

“Putting in the Work to Capture My Dreams”

Director's Desktop



Geraldine E. Graham, Director

The 2012-2013 Academic Year was very productive for PUB Scholars. Inside this issue, read about the many activities in which they were involved – all designed to prepare them for college and career success after high school. As we say goodbye for now to the Class of 2013, we are proud to note that all of them who stayed active in PUB have been admitted to colleges and universities, and the scholarships are rolling in! PUB also reached out to reclaim those who did not persist and assisted them with admission and financial aid applications.

As times change and technology advances, PUB tries to keep up by incorporating into our teaching and learning environment the most current ways in which the world around us is communicating and learning. This year, our greatest investment is in the addition of iPads to our academic supports repertoire. During the Summer Academy, they will be used primarily in our study

labs for PUB Scholars to navigate specific websites for self-paced learning in math and science. The investment in iPads and other electronic technology is PUB's way of exposing Scholars to technology that they may not have access to in school or at home. Using technology to make Summer Academy a positive experience for Scholars both inside and outside the classroom is also our way of honoring Scholars' commitment to spending 6-7 weeks of the summer in a learning environment after having already spent the academic year in school.

The PUB Administrative Team has been working hard to put together a 2013 Summer Academy that will provide intense academic, social, cultural, and career enrichment for PUB Scholars. The Teaching, Tutoring, and Residential Teams are all in place; and we have no doubt that the Scholars who leave us in August will be very different from the Scholars who enter the Summer Academy in June.

In addition to taking grade-level-appropriate classes in our standard curriculum, (math, science, English, Spanish, reading, guidance, and performing arts), Scholars will be able to choose one of 3 electives: STEM, Creative Writing, and "Fabrications." Then, to ease Scholars' stress this summer, all final exams will not be held on the same day. First will be the electives final exams that will consist of an evening showcase on the final parent visitation day featuring fashion, spoken word, poetry, prose, and displays presented by members of all 3 elective classes.

The following 3 days will alternate review and study with exams between morning and afternoon.

We will continue some of our traditional social, cultural, career, and other educational enrichment programming and add some new as well. These include "For Men/Women Only," a bonfire with S'mores and spooky stories, Academic Games, "Real Men/Real Women," Etiquette Dinner, Scholarship Gospelfest (other UBs are invited to join us), Family Day, Parent Appreciation Day, and the Stage Performance and Awards Program. Monday night dorm meetings will feature our Peer Mentor Panel, a PUB Alumni Panel, and a special guest speaker. As always, Scholars will be dressed for success every Thursday so they begin to understand how attire can affect attitude. And, of course, those who are able to meet the incentive requirements will enjoy the reward of an educational extended field trip to top off the summer.

So, we wish you a great summer and we can't wait to report all of our positive post-summer outcomes!

Geri Graham

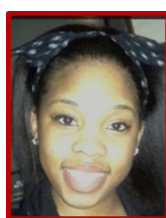
Project Director

Did You Know That . . . ?

- * **Sierra Tolbert** was a "United Nations Delegate" to the March 12-16 MAMUN (Mid-American Model United Nations) Conference sponsored by The LINKS, Inc., Oakland County chapter.
- * **Latisha & Ninesha Baker** intern at Beaumont Hospital through their HOSA class at OPHS.
- * With a 3.76, **Tiara Thomas** is ranked #4 in her class of 77 juniors at PAE High School.
- * **T'Andre Hardnett** just finished modeling school while maintaining a 3.94 high school GPA.
- * **Sereen Abouzahr** is Assistant Editor for the PAE High School yearbook.
- * Pontiac's Wings of Fire Robotics Team placed 2nd of 40 teams in the Waterford competition! Congratulations to **Sabrina Eaton, Darryl Granberry, Becky Yang, and Nadia Adams**.
- * **Tim Tucker** (Class of 2012) made the Dean's list in his first semester (Fall 2012) at OCC.
- * **Kyasa Dawson** (Class of 2012) is President of the OU chapter of National Society of Black Engineers



