
Social Work



Elizabeth Hendra,  
Peer Mentor  
Social Work



Tiffany Carr, Peer Mentor  
Creative Writing

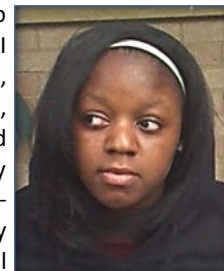
Later on that night we got introduced to peer mentors and the heads of the program, which was very cool because they danced which I thought was cool. So we got the norms and what we were going to do; plus they seemed to be very laid-back folk. As the first night continued, I met my peer mentor and my group members. My PM was named Roman and he seemed a bit mean. Overall, the experience I had with him was very great; it was just his first impression that threw me off guard. So over time my group members and I got to know each other really well - especially at the end when I was really sad to leave. We went on so many trips, bonded together, and it was just so great that I had this chance with them. Going to places like seeing the Lincoln Memorial and meeting Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor really touched my heart. Even doing the mock Congress with my group helped me realize that everybody has a different point of view on the economy and the government. I feel that if the people in the capitol got there by being involved in their community, then I can do the same. I'm just still stunned by all the people I came across; they really changed my life. I'm more open personally, I can talk to strangers or folks around my age without being so shy. Getting out of my comfort zone was a hard thing to do just as this trip was; but I met so many people who I still talk to this day. I had such an amazing time. For the upcoming 11th graders and even 10th graders, I would advise you guys to do what's necessary to go to Washington DC because it will change your life for the best!

## COE NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

Each June, PUB sends a delegation of Scholars, usually juniors, to Washington, DC. In the last newsletter, we explained the purpose of NSLC. These are the 10 delegates who represented PUB in the 2015 Congress which took place June 6-11 on the campus of Georgetown University:

Jade Davis, John Dristy, Jamia Givens, Sahreyah Herring-Jones, Mariah Kelley, Jamia Long, Lisandro Munoz, EDI Roberts, Jada Tate, Becky Yang

Man, going to DC was one of the best experiences of my life. It showed me that there's so much more to the world than this mini part that I live in. I met people from over the nation: New York, Utah, Florida, California, South Carolina, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Guam and so much more. It was so sad to walk away from so many that were so unique and talented. I really appreciated the opportunity given. I wish I had more time and it was all thanks to Upward Bound.



Mariah Kelley

## CELEBRATING PUB'S CLASS OF 2015



PUB's TARGET SCHOOL DISTRICT	% OF SCHOOL'S CLASS OF 2015 WHO ARE PUB SCHOLARS	% OF SCHOOL'S CLASS OF 2015 WHOSE SCHOLARSHIPS WERE EARNED BY PUB SCHOLARS	% OF SCHOOL'S CLASS OF 2015 TIP* GRANTEES WHO ARE PUB SCHOLARS	% OF SCHOOL'S CLASS OF 2015 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY or NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS WHO ARE PUB SCHOLARS
Pontiac (PHS & ITA)	12%	32%	31%	50%
Pontiac Academy for Excellence	13%	17%	100%	31%
Oak Park High School	2%	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**

\*TIP = Tuition Assistance Program: Sponsored by the State of Michigan, provides tuition assistance for first 2 years of college

\*\*Information was not available at publication time.

### Other Graduation Facts:

International Technology Academy Valedictorian: Darryl Granberry, Jr.

International Technology Academy Distinguished Scholars: Kahrissemai Brinson, David Spomer, Sierra Tolbert

International Technology Academy Speaker Introduction: Kiara Louris

Pontiac Academy for Excellence Salutatorian: Stephanie Bell (2015 Gates Millennium Scholar!)



Darryl Granberry Jr.



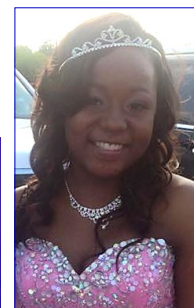
Kahrissemai Brinson



Stephanie Bell



David Spomer



Kiara Louris



Sierra Tolbert

## PARENT'S, IT'S YOUR TIME

With Summer Academy comes two of the largest parent-organized PUB events: Family Day and Gospelfest. PUB Parent Association members plan and implement these events from top to bottom, so parent involvement is essential for success.

