Mission Statement

The mission of Horizons-Upward Bound is to prepare students with limited opportunity from the Detroit metropolitan area to enter and succeed in post-secondary education.

FIFTY YEARS OF SUCCESS, A PROMISING FUTURE...

By Dr. Darryl L. Taylor

This momentous occasion presents a tremendous opportunity for Horizons-Upward Bound alumni, teachers and supporters to relive, revisit and re-engage many memories, friends and places. More than 2,800 students have benefited from this past half-century of creativity, persistence and dedication. Our attention now turns to making the next fifty years even better.

Many pioneers forged the educational future by providing significant opportunities for the underserved. We are forever indebted to Mr. Ben Snyder and Mr. Robert Sandoe who are rightfully credited with the formation of the initial Horizons Program. As we begin our fiftieth anniversary, please remember the people who first led us on our pathway to success – their sacrifices, dedication, advice, and guidance on our personal journeys.

Our next challenge is to become more dedicated as we pledge stronger allegiance to ensure a greater commitment to the financial stability of HUB. We must forge new partnerships, create stronger alliances, ignore petty differences, and accept our obligation to support this unique program that has made a difference in so many lives. I invite everyone to participate in our yearlong celebration events. Please bring new friends and organizations to discover the HUB experience. Thank you for your never-ending support and dedication to Horizons-Upward Bound.

Horizons-Upward Bound Graduating College Class of 2022
HUB HAPPENINGS • WINTER 2015

COLLEGE COUNSELING CORNER
by Molly Zolianbawi, HUB College Counselor

Updates

• Michigan State University hosted an On-Site Admissions Program on October 18, 2014.
• Of the 16 participating students, 11 students gained admission to MSU.
• On December 6, 2014, a Financial Aid Information session was held for all students. The parents of seniors were invited and there was a great turnout!
• As of January 17, 2015, more than 50% seniors have been accepted to one or more colleges! We encourage the seniors to keep applying.
• To date, the HUB Class of 2015 has received over $350,000 in scholarships and awards!

Horizons-Upward Bound Program Changes: The Cambridge ACT Program

by Molly Zolianbawi, HUB College Counselor

The Horizons-Upward Bound program made curriculum changes for the 2014-2015 Winter Phase. In addition to the focus placed on a student’s success in high school and preparation for college, the program now puts additional emphasis on the standardized test preparation—specifically, the American College Test (ACT). The ACT is used by most colleges and universities to assess college readiness, and is a frequently used testing standard to award merit based scholarships.

Horizons-Upward Bound has implemented the Cambridge ACT program, to enhance the rising junior’s ACT prep course, and provide each HUB student the opportunity to further improve and study the core concepts and information at their specific grade level.

Each HUB student has been assessed and baselined using the EXPLORE, PLAN, and practice ACT tests to determine their forecasted ACT scores and areas of improvement. In the upcoming summer, the students will be given a second test to show the improvement in test scores.

During the summer, the rising junior class went through the Cambridge ACT program and their initial and final test scores showed a significant improvement. The HUB program is excited to see the results of not only the program in general, but the student’s hard work and dedication in the classroom.

As announced recently by the Michigan Department of Education, SAT will be the state’s new college entrance exam as part of the Michigan Merit Exam. HUB and the Cambridge Educational services will work together to make the transition seamless in preparing our students for the new test.

Upcoming Events:

FAFSA Workshop
February 7, 2015
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Cranbrook Schools
Gordon Science Lab
Bus Transportation & Lunch Available
*This meeting is for current seniors. All seniors are required to complete the FAFSA. All are encouraged to attend!

HUB College Tour Meeting
February 7, 2015
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Cranbrook Schools
Assembly Hall
Bus Transportation & Lunch Available
*This meeting is MANDATORY.
*This is for current sophomores and selected juniors.
*The college tour dates are Monday, April 6 to Friday, April 11, 2015.

Please contact Ms. Molly Zolianbawi at 248-645-7729 or MZolianbawi@cranbrook.edu for any questions or concerns.
Dr. Curtis Longs, H’75, gives back to Horizons-Upward Bound in a distinctive way. For the third time, he hosted a benefit jazz concert and donated all the proceeds to the program. This year’s standing room only event was held on December 27, 2014, and featured The Modern Jazz Messengers with Ms. Maxine Michaels serving as the Mistress of Ceremony. More than 100 jazz aficionados packed the house to enjoy an evening of live jazz in the intimacy of Dr. Longs’ transformed home.