Sierra Tolbert



Latisha Baker



Ninesha Baker



Tiara Thomas



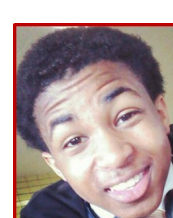
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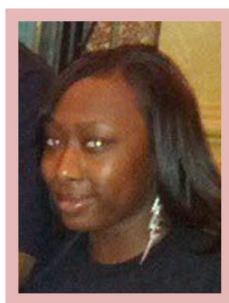
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OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADER
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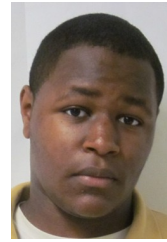
Ms. Shaquita Shipp was recognized at the 2013 MI-CAPP Student Leadership Summit as PUB's Outstanding Student Leader. These are the attributes that won her the title:

Shaquita first entered PUB in the Fall of 2009 as a freshman. She has remained **consistently active** in all phases of the program since admission. Her records show that **as her attendance and participation in PUB improved, so did her standardized test scores and her high school grade point average**. It has been a pleasure to see Ms. Shipp grow and mature from a child who was really missing her mom during the 2010 Summer Academy into a more mature young lady who is ready to go off to college with confidence in the fall of 2013. **Ms. Shipp has quietly demonstrated that being committed to PUB pays off in academic, social, and cultural growth.**

Congratulations to **Jordan Cowser** and **Christopher Davis** who were selected to attend the University of Michigan's 2013 College 101 Summer Program.



Jordan Cowser



Christopher Davis



Talisha Williamson

Congratulations to **Talisha Williamson** who was selected as Pontiac High School's 2013 Co-Valedictorian. Talisha was also presented at the Debutante Ball for the AKA Sorority.

**PLEASE WELCOME OUR
2013 SUMMER ACADEMY
PROJECT UPWARD BOUND "NEW ADMITS"**



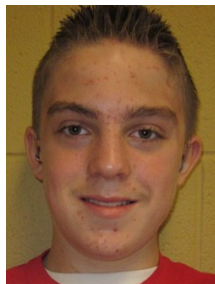
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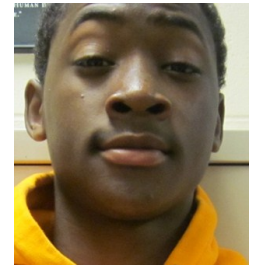
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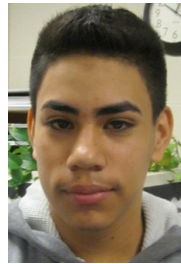
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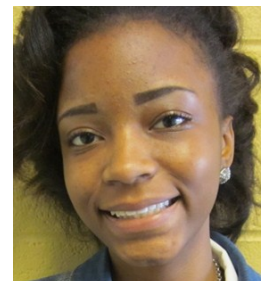
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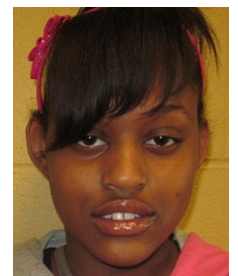
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2013 COLLEGE/CAREER DAY AT THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS

On February 2, PUB celebrated its Annual College/Career Day. On this snowy Saturday morning, we made our way out to **The Palace of Auburn Hills**

– Home of the Detroit Pistons.



Whenever we think about The Palace, of course the next thought is of the Pistons basketball team. But **everyone** who loves sports is **not going to be an NBA player**. So, the idea of **College/Career Day at The Palace** was to reveal the other types of careers that are available in such a sports venue. Some of these include **marketing, public relations, finance, human resources, facilities management, and information technology**. Therefore, if you love being around basketball, but you don't have NBA skills, these careers provide options for staying in that "baller" environment. PUB appreciates The Palace staff members who made this event a success.



After breakfast, we took a pre-test that showed us just how much we didn't know about the facility. During the tour, we were able to go into the newly

renovated **Pistons locker room** and the visitor locker room as well as **the press box** and a **luxury suite**. We also had an opportunity to watch the **Pistons' cheerleaders** practice and the half-time show rehearse.



OU Day at the Capitol

There was an early morning March breeze blowing as we made our way onto the waiting bus. With everyone on board, we motored away headed for our destination – the



state capitol, **Lansing, Michigan**. The first stop for PUB was the **Michigan Historical Museum** where we got glimpses of the many assets that make Michigan a great state! But our exploring was not done. After the Museum, we listened closely to an admission presentation and then went for a walking tour of the **Michigan State University** campus.