For **Family Day**, PUB Dads usually bring their grills and do the grilling while everyone shares in supplying the food and drinks. Key to the success of this event are the set-up/clean-up and serving subcommittees. **Please contact Family Day Chair Kea Boyles** to get on the Family Day Committee at 248-736-5779.



The Family Day set-up/clean-up and serving subcommittees normally provide the same service for the Gospelfest. In addition, for **Gospelfest** volunteers are needed to usher, make phone calls and perform various other tasks. **Please contact Gospelfest Chair Elaine Carr** at 248-346-3805 immediately to sign up to help. All proceeds go to the OU-PUB Scholarship fund and are distributed to PUB alumni who enroll at OU.

## COE POLICY SEMINAR

This year the PUB Parent Association was represented at the COE Policy Seminar by Natasha Harmon and Marjorie Dempsey. After a day of informational and strategy workshops, on Tuesday, March 17, they joined TRIO advocates from all over the nation to share with members of Congress why TRIO Programs are so essential to achieving U.S. education, economic, and quality of life goals. Here are reflections from Ms. Harmon, parent of graduating seniors LaTisha and NiNesha Baker:

I truly enjoyed my experience at the **Council for Opportunity in Education 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Policy Seminar**. This was my first trip to Washington, DC; and being a part of the Policy Seminar was truly a blessing. It really gave me better insight into why TRIO programs are so important to our children and why Congress should continue to support and fund these programs.

When my group went to Capitol Hill, **we had the privilege to meet with our senator The Honorable Debbie Stabenow**, as well as representatives John Conyers and Mike Bishop. Since I am the parent of two TRIO participants, I had the opportunity to speak on how Project Upward Bound has really inspired my daughters to want to further their education after high school.

I am so excited that my daughters and your children were selected to be a part of a TRIO program, and may they continue to strive to do better. Thank you so much PUB Parent Association for making this all possible.



COE Policy Seminar: Left to right Nitasha Harmon, Ava McDowell, Marjorie Dempsey, Geri Graham, Nicole Clements

Left to right: Nitasha Harmon, Marjorie Dempsey



# STUDENT AFFAIRS ASSESSMENT HIGHLIGHTS

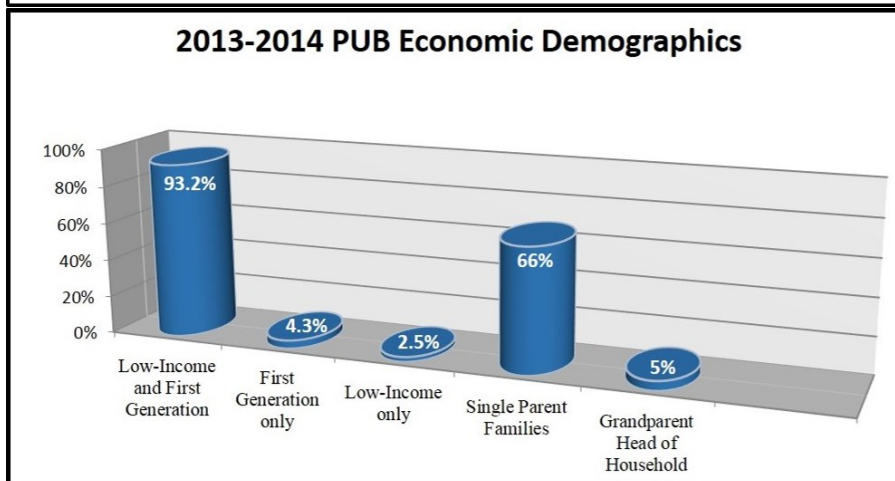
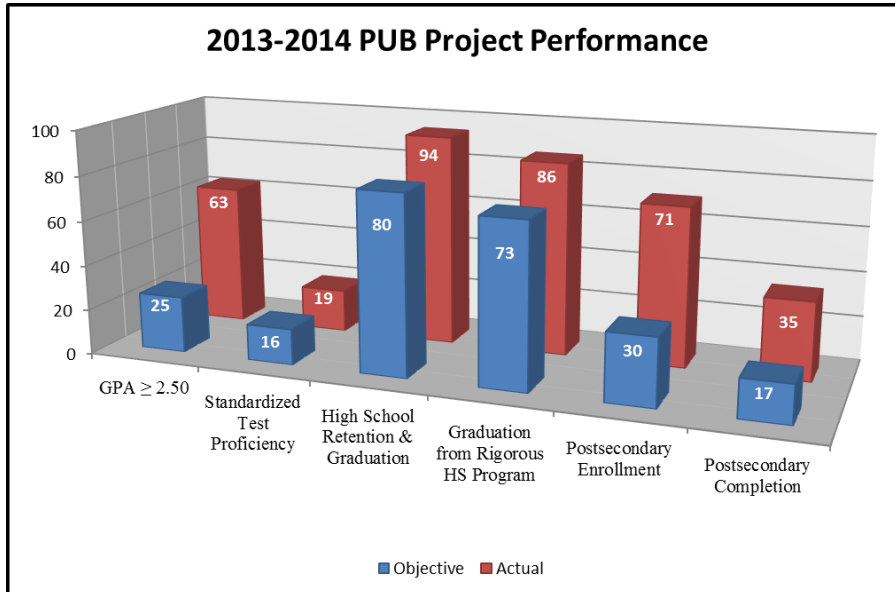
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The Student Affairs Assessment Team is proud to present our monthly installment “Assessment Highlights” featuring individual department’s assessment initiatives. Watch for monthly highlights in your email!

