PRE-COLLEGE DIVISION WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

Steven Robertson is not a person who takes for granted any of the opportunities that have come his way since he was a young boy growing up in Milwaukee. When I asked Steve, what TRiO has meant to him and his life, it was simple. He stated, “I am who I am because of TRiO.” Steve is a living testament to the power TRiO programs can have on an individual. Coming from meager beginnings, he knew right away that to be successful he had to take advantage of any and every opportunity that was placed in front of him. Not only was he a Marquette University Upward Bound student, but also he graduated from the Marquette University Student Support Services program.

Throughout his TRiO journey, Steve credits many of the TRiO professionals who worked with him in the various programs as important pillars of not only his educational success, but also his personal growth.

It is because of TRiO, and the role it played in his life, that Steve has chosen to continue the same work of the people who helped him as a young man. Currently, Steve serves as the Marquette University EOP Pre-College Division Associate Director. It is in this role that he is able to give young people the opportunity to join the TRiO family, and equip them with the tools they need to achieve their dreams. Being able to continue the work of TRiO is not something that Steve takes lightly because he knows, and personally understands, the impact TRiO can have. As our Director, Steve often shares with many of our students his story and how TRiO has changed his life. He relates not only to show the students how far he has come, but also to show them all they can become.

UPWARD BOUND ALUM SPEAKS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PROGRAMMING

Alderman Ashanti Hamilton

"In my own life, I owe some of my success to the mentorship I received from Marquette University’s Upward Bound program, during my time as a participant, and the professional mentors I have been blessed to have throughout my time as an educator and public servant. Even today, I still lean on the wisdom of people that have believed in me and recognize that the mentoring relationship is one without an expiration date."
Summer Sum-Up

GET CAUGHT UP ON WHAT WENT DOWN THIS PAST SUMMER

This past Summer brought many experiences for our Upward Bound students. Freshmen got their first experience of an Upward Bound Summer. Sophomores learned business from Milwaukee’s own Funky Fresh Spring Rolls. UBMS learned historical content surrounding boat design and the mid-west rivers on Historical Milwaukee River tours. Juniors toured Minnesota and St. Louis’ finest universities after Senator Lenna Taylor visited them earlier discussing Flint Michigan’s fresh water crisis. Seniors stepped up to focus on their college admissions essays and applications. Concluding the Summer, Pre-College programming took students on a trip to Chicago to view The Color Purple theatrical presentation.

Summer - Class of 2019

Everything is Hotter in Atlanta

This summer the UB Class of 2019 took a college tour to the hot city of Atlanta! Traveling from the great Midwest, we were excited for some hot summer weather, but boy were we not ready for that southern humidity. During the week-long trip, the students had the privilege of visiting many of Atlanta’s top schools, including Moorehouse College, Spelman College, Georgia Institute of Technology, Clark Atlanta University, and Emory. Aside from visiting Atlanta’s top schools, we also got to see some of its most popular tourist destinations. We learned about MLK at The Civil and Human Rights Museum, tried soda’s from around the world at the Coca-Cola Museum, and learned what a cuddle fish looks like at the Aquarium. Our trip concluded with a day at Six Flags and a quick skate at the famous Cascade Roller Rink.

ACT Tips:

- Time, Time, Time! You have the power over the test and over the amount of time you spend on each question.

- Letter of the Day (LOTD): Why it is a great idea to only guess with one letter during your test? Well, statistics show that because it’s a computer-generated test that you have a higher probability of getting more questions correct when you stick to just one letter. I know you’re thinking, just always guess C. Well, since it is a computer generated test, there will be no patterns, which means on multiple choice you guess.
This semester Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math and Science celebrated the start of the new year with a program outing to cheer on Marquette University Men’s basketball team. More than 90% of our Pre-College students attended. A trend we hope to continue well into the future. The scene was set for a great game with Marquette beating Seton Hall (70-66).

Markus Howard scored 26 points, Sacar Anim had 14 and No. 21 Marquette staved off a second-half rally to beat Seton Hall 70-66.

Planted right within Marquette’s student section, our pre-college students got to feel the energy and be part of the action! Looking up on the jumbo screen, we definitely held it down, dancing and cheering on the guys.

“Nice view from the student section got to see Marcus Howard ball out 25 points. Phenomenal experience!”

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Behind the scenes of the Bucks On Wednesday, March 6th, 2019 the Milwaukee Bucks opened their office doors to a small portion of their day-to-day operations for a group of young men in Marquette’s Educational Opportunity Program (Pre-College Division). The Bucks titled the opportunity, “Own Your Future Night”.

This experience gave our students an opportunity to meet with and learn from Bucks font office staff about what happens behind the scenes of a sports organization and what it takes to work at that level. Some of the focus topics were Community Relations, Public Relations, Finance, Marketing, Corporate Partnership, Sales, and Digital Media. Not only were students able to ask those burning questions to the front office staff, but also they were welcomed with a surprise visit from, Malcolm Brogdon, a Bucks player.

Brogdon spent time answering questions across many different topics from life in college, life in the professional sports world and even a more important topic finding your passion and turning that into a career. “I got to talk with them about their experiences...their hopes and dreams,” Brogdon said. One of the students walked away understanding how important it is to make the best of every opportunity that’s presented to you, so that you can be better prepare for the future.
Senior Spotlight
WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE CLASS OF 2019?

Graduation!
UB/UBMS Class 2019
May 4th at 11:00 a.m.
Weasler Auditorium

Congratulations Myles Walker!
Winner of 34th Annual Black Excellence Award;
recipient of the Louvenia Johnson Scholarship

SUMMER 2019

Change is on the horizon for Upward Bound Summer programming; first dealing with Pre-College counselors. In the past, counselors worked solely with one cohort throughout their entire high school career. A different model is being adopted, which will have a specific grade assigned to a counselor. One benefit gives a student opportunities to experience the expertise of each counselor by the time they graduate.

The second change is Summer programming's residential accommodations. Upward Bound residential students will be living in Marquette’s newest dormitory, The Commons. Some amenities include air-conditioning, a large dining facility, and community space throughout the building.

Important events this Summer include:
Local class retreats, a Senior national college tour, a multi class regional college tour, and student Goaltending meetings with counselors.
EOP 50th Anniversary
EOP 50th Anniversary Reunion + Homecoming
Friday, October 4th - Sunday, October 6th, 2019
- Commemorate the past.
- Celebrate the present.
- Imagine the future.

Marquette Hall

Dr. Mitchem and students (1969)

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