Later that morning at the **State Capitol Building**, we were able to see the skill and artistry that went into building, and recently restoring, the facility including both the **Senate and House Chambers**.



Joining in with OU students, PUB Scholars had some very interesting questions and comments for **Secretary of State Ruth Johnson**. And after a tasty lunch that included “bear claws” for dessert, PUB Scholars had a photo session with **OU’s mascot, “Grizz.”** Then **House Democratic Leader Tim Greimel**, who is also our District Representative, led a very insightful discussion and accepted our invitation to come to



PUB’s Annual Graduation & Recognition Banquet.

After a quick **photo session on the Capitol steps**, we all piled back into our respective buses and headed for home. Kudos to bus driver Ken of Trinity for his safe driving! And a great big **THANK YOU to the OU President’s Office, Office of Governmental Relations, and Student Congress** for including PUB Scholars and parents in this annual event. We look forward to going again next year! Sign-up will be at Academic Year Orientation .



DELEGATE ARTICLES:

MI-CAPP STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



Desmond Graham

At the 2013 MI-CAPP Summit, I selected four workshops that I personally felt would benefit my future. But first and foremost, I would like to take the time to appreciate the PUB staff for selecting me to attend yet another student leadership conference. Very few students have the opportunity to experience being exposed to various other TRiO programs and students from all over the state.

My first workshop, hosted by Ms. Brytanie Killebrew, focused on schedule planning and time management while in college. The presentation was well organized. I will use the information from that workshop throughout college. The Financial Aid Game, my second workshop, was very concise. Attending this workshop made me see the reality of actually paying for college little by little. Everything was well organized.

"Life lessons from minute to win it" was extremely unique. The session was a series of unusual team tasks that forced us to think outside of the box within a short period of time. The College Graduate Panel, my final workshop, was plain and simple yet effective. Throughout the entire workshop, students were allowed to ask all possible questions about Lake Superior State University. The majority of students were motivated to ask plenty of questions due to the implied reward (chocolate).

There are many things one could learn from this year's conference. What I took from it was to be outstanding, superior, and to make a difference.



Being able to attend this Student Leadership Conference was a good experience for me. I got the chance to meet other TRiO staff and students from Michigan who were there. Going to four different workshops and getting their point of view of things was great. The first workshop I went to was "Keepin' It Real" by Paulo Gordillo. He talked about getting straight to the point. Mr. Gordillo also talked about SMART goal setting. The second session was "Women in Engineering" by Jamie Jacob. When you hear engineering, you would usually suspect men; but she was saying that it's not just men who like to work in that type of environment. The field requires science and math; and if you don't like those two subjects, engineering is probably not for you.



Shaquita Shipp

After the second session, we went to a luncheon where the speaker was Heath Alexander. The story he told was very inspiring. The things he went through brought him a long way to get to where he is now. And, without TRiO, he doesn't know where he would be or what he would be doing. After lunch, I went to my third session, "Life Lesson from Minute to Win It" by Amy Anderson. We did activities that involved time. It takes time to learn a lesson no matter what type it is. My last session, "College Graduate Panel," was not too breath-taking, but they talked about what to expect when entering college. They said that relationships are not good while attending college because they are distracting and cause you to lose focus. Also, you should pick a college that you know you would like the environment. If I could come every time they were present at a leadership conference, I would love to attend.






My experience at the Leadership Summit was fun. In the Financial Aid workshop a lot of handouts were distributed. The presentation style of the "Women in Engineering" workshop made it difficult for me to focus; but the "Life Lessons from Minute to Win It" was fun for me. The room was overloaded with TRiO stu-

dents and we did a ton of complicated but fun games together. It exercised our brain and made us think critically. We split up to socialize with the students we didn't know. I like meeting new people. The activities were fun. The last workshop I attended was about time management, and it was great. The instructor presented us with information, then we played Jeopardy. We all were challenged and anxious to get the correct answers. The competition was fierce and loud but fun with a touch of laughter and learning.



The dance was hype. I met a lot of people. The food at the luncheon was not to my taste. But I loved the trip to the Capitol building. TRiO knows my name was great!

 I'm grateful that I got the chance to have this experience.