In 1964, federal legislation (Higher Education Opportunity Act) established TRIO Programs—initially 3 and now 7 serving both youth and adult populations (including veterans) from middle to graduate school. **TRIO’s goal is to make higher education accessible and attainable for low-income, first-generation, and disabled learners** through a set of national intervention programs. OU’s Project Upward Bound (PUB) College Prep Academy is a TRIO Program funded at OU since 1966 through successful competitive grant applications.

Operating on a 5-year grant cycle, PUB serves youth in the Pontiac, Oak Park, and Pontiac Academy for Excellence School Districts. However, **each subsequent Program Year’s funds are released only if the Project documents, in its Annual Performance Report to the U. S. Department of Education, significant progress toward achieving its objectives.** Therefore, **ongoing assessment is pivotal to the existence of PUB.**

Project Upward Bound establishes high expectations of its Scholars, then provides the resources they need to achieve them. **The chart below documents that, for 2013-2014, this strategy yielded performance that exceeded expected outcomes for each of the 6 objectives defined in the approved grant application.**



The 2013-14 progress was made in spite of the fact that 52% of enrollees were at higher risk of academic failure due to GPA’s of 2.50 or below at admission and that 100% of them came from schools on the U.S. Secretary of Education’s Persistently Low-Achieving Schools list.

## Impact

By breaking the cycle of the absence of postsecondary education in low-income/first-generation households, **PUB is ultimately contributing to increasing the educational attainment levels in its target communities of Pontiac and Royal Oak Township.** By serving a single individual in a family, PUB has influenced siblings as well as parents to seek out and obtain higher education.

**The 2013-2014 outcomes document the efficacy of PUB’s current strategic plan. The plan results from years of assessment and evaluation that led to PUB adopting several strategies that continue to contribute significantly to its documented success:**

- Iowa Test of Educational Development
- Student Success Planning
- Trip Incentive System
- College & Senior Seminars
- Leadership Development Institute (includes golf & archery)
- Kahn Academy (self-paced learning)

These improvements 1) **empower Scholars with feedback** that they can use to achieve their goals and 2) **catapult PUB toward even greater success!** As a result, **PUB is impacting lives, changing families, and improving communities!**

## Assessment Tip

*Focus scarce assessment resources on that which you are empowered to change!*

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

MI-CAPP Student Leadership Summit, March 20—22, 2015, Traverse City, Michigan

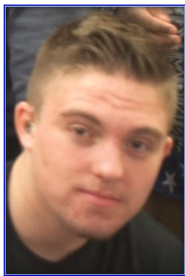
Dear Future Attendees,

When attending the TRIO Student Leadership conference for the first time, you really don't know too much about TRIO altogether. Once you get to your location, it's like being in a whole other world. You get to meet people who have similar stories as yours. Everybody is so nice and so very helpful. I doubt you'll ever not like a TRIO Leadership Conference.



