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OU's Project Upward Bound to host conference

Oakland University's Project Upward Bound (PUB) program will host its Fifth Annual Parent Empowerment Conference themed, "Born with Wings to Achieve Dreams," on Saturday, March 6. The event will feature Arnold Mitchem, president of the Council for Opportunity in Education, as its keynote speaker.

Project Upward Bound hosts the parent conference for members of the PUB Parent Association, parents of children in other OU pre-college programs, and parents of TriO and other Educational Opportunity Program participants throughout Michigan. The conference was created to equip parents with information, methods and tools to use in effectively interacting with their teens.

Mitchem, who received his Ph.D. in foundations of education at Marquette University in 1981, has been a voice for low-income and disabled Americans his entire career. Because of his work, the federally funded TriO Programs, the largest discretionary program in the U.S. Department of Education, have expanded by nearly 400 percent and now serve more than 872,000 students at more than 1,200 colleges and universities.

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Project Upward Bound prepares high school students for successful post-secondary education completion. This federally funded program provides academic, social, cultural and career enrichment to students. OU's program is in its 37th year of serving students and is one of 819 across the nation.

The conference is hosted by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Office of Learning Resources. For more information, call (248) 370-3218.

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