I was one of the four lucky OU Project Upward Bound students to attend the MI-CAPP Student Leadership Summit & TRiO Day which was held at the Ramada Inn in Lansing, Michigan. My time there was awesome. I attended four workshops: “Keep it Real,” “Women in Engineering,” “Life Lessons from Minute to Win It,” and “College Graduate Panel.” Out of these four, my favorite was “Keep it Real.” The presenter, Paulo Gordillo, kept our attention and he taught me something new - the acronym SMART and what each letter represents when setting goals: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timely.

My time at this leadership conference was a wonderful experience and, if it wasn't my senior year and I could do it again, I would.

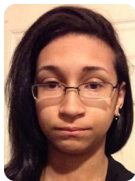
Thanks Ms.
G. and Mrs.
C. for giving
me a fun
learning
weekend!



MI-CAPP: A Chapter of MAEOPP
Student Leadership Summit & TRiO Day
March 17 – 19, 2013
Lansing, Michigan

PUB DELEGATES SELECTED FOR COE NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

On June 8, 2013, PUB will fly **Sereen Abouzahr, T'Andre Hardnett, Vanessa Perkins, and Tiara Thomas** to **Washington, DC** to join 146 other Upward Bound and Talent Search scholars for this annual meeting of the minds. The adventure will begin with the flight since only the 4 of them will be flying together with no PUB escort.



Sereen Abouzahr



T'Andre Hardnett

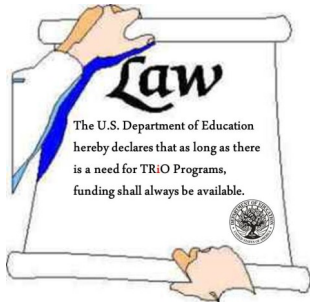


Vanessa Perkins



Tiara Thomas

The National Student Leadership Congress (NSLC) helps students learn about democracy by participating in a **mock congress** where **they will compose, argue, and vote on mock legislation**. T'Andre already knows that he wants to make a law that keeps funding TRiO as long as there are students who still need and want the services. I'll vote for that!



Delegates will be housed on the campus of **American University** where they will have peer mentors and a head resident just like PUB's Summer Academy.



In addition to participating in the mock congress, delegates will **meet with actual senators and representatives** and attend DC social and cultural outings such as **the Smithsonian Museums** and the **Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**. PUB delegates will have the new experience of using public transportation since that's the primary method by which people get around in DC compared to our area where most everybody drives personal vehicles.

Represent PUB well delegates. We look forward to hearing your stories and seeing your pics in a future issue of *In Focus*.

MRS. CLEMENTS GOES TO WASHINGTON

Sponsored by the **OU Office of the Dean of Students**, Mrs. Clements had her first lobbying experience as she joined the leagues of TRiO supporters who descended upon **Capitol Hill** on March 12 for the Council for Opportunity in Education's Annual Policy Seminar. It



was an eye-opener as she learned about and studied all of the issues so that she could advocate on behalf of PUB and other TRiO students current and future. Emotions were all over the place as the fight against sequestration moved forward. There were times when it looked like TRiO was winning and there were times when TRiO was dealt more hard blows. But through it all, she wants to go back! That's the sign of a true heart for TRiO...





CONGRATULATIONS!

PROJECT UPWARD BOUND

2013 GRADUATING SENIORS

<u>Name</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Fall 2013 College</u>
Allen, Khadija	Pontiac High School	Oakland Community College
Butts, JoVontae	Pontiac Academy for Excellence	Michigan State Univ. - CAAP
Chunn, Jamari	Pontiac Academy for Excellence	University of Detroit Mercy
Dixon Jr., James	Oak Park High School	Michigan State University
Goldsmith, Ja Shawn	Pontiac Academy for Excellence	University of Texas
Harris, Keyon'tay	Pontiac Academy for Excellence	University of Notre Dame
Harrison, Jody	Pontiac High School	Notre Dame or Central MI Univ.
Herren, Keith	Pontiac High School	Undecided
Jackson, Cierra	Pontiac Academy for Excellence	Central State University
Keys, Sa'Vonnie	Pontiac Academy for Excellence	Great Lakes Christian College
Kittrell, Bria	Oak Park High School	Oakland University
Lee-Mays, Kayla	Pontiac High School	Undecided
Morales, Cristopher	Pontiac Academy for Excellence	Oakland University
Osley, Jazmine	Pontiac Academy for Excellence	Undecided
Page, Kiersten	Pontiac Academy for Excellence	Oakland Community College
Pfeiffer, Marissa	Pontiac High School	Jackson Community College
Rivera Torres, Giselle	Pontiac Academy for Excellence	Oakland Community College
Shipp, Shaquita	Pontiac High School	Lakeland University
Thornton, Renee`	Oak Park High School	Oakland University
Williamson, Talisha	Pontiac High School	Ohio State University

Welcome PUB

2013 Summer Academy

Residential Team!