Jade Davis

My experience was a fun weekend. What made it so fun you ask. Well, the fact that it was a TRIO Family Reunion! Being able to see people from other TRIO projects is like a cool thing. Plus, going to the water park after a long drive was a relaxing time.



John Dristy

MI-CAPP was not all about the waterpark though. It was a learning experience. The one thing I liked was how the people from MSU came and talked to us. I won an award for Outstanding Student Leader. I liked my first Student Leadership Conference experience.

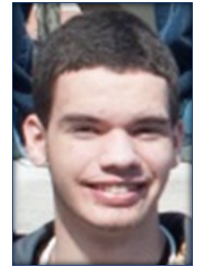
From the time there to the time back, I had a wonderful time. I never really experienced being around a bunch of new people; but, thanks to PUB, I am. When we arrived, we checked in and then got to mingle with everyone and have dinner. Then we were given a chance to attend the Great Wolf Lodge water park to swim and have fun with our new friends. Once we were done, it was time to check into our rooms; and when we got there, I layed in the bed and it was like I was laying in a white cloud because of how soft the bed was. And speaking of clouds, I fell right back to sleep on them for 2 days.

On day 2 of our Leadership Summit, we were given workshops to go to which explained a lot about college - what to do and what not to do there. The adults from colleges who spoke to us gave me some valuable information that I will use to further my college experience.



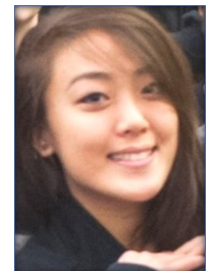
Dawaun Johnson

From beginning to end it was a wonderful learning experience. It made me think about what I have done so far and how I got here today. It also made me think how I should appreciate the opportunity to come to this Leadership Conference. This helped me to think that I need to focus on school more. These next years in college are what matters; they determine what I do in life. On this note, I would like to thank you for the experience and I would love to go to another one soon.



Shane Pfeiffer

As a newcomer to MI-CAPP's Student Leadership Summit, I am going back home to become even a greater leader. I am delighted to have met students from all over Michigan and to learn life advice from both professionals and college students and TRIO alumni. I look forward to coming back to the Leadership Summit for the next years to come.



Becky Yang

At first, I hesitated to come on this trip because I had been so occupied with school work and other things. However, coming here has helped relieve some college anxiety and social anxiety. Usually, I am absorbed in my work and in the attempts to pave the path for my career. But this detour of coming here has motivated me to branch out to make more connections and has lifted some college worries off my shoulders.

I learned a lot from the concurrent sessions and even more from Mr. McIntosh and Mr. Payment. I was truly moved by the "Winnie-the-Pooh" dialogue Mr. McIntosh said in his speech. It made me realize that as a leader, one must be brave and move on without others to continually help and guide throughout one's life. On the other hand, Mr. Payment inspired me to help my own people, the Hmong, and to preserve my culture. He has also inspired me to shoot for the stars and obtain multiple degrees or a high degree.

It was an absolute pleasure to take a break from life to come here with a vast, diverse group of wonderful Upward Bound students. I came as a leader and will go back home an even greater leader!





Lisandro Munoz

My experience at the Student Leadership Summit was fascinating! There were so many different kids from different Upward Bounds that I had never heard of. This experience was great. They shared a lot of knowledge with us and we got to know one another. The concurrent sessions taught me about financial aid and almost everything I need in college to be successful. I'm glad I got to come to the Summit and meet all these wonderful people.

My experience this weekend was pretty good. I always seem to enjoy the trips I take with PUB, and I am grateful for each experience and opportunity. Although this was a nice trip, I will admit that it was exhausting. Saturday was a long and hard day; but, in the end, it was all worth it because I learned a lot of valuable things from the workshops.



Erneikqua Holmes-McCoy

It was also nice to meet new people and have fun while doing so. I feel that is a great thing to have opportunities like this because it allows one to be exposed to different points of view as well as different people. In addition to that, I feel that it is healthy to witness other people's success. It's like a motivation, an honor, something to be proud of simply because you are surrounded by people just like you. You are surrounded by people who want the same as you – success, happiness, and good education to get them where they want to go.