According to his bio, The Modern Jazz Messengers quintet’s leader and jazz drummer Sean Dobbins has been the most active sideman on the local scene during the first decade of the new millennium for good reason. A facile, limber, inventive, and playful musician who adds extreme value to any band, his happy persona and zest for life easily translate into every performance. Dobbins and fellow musicians Mike Jellick on piano, Diego Rivera on sax, Miles Brown on bass and Anthony Stanco on piano take their Modern Jazz Messengers name seriously, in tribute to Art Blakey and the Blue Note hard and post-bop musicians of the ’60s who have influenced at least three generations of jazz lovers.

Emcee Maxine Michaels is a Detroit, Michigan, based broadcaster/communicator, talent booking agent, freelance entertainment writer and event planner. Michaels is passionate about all music and especially the genre of jazz. She is a music researcher and historian, who is extremely knowledgeable of the music industry, as well as being an ambassador of goodwill for her beloved City of Detroit.

Many thanks to Dr. Longs for pairing The Modern Jazz Messengers with Ms. Michaels, hosting this annual event and providing the opportunity to listen to some of metro Detroit’s finest musicians. Proceeds exceed $5,000! Truly, he is an example for others to follow.

Cranbrook Schools Horizons-Upward Bound program provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The main objective of the program is to provide opportunities for participants to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. Upward Bound participants are high school students from low-income families and from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor’s degree. The goal of Horizons-Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which our participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

The Annual Performance Report, better known as the “APR”, is a federally mandated annual report that measures our progress toward these program objectives and allows TRIO to evaluate our prior experience. APR data also enables TRIO to report on the performance of the Upward Bound programs as a whole to the U.S. Department of Education.

Recently, the APR was revised to reflect the changes in regulations and program objectives that occurred during the 2012 grant cycle as a result of the enactment of the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2008. In particular, the 2012 grant competition under the HEOA incorporated revised eligibility criteria, new standardized objectives, and various other changes found in new program regulations. One pertinent example is that all Upward Bound programs are required to provide updated information on all prior-year participants’ academic progress for six years after graduation. This has increased our commitment to all Horizons-Upward Bound students until they enter and complete a post-secondary education at the college or university of their choice.

**Summary of Outcomes for the 2013-2014 Reporting Period**

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Generous Donors Create New Funds for HUB

The Carole F. Youngblood Memorial Fund

Lois R. and Maurice J. Beznos made a generous gift to establish the Carole F. Youngblood Memorial Fund in memory of their longtime friend and champion of social justice. Judge Youngblood was a mainstay on the legal organization including the Michigan Judges Association, Women Judges Association, American Judges Association, State Bar of Michigan, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, National Lawyers Guild, Metropolitan Detroit Bar Association, Wolverine Bar Association and WLAM Foundation. She was elected to the 3rd Circuit Court in Wayne County on 1994, was re-elected in 2006 and retired in 2012.

An unrestricted operating expense resource, this fund supports the core mission of Horizons-Upward Bound – to prepare students with limited opportunity from the Detroit metropolitan area to enter and succeed in post-secondary education.

The Michael J. Hermanoff Fund

Established by Sandra Hermanoff in honor of her husband’s 75th birthday, the Michael J. Hermanoff Fund provides an award for a deserving senior at the conclusion of the winter phase. The award will be given annually to the student who has shown the most progress and/or improvement over the course of his/her four years at HUB. Toni Harris, Class of 2014, received the first award at the commencement exercise. She is now a freshman at Howard University in Washington, DC.

Make A Gift To The Annual Fund In Honor Of HUB’s 50th Anniversary!

Gifts to the Annual Fund are critical to the daily operation of the program. These donations supplement the federal grant and allow us to provide expanded programing such as the reading proficiency initiative.

How to donate:

To make a tax-deductible donation to HUB, please make your check payable to Cranbrook Schools Horizons-Upward Bound, and mail it in the envelope provided in this newsletter. You may also donate safely and securely online at www.schools.cranbrook.edu/hub or by scanning this QR code. All gifts will be acknowledged with a tax receipt.
Can reading a book change your attitude toward life? British writer, William Nicholson, seems to think so when he states in his play *Shadowlands*, “We read to know we’re not alone.” HUB students are learning this and more in an initiative called MISTER/SISTER. The acronyms, Male Issues Seen Through Exciting Reading and Strongly Impacting Sisters Through Exciting Reading underscore the power of the written word.