Left to right: Andrea Robertson, Head Resident;
Peer Mentors: Jewel Cannon, Brandon Blount, Larry Watkins II, Gabriella Walker

FAREWELL, CLASS OF 2013

Around April of every year, seniors get really busy preparing for class trips, prom, and graduation. So here at PUB, we make sure they have completed all of their work to get into college and then honor them in March. This way, they don't have to worry about being at Saturday Academy and are free to take part in all of the rituals that mark the end of their high school careers.

On Saturday, March 16, the festivities began at River Crest Catering hall with a **processional of 10 graduating seniors**. As they entered the room they were **adorned with honor cords** by Director Graham as their parents proudly watched them take their places at the **head table**. Everyone was spellbound listening to seniors' memories of PUB, plans for next fall, and goals for future careers and philanthropy.

Perfectly timed in the middle of the program, **Michigan House Democratic Leader Tim Greimel** came in and offered words of encouragement to all PUB Scholars to continue to strive to reach their goals. The target schools were represented by **Oak Park H. S, Principal Washington** as well as **Dr. Avitia** and **Mrs. Thomas** from **Pontiac Academy for Excellence**.



Congratulations go to **Talisha Williamson** for earning PUB's "**Tool Box Award**" and to **Renee Thornton** for earning PUB's "**Directors Mark of Excellence Award**" by demonstrating the most growth and development during her time in PUB.



Talisha Williamson
Tool Box Award



Renee Thornton
Directors Mark of Excellence Award



Mrs. Clements, Jamari Chunn (Character Development Certificate), Cristopher Morales (Life Skills Certificate), James Dixon, Jr. (Academic Achievement Certificate)

James Dixon, Jr. earned the Senior Seminar **Academic Achievement Certificate** while **Jamari Chunn** earned the **Character Development Certificate** and **Cristopher Morales** earned the **Life Skills Certificate**.

After conferring graduation certificates from PUB and from **Congressman Gary Peters**, seniors were presented with **t-shirts from the colleges where they plan to enroll next fall**. Check out the **graduation speech clips on PUB's Facebook!** Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors were also recognized for perfect attendance, academic progress, and academic achievement.

"SENIOR SEND-OFF & ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS DAY"

What fun we had on Saturday, April 13! **The Palace of Auburn Hills** was crowded as the **World Famous Harlem Globetrotters** took the court.

They put on a fabulous exhibition of ball handling that entertained and, at times, amazed the crowd. Of course they won the game and the championship trophy.

As an added bonus, SaVonne Keys was able to have a brief conversation with the Detroit Pistons' Andre Drummond and get his autograph. Ms. Graham also got a handshake.



After the game, we hopped back on the bus and made our way out to the **Clinton Township Golden Corral**. Need I say more?



As we exited the restaurant with full bellies and smiles on our faces, the sun began to shine brightly. That made our final destination even more enjoyable.



Although well-fed, we didn't get too stuffed to have a ball down the street at **C. J. Barrymore's** entertainment complex. Bumper Cars, Laser Tag, Grand Prix Racing, and the Arcade were our favorite spots for the next 2 hours. All in all it was a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon and evening. So, rising seniors and 3.5+ achievers, when you get that call from Ms. Graham next spring, be sure to respond quickly. You won't know where you're going until you get on the bus; but this annual event is always a good time!



PUB MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE DAY



For the third time this academic year, PUB made a significant difference in the lives of fellow citizens. After class on February 16, **we worked frantically to create 90 original Valentine cards and 90 individually-crafted lap blankets in 90 minutes.** Whew! It was a frantic pace, but with parents, students, and staff all working in teams, we managed to get it done.