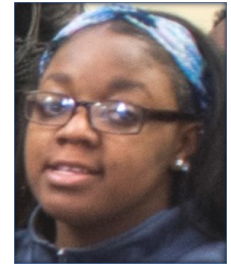
In closing, I want to say thank you for the opportunity. I enjoy being with my PUB Family because they give me advantages and emotions that others don't. Continuing on to next year, I plan to have plenty more occasions such as this and more with PUB.



Kayla Murphy

This leadership weekend was very exciting and informative. I loved how the sessions were organized and fun. My favorite session was "Leadership Keys to Success" because I like how they kept going even if some things didn't go as planned. I also loved the icebreaker where we got up and played "Rock, Paper, Scissors" with everyone. I really like how other students sat with new people for every meal and how people danced with different people.

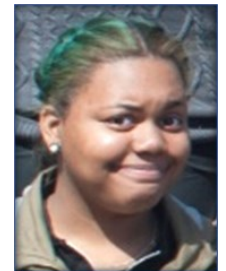
During this trip, I learned how to communicate and how to become a leader. I also learned about other people along the way. I may not have said a lot in this article, but words cannot express my experience and how awesome and spontaneous the leadership trip was.



Mariah Kelley

My experience this weekend has been very fun and knowledgeable. From the time I got there, everything seemed to be very orderly and organized. I met plenty of new people who were very kind. The sessions were very interesting. My favorite one was the student-run session. It was very interactive; we saw some videos and did some acting. I am highly satisfied with the leadership conference at the Great Wolf Lodge. I would be more than happy to attend the next one.

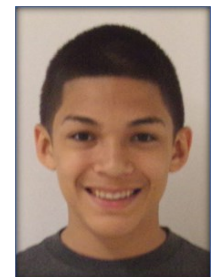
My experience at the Student Leadership Summit was great. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and really felt like a part of the PUB Family. Coming to this conference really made me feel like I wasn't alone and I had a whole group rooting for my success alongside me. I realized that there are people who care about my future and they want to do all they can to help me get to where I want to be. Project Upward Bound wanting more for me no matter what greatly encourages me to want more for myself too.



Whitney Barry

The entire conference experience was enjoyable from start to finish. From the water park to the activities planned by Ms. C, I learned that something can always be taken out of anything. Everything is a learning experience. The concurrent sessions helped me to gain clarification on a lot of subjects such as FAFSA and scholarship opportunities. This conference has given me a much better outlook on my future and I hope to attend many more.

Friday, March 20, 2015, we arrived at Great Wolf Lodge. Being my second time here in the last 2 days, I was with who I call my PUB Family. I grew bigger bonds with people who I didn't even know were in PUB. I followed the seniors every day I was here. I wanted to know how they became leaders, how they did it and what motivated them. Then Saturday came along and I met other people in TRIO programs. They are now my TRIO Family.



Jose Ybarra III

When guest speakers were talking, Mr. Glenn McIntosh caught my attention. Glenn said his motivation was his mother. He never wanted to let his mother down. That really hit me in the heart because I feel the same way about my mother. My mother is what made me who I am today. I felt like I had a lack of motivation coming into high school. But as soon as I heard about Glenn's story and his motivation, I now knew my motivation. This overall experience was wonderful and hopefully I will have the chance to come back next year.

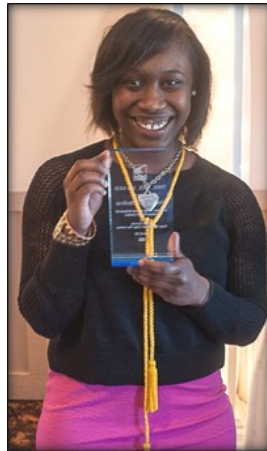
# 2015 PUB Graduation & Recognition Ceremony



2015 PUB Graduates & their Parents



Janae Chunn (w/Ms. Graham)  
Director's Mark of  
Excellence Award



Jessica Shelton  
Tool Box Award



LaTisha Baker and NiNesha Baker  
Life Skills Acquisition Certificate



Bryan Munoz  
Character Development  
Certificate



Sierra Tolbert  
Life Skills Acquisition Certificate



Jordan Cowser



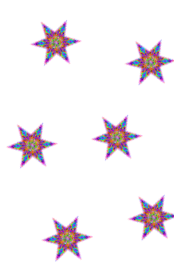
Angelica Tibbitts and Cameron Clark  
Academic Excellence



