



# THE UPWARD OUTLOOK

## ATLANTA: THE GATEWAY TO THE SOUTH!

Atlanta, often considered the Gateway to the South, was the selected city for the 2006 Upward Academic Summer Excursion. This was the last trip for our Upward Bound seniors class. They will leave the program with many memories of a wonderful southern city. All of the students were exposed to a myriad of interesting sights and experiences.

While they unanimously favored the Coca-Cola Factory and the CNN tour, our students recognized at the importance and the initial purpose of the trip. The tour and information sessions at Georgia State University, Morehouse College, Clark-Atlanta University, and Spelman College allowed the students to comprehend the gravity of taking the next step beyond high school. Their visit to the Dr. Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolence and Ebenezer Baptist Church, and the Presidential Library of Jimmy Carter reinforced the importance of amelioration and left a memorable impression on all of us.

The dinner theatre at Agatha's served a healthy portion of levity as the students interacted with the cast in "The Adventures of Flabman and Slobbin". The weeklong trip is culmination of a six week Upward Bound summer session.

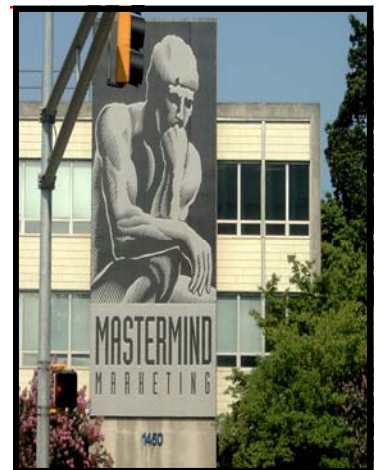


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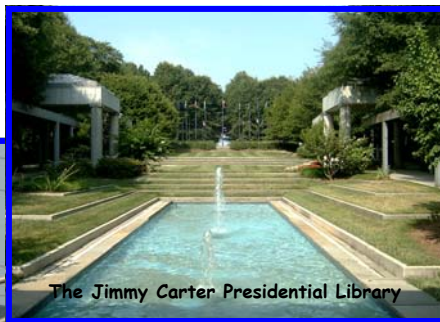
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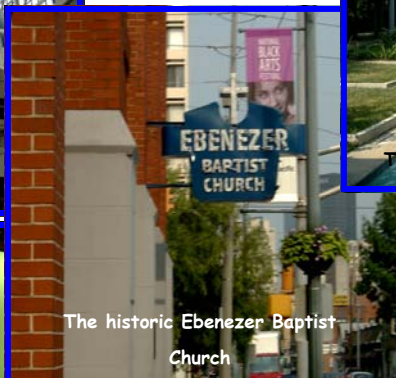
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The CNN building



The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library



The historic Ebenezer Baptist Church



Regina Stokes takes the anchor chair during the CNN tour.



Rev. Graham Williams was an excellent tour guide and historical sage.

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# August 2006



## Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 School Starts	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 South-west TN Starts	29	30	31		

- ☺ August 14, 2006- MCS & SCS Schools are back in session.
- ☺ August 18, 2006- ACT regular registration deadline for the September 16 ACT Testing date
- ☺ August 28, 2006- Southwest Tennessee Community College Fall semester Courses begin.



## FUTURE LEADERS, BEING OUTNUMBERED

Based on the current statistics in higher education today, majority students who attend college or schools of higher learning are female dominated. Women outnumber men 8 to 1, meaning Men are less likely to attend a College or University of higher education, eventually resulting in a female dominated workforce. This decline in male attendance makes

one wonder, what's going to happen to the male population; will they become stay-at-home fathers, cooking and cleaning all day?

Well, that's the question at hand, in the picture to the left of this paragraph you will notice five young men in front of a statue commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his non-violent actions for Civil Rights in the courtyard of the dedicated MLK, Jr. Center at Morehouse University. The 5-young men represent the majority of Males in the Upward Bound Program, and are the future leaders for tomorrow. If they are the only Men who step up to the challenge, it with all expedience that we educate them to become the future leaders that we need for the future of this nation to strive for survival



Chauncey Jorden, Antonio Allen, Jamal Burns, Eric Boyd, and Arius Boyd, representing the future leaders of tomorrow.



"Were there is no vision, the people perish"- Old Proverb

# DARE TO DREAM! A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

Dare to Dream! The theme for this years Summer Upward Bound Program, and one of very few things that are free, innocent and left in the world today. Do you remember what you dreamt about becoming when you were younger? Was it a doctor? A veterinarian? A professional athlete? A successful Businessman? An actor? What was it? You see the greatest thing about dreaming is the fact that

no matter what you dream, its your dream. No one else has the same exact dream that you have, whatsoever.