Then we all piled into buses and cars headed for **The Regency at Waterford** to spread some good cheer. For many PUB Scholars, this was their first visit to a physical rehabilitation and long-term care facility. As we fanned out to the various wings of the building, the residents' eyes lit up with anticipation. **Some of the residents were brought to tears,** more so by the thought that someone



cared enough to visit than by the cards and lap blankets. It was a very moving experience for Regency residents and the PUB Family alike. Before leaving, **our "PUB Ensemble" closed out Regency's church service with a song;** many thanks to Ms. McKnight for taking the lead on this.



The Need Is Great

Every year PUB supports the Lighthouse of Oakland County with a food drive and by donating hours of labor to facilitate their Thanksgiving Project. This is a community service that we are glad to provide. But the need for food doesn't end when the holidays are over. As a matter of fact, the need was so great this year that the Lighthouse Food Bank had to make an extra plea to restock their pantry. And **PUB answered the call in March by donating cold and hot cereal, PB&J, and pasta.** Thanks to all who contributed.

Community service is an activity that can be done all year long – students and parents don't have to wait for PUB's annual events. And remember, students, your schools require 40 hours of community services for graduation. So if you find that you have a little extra, then share a little extra with those who have a greater need than you. Doing so may prove to be better for you than it is for them!



Parent News



Robin Abouzahr, Carol Carter, Marjorie Dempsey, Patricia Perkins

Perfect Attendance for Parents

PUB is most appreciative of the parents who regularly come to parent meetings and remain involved with the Project. We recognize that every parent can't be at every event; but we want you to know that **we are grateful for whatever time you can spend with your child in PUB or supporting PUB projects and goals.** However, we do want to give an extra little shout-out to those parents who had perfect attendance at this academic year's monthly parent meetings as well as at orientation and community service.



Parents were involved in much more than attending monthly meetings. They did fund-raising, packed and delivered Thanksgiving bags, accompanied PUB to OU Day at the Capitol, and did a fantastic job for PUB Make-A-Difference Day.

ADMISSION INTERVIEW COMMITTEE: In the spring of every year, PUB is recruiting target schools students to become PUB Scholars. This involves not only a paper application packet but an interview. **Our thanks to the following parents** who volunteered their time to serve on the 2013 interview committee: Robin Abouzahr, Eileen Carson, Carol Carter, Nitasha Harmon, Latresha Long, Lori McKnight and Patricia Perkins. Marion Blunt even helped out and her son graduated in June 2012!

NEW PRESIDENT: Congratulations to Ms. Carol Carter who assumes the presidency of the PUB Parent Association effective June 1, 2013.



Carol Carter



GOSPELFEST: Ms. Carter is already working diligently to make sure that the 2013 Scholarship Gospelfest is successful. The Gospelfest Coordinating Committee consists of Ms. Carter, Ms. Sharae Pennyman and Ms. Marjorie Dempsey as co-chairs; along with Ms. Mary Lou Dristy as an active member and Ms. Marian Blunt as an ad hoc member. But every PUB parent is a committee member because we depend on you to sell 10 tickets each. And it's a great bargain for the low price of \$6 per ticket.

IMPORTANT SUMMER DATES

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| June 21: On-Site Registration at OU for Scholars who attended orientation and took the ITED, 12:15 p.m. | July 28: Parent Appreciation Day for parents active in the Summer Academy, 7:15 p.m. Bier Lake Yacht Club |
| June 23: Dorm check-In for the first week, 4:00 p.m. | July 31: Parents and Siblings dine with Summer Scholars (\$10/person) Vandenberg Dining Hall |
| July 3 @ 5:30 p.m. – July 7 @ 7:00 p.m.: Independence Day Holiday | August 1: Summer Performance and Awards Program, 3:00 p.m., Varner Recital Hall |
| July 18: Scholarship Gospelfest, 6:00 p.m. at Varner Recital Hall | August 1-6: Summer Trip (Departure at 6:30 p.m.) |



FROM THE ACADEMIC COORDINATOR



Carolyn Delia
Academic Coordinator

Don't Color Saturday Academy Green



Yes, PUB believes in supporting the environment and recycling, but we are a rolling stone that gathers no moss – so don't color us green. We have been rolling along at break-neck speed with new schedules and ideas striving to make the Saturday

Academy more effective for PUB Scholars.

