



UPWARD BOUND

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Field Trip to Green Bank Observatory

Students participated in a STEAM challenge at the Greenbank Radio Telescope to see who could build the highest tower and which tower could hold weight without collapsing on 6/21/2024.



July 2024 Newsletter

Upward Bound's Academic /Cultural Trip was held 7/24-26/2024 in NC. They visited, Raleigh, Charlotte and Greensboro. The trip included visits to:

- Duke University
- District 57
- Nascar Hall of Fame
- Harvey B. Gantt Center
- Museum of Illusions
- Wet 'n Wild water park

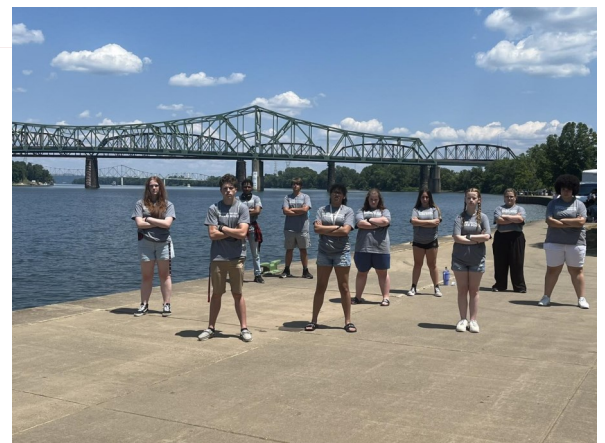


Upward Bound Day @ Marshall

Students enjoyed participating in activities against other Upward Bound programs from WV on 6/27/2024.

Field Trip to Blennerhassett Island

Students enjoyed Sternwheeler rides, A Wagon Tour, A Guided Mansion Tour and the Gift Shop on 7/12/2024.





Elissa Pugh—Educational Outreach Counselor

Elissa moved from Nashville, TN, to Athens about two years ago. She is an Adjunct Instructor of English at Concord and is very excited to join the Upward Bound office. Elissa holds a Bachelor of Arts from Sweet Briar College in English and Creative Writing and a Master of Arts in English from Belmont University. In addition to years of college teaching, she has been an educator in K-12 Montessori classrooms. Elissa enjoys spending time with her three children, reading, and watching movies.



Adrian Cabello—Educational Outreach Counselor

Born and raised in Spain, I developed a deep passion for soccer early on. This passion led me to the United States, where I played college soccer for four years at Concord University. There, I earned a B.S. in Business Administration with an emphasis on Finance and Sports Management, showcasing my dedication both on and off the field. After completing my undergraduate degree, I became a graduate assistant coach for Concord University Men's soccer team, a role I held for two years. During this period, I pursued and welland achieved a Master of Arts in Health Promotion. This experience not only honed my coaching skills but also deepened my understanding of health and wellness.

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Andrea Sullivan—Director, Upward Bound

Andrea Sullivan brings over twenty years of experience in education, having served as both a principal and teacher in Raleigh County public schools. Her career is marked by a steadfast dedication to empowering students from underserved backgrounds to reach their full potential. Andrea's leadership roles within educational institutions have provided her with a profound understanding of the challenges students face in pursuing higher education opportunities. She is known for her innovative curriculum development and advocacy for inclusive educational practices. Currently, Andrea is completing her doctoral dissertation on behavioral interventions related to student trauma, reflecting her commitment to addressing critical issues affecting student well-being and academic success. She aims to enhance programs that support students in overcoming academic and personal obstacles, furthering their paths to life long success.