NiNesha Baker



Academic Progress (left to right) Kiara Louris, Dawaun Johnson,  
Quaivonte Myers, Marquita Ghee, Jada Tate



Saturday Academy Perfect Attendance (back to front) Jessica Shelton, Caleb  
Black, Janae Chunn, Sahreyah Herring-Jones, Kayla Murphy, Wang Chang





Stephanie Bell and Darryl Granberry Jr. Academic Success



Kiah Hamlett →



← LaTisha Baker



Christopher Modest



Janae Chunn



Academic Achievement (left to right) Sierra Tolbert, Pamela Beltran, Allante` Davis, Sanna Sisawo, Massiah Hoard, Jon`i Rimbert, Lisandro Munoz, Mylicia Williams, Kayla Murphy



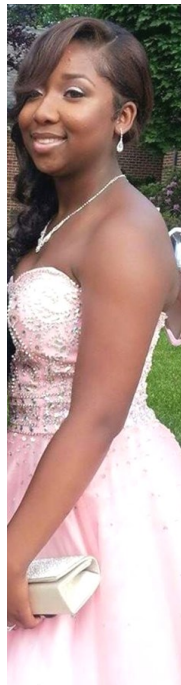
Zasmyne Grandberry



Darryl Granberry Jr.



Cameron Dowell



Torrey Cofield



Stephanie Bell



Alante` Joyner



# PROJECT ADVISOR'S CORNER



Nicole J. Clements  
Project Advisor

As I say Congratulations and Good Luck to another graduating senior PUB class I have to sit and reflect on this year's events. I am still amazed at how great our PUB Scholars are performing and I only wish we could offer our services to ALL low-income and first generation students. This year had challenges but I know all of our Scholars had the tools to overcome the challenges they faced. I want to

again congratulate our Gates-Millennium Winner, Stephanie Bell, on a job well done!



So my first message will be to our **PUB Alums**.....

Get Involved with your old program, come back and tell your stories of success!! Send us videos, post some pictures, do whatever it takes to show the difference PUB made in your lives!

To our **Current PUB Scholars**.....

Continue to be involved with Project Upward Bound activities. Call the office and check in. If you need extra volunteer hours we can help you. There is always work to be done! Also, don't be afraid to tell a friend or another student about your program, WE LOVE referrals. If you have an idea or a topic that you would like to see covered let us know! We also LOVE feedback!

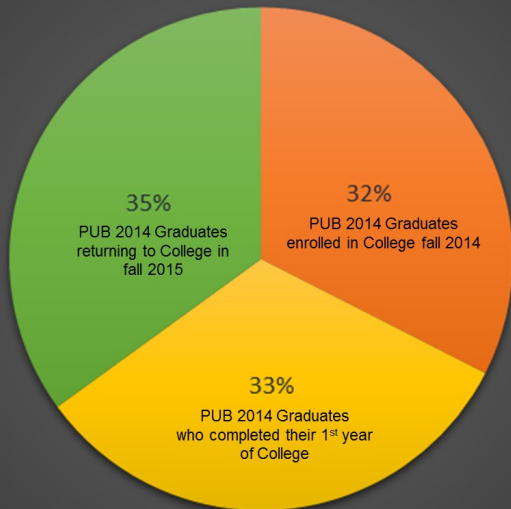
### Recruitment:

I am in the process of recruiting at all of our target schools. We will be filling up quickly; so if you know someone who would like to get involved, make sure to have them contact the office. We are looking for 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are ready to take a journey toward excellence with us! We are also looking for 9<sup>th</sup> graders who recognize they don't know all the answers and are willing to listen to the people who have those answers. Any student at our target high schools is welcome to apply. But hurry; spaces for 2015-2016 will fill up fast.

Have a GREAT Summer Everyone!