This year, we focused on preparing the Juniors for the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) taken in March. We separated the Juniors from the underclassmen and gave the Juniors a three-class schedule. This separation was also good for the 9th and 10th grade students. We have always used the results of the Iowa Test of Educational Development (ITED) to place our students in classes. By doing so, the Academic Team can be more exact in meeting the needs of the underclass scholars at their existing performance levels and leading them forward. In the two ACT-prep classes, everyone studied basic concepts, but the Juniors also practiced test-taking strategies.

The Juniors' third class, College Seminar, is dedicated to guiding them in exploring available college programs and financial aid. After the Juniors take the MME, completing the College Seminar criteria becomes the goal and they attend Saturday Academy every Saturday. The culminating activity for the course is a five-minute Power Point presentation in which the scholars share the results of their college search activities.



Parents and staff are invited to this presentation.

In previous years, the Juniors completed the College Seminar requirements just before Memorial Day. With the new three-class Saturday Academy schedule, College Seminar ended in April. Having more Saturdays to sleep in is always good! Color the Juniors happy.



Camera, Action:



Students in Profile

Imagine a newborn baby. Imagine a four year old. Imagine an 8th grader. Imagine a graduating senior. A lot of changes can occur in four years. But as a person goes from just one day to the next, it is difficult to capture any changes at all. So, what was this PUB student really like and how much change has there been in the past several years?

To build an accurate image of the student then and now, and all the changes in between, PUB has begun to keep a document known as the Student Profile. The Student Profile tracks the following:

- ◆ Saturday Academy attendance
- ◆ College Club attendance
- ◆ ITED scores
- ◆ GPA changes
- ◆ Portfolio progress
- ◆ LASSI-HS results
- ◆ COPS results
- ◆ ACT scores
- ◆ MME results

The information is updated yearly and parents receive a copy of the Student Profile at the end of each PUB academic year. By graduation, these yearly snapshots will develop into a full-blown profile of student progress that pictures student success and college readiness.



Ms. Delia

PROJECT ADVISOR'S CORNER



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Academic Exposure, Traveling Opportunity, Positive Experiences, Social Interactions, were some of the ways our seniors described their 4 years of Project Upward Bound. In my opinion, those experiences have lead them to a para-



digm shift which has opened them up to a brighter future. This past March I had the pleasure of being involved with our Senior graduation. This culminating

experience showed me just how powerful Project Upward Bound can be in the life of a student. But our effectiveness is still only contingent on the willingness of



Travel

our participants. As our Seniors prepare themselves for the next phase of their lives, I hope they will take all of the experience they talked about and use it to "BE AWESOME" (in my Kid President Voice).

PUB Experiences



Socializing is another aspect of PUB



In March, I was able to be on the road for TRiO. As you might know, TRiO is the federal umbrella that our Upward Bound program is placed under. We are among 6 other programs that are geared to help low-income and first generation individuals obtain a college de-

gree. On these road trips, my students and I were educated on the importance of "Advocacy." I heard more than once, "we need to tell our story!" I immediately put this action into motion as I sat in front of Rep. Conyers's Educational Aid and told my story of how TRiO helped me! I was able to share my involvement with a program down at WSU

and how it changed my life! Now I have 3 degrees and I work to help others do the same or better than I. It was a very empowering and reflective experience. So I encourage each one of you to tell your TRiO story to others. You never know the difference it could make to someone!



It is Spring-time and that means recruitment for me! I am out in our target schools talking with students and parents about the great opportunity Project Upward Bound provides. If you know someone, a friend, a sibling and they are in grades 8– 10 in one

of our target schools in Pontiac and Oak Park, I need to speak with them. We have a limited number of openings each year and we fill them fast!

Inspirational Thought

To be something you have never been, you have to do something you have never done. So step out on faith and make it happen! – Joel Osteen



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SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI

David Goldsmith



High School Attended: Pontiac Central High School—YOG 1997

College Attended: Oakland University

Date of Graduation: December 20, 2003

Degree Earned: Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering

Career Goals: To advance my knowledge of best business practices, and operate my own 3D printing design company.



How PUB Influenced My Life: PUB provided the foundation onto which any opportunity to advance in life was made possible.

Advice for Current Scholars: Treat your dream as the big picture. Retain as much knowledge from any and all experiences; this will help guide you toward the big picture. Adhere to advice from mentors and individuals in your desired field. Keep an open mind toward working with people on a global scale.