Whatever you happen to dream of applies only to you, and is made only for you. Its unique, just as you are.

So dare to dream for the stars, and know that no one can take the one thing that binds us, and that's HOPE!



First year Upward Bound student, Kimberly Armstrong daring to dream as she sits in the window seal of the Warehouse Row Mall in Chattanooga, TN.



## GUESS WHO'S A . . . . . CELEBRITY?

Throughout the entire 2006 summer Upward Bound program, things were running smoothly and on course. The students were having fun enjoying themselves and acting out within the dorms. Until one day around the first week of June. In the words of some of the students: "We were on our way back to the dorms for the day. We were coming down Central Ave, about 5 minutes from our destination. It had been a hot day, and we were all tired and ready to take a nap. We had just crossed over Hollywood street, near the

Liberty bowl where the Univ. of Memphis Tiger Football team plays. We all looked up and to the left at the same time and noticed a billboard with a picture of a boy and what seemed to be Mr. Calico. As we approached the billboard we noticed that it was Mr. Calico. We laughed the entire way home, that made our day. From that point on, Mr. Calico was a celebrity within the program". Mr. Calico was on a billboard advertisement for the Connect Program. The Connect Program is a Mentoring program for Memphis City

Schools. Its available for anyone who would like to be a Mentor to students in the grades of elementary and middle school. You would be asked to sacrifice 1-hour a week to the serve one student, walking with them through the ropes of life.

**"We laughed the entire way home, that made our day"**



**ATTENTION: ALL UPWARD BOUND JUNIORS AND SENIORS. The next available ACT testing dates are as follows:**

- SEPTEMBER 16, 2006
- OCTOBER 28, 2006
- DECEMBER 9, 2006
- FEBRUARY 10, 2007
- APRIL 14, 2007



### JUNE 9, 2007

Remember priority gets you a guaranteed testing date. All Seniors are advised upon graduation and completion of the Upward Bound Program, to have taken the ACT assessment test at least 1 time to be consid-



Juniors & Seniors, remember to take the ACT ASAP! Find the required score to be admitted into the institution of your choice.

ered for admission into any college or university. Students are also reminded, the admissions requirements for selected colleges and universities have changed based on the introduction of the Writing Test, now offered by the ACT Co. Please check with your institutions to find out more about their admissions requirements.

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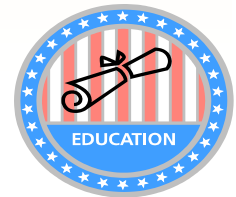
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DREAM. ACHIEVE. SUCEED.



Upward Bound is a pre-college educational program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The goal of Upward Bound is to assist eligible students in their effort to successfully complete high school and enlighten students on the benefits of a college education. Upward Bound provides its participants with comprehensive educational services specifically designed to enhance learning and self-confidence. During the regular school year, Upward Bound students attend Saturday sessions. During the summer, Upward Bound students participate in a six-week summer residential program where they have the opportunity to live on a college campus which enables them to take part in various recreational and social activities. They also attend daily classes. Students are targeted to participate in the program between their freshman and junior year in high school. During a scheduled interview with their parents, students are asked to commit the next few years to participation in the program. After they graduate from high school, the Upward Bound Program will afford each high school student as opportunity to earn up to seven (7) hours of college credit.



## CONGRADULATIONS

With the fall approaching steadily, students must prepare themselves for the new horizon that's been set before them. Those who graduated in the class of 2006 are officially out of the 20mph school speed limit zone, only to enter a zone that is three times faster than what they have been use to the past four years. Yes, get use to it! All your life you wanted to be an adult; **You have arrived!** Be ready for the consequences of your actions, the workforce, College and the many papers you will have to write, providing for yourself and others, if you have a family. The decisions that you make today, will determine where you end up tomorrow. Enjoy the next few years of College, as a full-time student. Travel abroad, study abroad, apply for every internship possible, get all the experience you

can get. Prepare for the worst, but expect the best. Life is more challenging as you become older and mature. Learn to become a rope holder for others, and be an example for others on how to live the 2-mile lifestyle. Don't let the 1-mile cut of point, be your standard for living, go the 2nd mile and obtain a lifestyle that will never fade or perish.



Kick it into gear graduates, time flies and the speed limit on your life now changes!