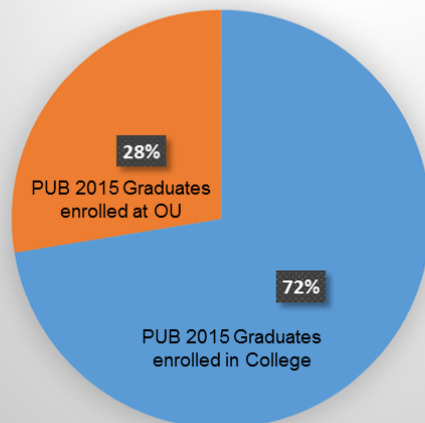
*Ms. C.*

## Project Upward Bound 2014 Graduates



In 2014 PUB had a total of 18 Graduating Seniors, 13 of whom reported enrollment in the college of their choice. One matriculated to Oakland University and the others went to various Michigan Universities. All of the 13 have reported that they will be returning to the same college in fall 2015; and one graduate will be starting Oakland Community College this fall for the first time. This is why the graph shows a 2% increase in the fall.

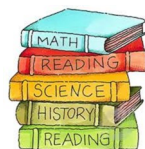
## Project Upward Bound 2015 Graduates



2015 was a big year for PUB with 45 participants graduating! Of these 45 grads, 42 will be starting the college of their choice in fall 2015! **PUB is pleased to report that 16 of those grads will call Oakland University home this fall! Go Grizzlies!**







## FROM THE ACADEMIC COORDINATOR



**Ava McDowell**  
Academic Coordinator

Another school year has come and gone. As we wish a fond farewell to our graduating Scholars, and welcome PUB Scholars just starting their journey, let's take a look back at the academic year of 2014-15.

Under the guidance of College Club Supervisor Ms. Billy, and Lead Tutor Mr. Samarth, College Club began in September with a new crew of tutors that were eager to guide our scholars to success. Scholar and Tutor logs allowed for documentation of what scholars were working on and I was able to share that information with teachers who called to check on scholars. A Study Skills workshop was introduced at the beginning of each session to highlight some of the skills that do not always get taught in the classroom. While there are still a few details to be clarified for next year, College Club is certainly on the right track.

Saturday Academy started a bit later than usual because of when Homecoming was scheduled at the various schools, but we certainly hit the ground running. New this year were ID tags with each scholar's schedule on the back. Many scholars reported that this helped a lot with knowing where to go for their classes, and teachers reported that it was easier to put faces with names in their classrooms. The focus of Saturday Academy for scholars in grades 9 and 10 turned from ACT prep to getting ready for the new SAT. Because of all of the testing changes (MStep and SAT) I hope to see increased Saturday Academy attendance next year.



Khan Academy was a new piece added to the academic program for 2014-2015. There was not the participation hoped for, however, those who did participate in Khan Academy had significant improvements over those who did not. The cut point for determining groups was 45 minutes of work. Scholars with less than 45 minutes did very little, if any work in the program. Some signed in and never returned.

Attendance Indicators	GPA	Change	College Club Attendance	Saturday Academy Attendance	KA* Points earned (avg)	KA Skills mastered (avg)
Above 50%	3.25	0.10	59%	73%	41467.1	39.852
Below 50%	2.71	-.06	21%	44%	N/A	N/A

\*KA is Khan Academy

On May 16, 72 scholars came in for the Spring ITED. There were 31 freshmen, 23 sophomores, 12 juniors and 6 seniors. Forty-six scholars saw improvement in their composite score (23 were freshmen!). Overall, these scholars gained a total of 20.96 years of knowledge in the last year. That's wonderful! Let's keep that momentum going. ITED report cards have been updated and are available in the PUB office.

Grade Level achievement	
Highest class percent improved: 76%	Class of 2018
Highest class average gain: 0.62	Class of 2018
Highest class composite: 10.06	Class of 2015
School achievement	
Highest school percent improved: 77%	PHS/PMS
Highest school average gain: 0.73	PAE
Highest school composite: 9.67	ITA

The 2014-15 Academic Year was a learning experience for all of us. As this my first academic year with the program, I had some learning to do, too. We tried some things that worked; and some that didn't. We saw some Scholars make great progress; and some that struggled. We welcomed a lot of new faces; and said goodbye to some friends.

Now on to our next adventure: Summer Academy 2015!





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