The Inkwell  By Tania Gross

Are you ready?
Proms, final exams and graduations: these events all signal the end of another school year. However, the end of the school year also means that the start of the summer program cannot be too far away. Are you ready?

At the Upward Bound office we are busy getting prepared for another summer program. There is a seemingly endless list of things to do. The staff has been hired (see the T-C highlight section), schedules are set and activities are still being planned. We are doing our part to ensure that every student has a safe, educational and enjoyable experience. Are you doing your part to prepare for the same safe, educational and enjoyable experience?

As you prepare to attend the summer program there are several things you should consider. If this is your first summer or your bridge summer, ask yourself the following questions:

- Are you prepared to be away from home for five weeks? (You will go home several weekends.)
- Can you adjust to an unfamiliar setting? (BCTC is part of a very large UK campus.)
- Do you enjoy meeting new people? (You’ll be meeting other Upward Bound students as well as the summer staff.)
- Do you enjoy studying different subjects? (Upward Bound is an academic program.)
- Can you adjust to community living? (Life in the residence hall includes sharing community bathrooms.)
- Can you follow rules? (Oh yes, we have a lot of rules and there’s even a test!)
- Can you accept consequences associated with breaking rules? (Be prepared to lose privileges, be fined and in extreme situations, to be sent home for violating program and/or university policies.)

I hope that you could positively answer these questions for yourself. It takes a very mature student to be able to successfully participate in the summer program. Someone who is mature enough to be away from home for a significant period of time and who is able to follow rules without constant direct supervision (we are not a babysitting service). So as June 20th draws nearer we all have a lot to do. Of course your first task is to concentrate on finishing the school year on a positive note. We will continue to work hard on our summer plans and we look forward to seeing each of you on Father’s Day.

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**ACT Test Dates**

There are many things that have to be done before students are ready to go to college. One of the most important things is taking college entrance exams. The most common entrance exam in Kentucky is the ACT. Students are not admitted into any Kentucky school without an ACT or SAT score. In order to meet college admission deadlines and possibly improve their scores, it is very important that you take this test during their junior year and/or early in your senior year (the earlier the better). You can pick up registration packets in the guidance office of your school. The cost of the test is $31 (without the Writing Option). Fee waivers are available in the UB office and at your school.

The fee can now be waived twice.

**REMAINING 2009**

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Hey UB ... check out our Facebook page and become a friend of BCTC UB!

**Happy Birthday**

- Akeyla Ragland 5/3
- Brittany Smith 5/10
- Neath Coyle 5/27
- Brittany Johnson 6/9
- Shontia Daugherty 6/20
- Linda Robinson 6/28
- Sherice Mack 7/10
- DuJuan Tucker 7/11
- Kinya Embry 7/13
- Carolisha Monroe 5/9
- Amanda Roe 5/11
- Michael Larbi 6/5
- Heather Russell 6/13
- Jordan Monthie 6/21
- Hunter Robinson 7/5
- Emanuel Tate 7/10
- Patrice Campbell 7/11
- Dominique Whittle 7/24
- Mattevius Robinson 7/31

**GOOD NEWS ...**

- DuJuan Tucker has been accepted to BCTC.
- Neath Coyle has been accepted to BCTC.
- Daniel Larbi has been accepted to BCTC.
- Shontia Daugherty has been accepted to Morehead State University.
- Dakota Ladd has been accepted to Morehead State University.
- Josh Coyle will be attending a technical school or the military.
- LaJuan Brown is enrolling in the military.
- Anthony Taylor has been accepted to Eastern Kentucky University.
- Amanda Peavyhouse has been accepted to Eastern Kentucky University.
- JaKina Allen has been accepted to Eastern Kentucky University and Clark-Atlanta University.
- Janae Reynolds has been accepted to Clark-Atlanta University.
- Luis Lopez has been accepted to Spencerian College.
- Darnell "DJ" Dennis has been accepted to University of Louisiville and received a full scholarship.
- LaKeshia Blanton has been accepted to the University of Kentucky and received the William C. Parker scholarship.
- Heather Russell has been accepted to the University of Kentucky.
- Katherine Russell has been accepted to the University of Kentucky.
- Charisea Smith has been accepted to the University of Kentucky and received the William C. Parker scholarship.
- Meighan Highland has been accepted to Murray State University.
- Ebony Alcorn has been accepted to Lindsey Wilson College.
- Carolisha Monroe has been accepted to Lindsey Wilson College.
- Sherice Mack has been accepted to Georgetown College.
- Brittany Johnson has been accepted to Berea College.
Residential Summer Program...