With male and female adult volunteers who meet with them twice a month, HUB students have already read and discussed two books in the Hazelwood High School trilogy by Sharon M. Draper since September: *Tears of a Tiger* and *Forged by Fire*. These books dramatize the everyday lives and issues of today’s teenagers: depression, guilt, drugs, abandonment, alcohol, sexual and physical abuse, suicide and the inability to communicate with parents.

In small same-gender groups, students read out loud and analyze choices and decisions of the characters in confronting real life situations. For example, students discover the symbolic meanings of the books’ titles. *Tears of a Tiger* refers to the sufferings of Andy Jackson, high school basketball star, who eventually commits suicide because of his guilt over the death of his best friend and teammate. While under the influence of alcohol, it was Andy who was driving the night the car crashed and killed his friend. *Forged by Fire* explores the strengthening of protagonist Gerald’s character through devastating life experiences. One is a fire he accidentally sets while home alone at the age of three, abandoned by his crack-addicted mother who roams the streets at night to support her habit. Another is enduring physical abuse at the hands of his stepfather to protect his little sister Angel from being molested.

Part Three of the trilogy, *Darkness Before Dawn*, zeroes in on Keisha, who must learn to cope with her grief over the loss of her ex-boyfriend, Andy, who committed suicide. Haunted by her memories of him, Keisha falls into a bad relationship which almost destroys her.

Thanks to the MISTER/SISTER program, students, like those in the trilogy, have been strengthened as well. They have improved in their abilities to read out loud, pronounce words that they did not know before, increased their vocabularies, and gained confidence in their comprehension skills. Beyond that they have connected with caring and nurturing adults and bonded with their peers in a safe and trusting environment.

One student said that she identifies with Gerald’s situation and shared about her own mother’s crack addiction and imprisonment. Another has overcome the dread of reading about the hardships of others and now views people with more compassion and empathy.

So can reading change one’s attitude about life? Let the reader be the judge. By examining the lives of fictional characters, students are awakened to the reality that no problem is unsolvable, that no one has to bear his burdens alone, and that obstacles and challenges build character, make us stronger and wiser as we face the future.
The HUB quilt created by Barbara Krieger was displayed for several years at various events including the annual AAAA-sponsored KWANZAA celebration and HUB commencement exercises. It was presented to former HUB director Dr. Eddie Green at his retirement dinner in 2010. In 2014, Great Lakes African American Quilters’ Network member Karla Middlebrooks was approached about creating another quilt for the program. Mrs. Middlebrooks met with HUB director Dr. Darryl Taylor and toured the Cranbrook campus to get a feel for its surroundings and historical significance. Her creativity and masterful skills are displayed in a quilted banner that will be seen at the various 50th anniversary celebration events and for years to come.

Mrs. Middlebrooks inserted her personal message on the reverse side of the quilt that reads:

**Forever Upward Bound**

This quilt was designed and created for the Cranbrook Horizons-Upward Bound program celebrating 50 years of outstanding academic preparation for teens with limited opportunities from the Detroit area. Dr. Darryl Taylor and Ms. Debra DeBose shared their desire for a quilt that would represent the program. This quilt contains the logo of the program reproduced using the reverse appliqué quilt technique in the center. Reproductions of the Cranbrook “Aim High” and the U.S. Department of Education TRIO logos anchor the corners of the quilt. The primary colors surrounding the center represent the t-shirt colors the students wear. The backing and binding fabric has an embedded crane design, another related Cranbrook image. The Cranbrook community holds a special place in my family as two of my nephews, Cameron James Underwood and James Rose, III, were educated here. Many thanks to Cassandra Harris of Kindred Stitching and fellow member of the Great Lakes African American Quilters’ Network for the lettering and Cheryl Clinkscales of Accent Quilting for the custom quilting.

- Karla Evangelyn (Rose) Middlebooks, July 2014

This quilted banner has been on display at the 2014 Quilt Show sponsored by the Great Lakes African American Quilters’ Network and Plymouth United Church of Christ’s rotating artists’ exhibition. Many thanks to Karla. The staff and students of HUB are grateful to Mrs. Middlebrooks for donating her time, talent and creativity by designing this quilt that becomes a part of our history.
Calling All HUB Alumni!

In preparation for our 50th anniversary, we want to re-connect with all alums. If you received this newsletter we have a good mailing address. Please take the time to send your current e-mail address to ctate@cranbrook.edu. We need contact information for “lost” alums so please encourage your classmates to also send their contact information!
SAVE THE DATE

Cranbrook Schools
Horizons-Upward Bound
50th Anniversary Gala

Saturday, November 14, 2015
Kingswood Campus
39221 Woodward Avenue, 48304

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