**WHAT TO BRING**

ALARM CLOCK  TOWELS AND WASH CLOTHS
PILLOW & BLANKET  SHEETS (TWIN SIZE - EXTRA LONG)
TABLE LAMP/STUDY LIGHT  (NO HALOGEN LAMPS)

**TOILETRIES & PERSONAL ITEMS**

SOAP  SHAMPOO
TOOTHBRUSH  DEODORANT
TOOTHPASTE  BAND AIDS
SHOWER CADDY  SHOWER SHOES/SANDALS
ROBE/Cover-up  LAUNDRY DETERGENT

**CASUAL CLOTHING**

SHORTS  JEANS
T-SHIRT  JACKET
BATHING SUIT  BACK PACK / BOOK BAG
UMBRELLA  1 NICE OUTFIT
SEVERAL PAIRS OF COMFORTABLE SHOES

**OPTIONAL ITEMS**

HANGERS  LAUNDRY BASKET
IRON  HEADPHONES/earbuds
POSTERS/PICTURES TO DECORATE ROOM  CAMERA
CUPS & PLASTIC UTENSILS  KLEENEX
SNACK FOODS  BATTERIES
QUARTERS (FOR VENDING MACHINES)

**WHAT TO LEAVE HOME**

TELEVISIONS  BICYCLES  CARS

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New Students...

| Amanda Roe (GRC)             | Anne-Marie Simpson (Henry Clay) |
| Brittny Doss (Henry Clay)    | Brittany Smith (Harrison Co.)   |
| Callan Sandusky (Dunbar)     | Darionna Logan (Bryan Station)  |
| Daven Florence (Bryan Station)| Donte' Richards (Bryan Station) |
| Emanuel Tate (Henry Clay)    | Ja’Wuan Dunson (Bryan Station)  |
| Kayla McRae (Bryan Station)   | Mar’Quan Hayden (Bryan Station)|
| Michael Larbi (Bryan Station)| Patrice Campbell (GRC)          |

Yessenia Grant (Bryan Station)

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

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In just a few short weeks, we will begin our summer program. We are busy finalizing plans and the only thing missing is you! We need to know who will and who won’t be with us this summer. All Upward Bound students are expected to participate in the entire summer program. The summer component can be the most influential part of the program, because students may earn high school or college credit. Some of you have indicated that you will not be attending the summer program. Although each of you will be greatly missed, we must enroll a certain number of students in the summer program and we will accept students from the waiting list to fill all of our student vacancies. Please keep in mind that if you choose not to attend the summer program, we cannot guarantee your participation in the fall. Only students who will be participating in other academic programs or activities that will enhance their college-going prospects will be guaranteed future participation in the program. Jobs and sports camps will not be considered excused absences. If you will not be attending, but you wish to remain in the program, please complete the enclosed form and return it as soon as possible. If you have questions, please feel free to call the Upward Bound office at 859 246-6579.

We hope to see you on Sunday, June 20!
Latashi Battle - graduated from the Mississippi School of the Arts in Brookhaven, MS. She is currently a senior at Kentucky State University where she majors in Mass Communications and Journalism. This is Tash's second summer with UB and she hopes to have as much fun this year as she did last year. She looks forward to being a part of helping students learn more about themselves this summer. Tash enjoys reading, writing, and performing in skits and small plays.

Ranthony Clark - graduated from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in 2006 and is currently a senior at UK majoring in Mathematics and English; minoring in African-American Studies. She has been tutoring recipients (freshmen) of the William C. Parker scholarship for the past 3 years, has worked as a math tutor for the Freshman Summer Program (FSP), and has also served as a Resident Advisor, all at UK. Ranthony says tutoring is one of her favorite things to do. She also enjoys crochet, playing basketball, working out, writing, reading books and learning new things whenever she can; such as a new dance, new song, or a new ideology. Ranthony says, "I look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone during the summer!"

Kendra Golphin - graduated from Woodford County High School in Versailles, KY and is currently a student at BCTC. Kendra says that her previous experience with UB in the summer of 2009 taught her a lot about herself, which will enable her to bring a lot more to the UB program this summer. She said "Being a part of the UB students lives and giving advice along with a helping hand, is the least I can do as a simple thank you to all those who have helped and are still helping me along the way." Kendra enjoys creative writing and expression, and has recently acquired an interest in graphic design. She added, "I enjoy a good laugh, but I also believe there's a time and place for everything."

Jason Howard - is a graduate of West Jessamine High School and is currently a dual student at BCTC and UK majoring in Secondary Education and minoring in Psychology. His plans include pursuing a masters in Educational Leadership after completing his bachelor's degree. Jason has worked as an intern at West Jessamine Middle School in the special education department and he's a huge baseball fan and is a season ticket-holder to UK Baseball. He enjoys reading, writing, debating, weight-lifting, dancing and watching movies.

John Redd - is a native of Nicholasville, KY and just like a summer blockbuster movie he is returning for yet another summer! John brings back his vast UB experience, passion for youth and a degree in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education. UB students can look forward to John's own brand of 'rough love', his unique sense of humor, and his continued dedication and commitment to the UB program staff, teachers and especially the UB students.