Thanks to Upward Bound
By Kayla Jones

Hello, my name is Kayla Jones. I have been a part of the Upward Bound family for quite some time now. Realizing that this is my final year brings back a couple memories. My first time ever hearing about Upward Bound was through my best friend Zoe, I talked to her every day during the summer component she was here. She sounded like she was having a blast so she recommended that I join and spend her last year with her so I filled out my application and I got accepted. So that’s how my Upward Bound Journey began.

Starting off my last year in Upward Bound was bittersweet. I have actually learned a lot in the past 3-4 years I have been a part of Upward Bound. Upward Bound has helped me develop a strong foundation of my academics and it helps me with the classes that I just can’t quite get at my school. My previous summer components have been quite interesting itself, I didn’t go last summer because I felt like I needed a break from Upward Bound but I should’ve came because my summer was very boring with nothing to do. Although, people in the summer can get on your nerves including TC’s and all will make you want to pull your hair out and snatch all of them up I feel as if I should’ve toughing up and came on.

I think I am really going to enjoy my last summer session Bridging. I am going to miss being a part of this amazing family, but it will always have a part of me. Let’s not forget I will be an Upward Bound Alumni, and things are just going to get better for me and my future. I will never forget this amazing adventure that I have encountered. Some days you may not just feel like coming and spending most of your Saturday here but in the long run it will most definitely be worth it. I can’t say thank you enough for this tremendous adventure. I appreciate everything each and one of the Upward Bound staff has done for me.
Meet the Authors

Introductions to the 2015-16 class.

My Name
By Alexis Baisden

My name is Alexis Baisden, and I am 16 years old. I am known as a very charismatic, and friendly person. I attend Tift County High School or TCHS as I call it, and I am a sophomore. I am involved in many different activities that I am proud of. I participate in track for my school. I have made as many friends as I have lost these past years. Anyone who knows me can confirm I am a very responsible person and I always own up to my mistakes. Over the past summer I learned that a person’s character is everything. People will judge you based on the way that you carry yourself, and the image that you maintain. I am also the type of person that does not care about what people think of me. Mainly because I was taught to not let anyone’s opinion of me change the way that I view myself.

Over the years I have matured a lot, but some of my friends have not. I am very gregarious, but at some point I had to realize that I should only surround myself with people that have the same goals as me. Even though those people and I aren’t friends anymore, we still can be cordial with one another. I have learned that sometimes you have to agree to disagree so that the peace can be kept.

My goals for my adult life are very high. I plan on graduating High school with honors, and enrolling in a very prestigious college not long after. I would love to attend Harvard Law School located in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Introductions
Readers like to know about the writers they read. And who knows you better than you do? So the budding authors in Upward Bound were asked to write about themselves. They describe each author’s life, likes and dislikes, introduce family members, and generally give a brief overview of how each writer sees him–or herself.

These writers like to express themselves with pictures, so these articles (and this newsletter) are well-illustrated. In addition to classroom time and extra studies, Upward Bound creates many opportunities for students to travel and experience new things, up close and personal. This class was no exception.

Students lined up on the deck, waiting to go onto the Queen of the Mississippi. Alexis Bateman
Introduction to Me
By Zhane Nixon

My name is Daniel, or Zhane—which I prefer—I am a son to Larry and Sherin Nixon, a younger brother to six siblings, a loyal friend to few, and to even the lesser, a bright mind. I introduced myself as a single name, yet there are multiple names, descriptors that combine with a synergistic effort to describe me with acuity. I am 17. I am Tall, I’d like to say Mysterious, and handsomely so. I am Precocious, call me an Anachronism. I am Athletic, 5 minutes and thirty-five seconds mile time. I am Corpulent, Emaciated as my frame is, with talents, gifts. I am a Writer, a Poet, an Artist, a Musician, an Introvert, cursed with the bounds of a world where logic rules, finding my escape in introspect, and my art. I am a Genius, AP Student, “gifted” academically. My soul, the left and right hemispheres of my brain are constantly locked in battle. A war that cannot be won, one side can’t win out. I am Hopeful that one day they will mesh, then I will be Unstoppable, Mature. I will be an Idea Maker, a Risk Taker, my ideas will change this world for the better. An Engineer at heart, I am Passionate to spread my ideas, and create new ways for life to be lived. I am many names, but you can call me Zhane.

Hi
By Jioun Johnson

My name is Jioun Johnson. I am 18 year old and my inspirations in life is to be an educator. I would also like to be a Wrestling coach. I am a member of the ABAC Upward Bound Program. Starting in the ninth grade, I am one of the few to make it all four years. It has enriched me with wisdom and experiences of college life.

The summer is my favorite session of the Upward Bound Year. I choose the summer as my favorite because of meeting a lot of new people, creating long term friendship with my room mates and classmates.
Meet the Authors

Introductions to the 2015-16 class, cont.

Getting to Know Me
By Shae’Erica Horne

My name is Shae Horne, and I am seventeen years old. I attend Fitzgerald High School as an active junior. Others would describe me as outspoken, friendly and confident. My favorite quote to live by is by Dr. Martin Luther King saying, “If you can’t fly, then run. If you can’t run, then walk. If you can’t walk, then crawl. But whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.”

At Dorminy Medical Center, I was born on October 26, 1998 in Fitzgerald, Georgia. My parents are Sharod Horne and Cindy McDuffie. I have three other siblings, two boys and one girl. My hobbies include reading, traveling to different places, and researching new medical discoveries. During my summers, I attend different colleges in the country through the Summer Institute for the Gifted. At this program, I stay on campus for three weeks with others around the country and many from out of the country. So far, I have traveled to Emory University, the University of Texas and the University of Chicago. I have taken classes in Broadway Beckons, Pharmacology, Crime Scene Investigation, Psychology, Problem-Solving Math and Chemistry. My future plans are to become a nurse anesthetist or a pediatric doctor, completing medical school at Emory University.

During my high school career, I have participated in many sports such as football and competitive cheerleading, the tennis team, and track and field. Through these endeavors, I have learned to aspire to be the best I can be and it takes general willpower to do these thing willingly. My other extra-curricular activities include the Technology Student Association, our local 4-H club, Y-Club, Beta Club, our drama club, show-choir and I am a dancer at Dance South. At Dance South, I take classes in ballet, pointe ballet, tap, jazz and contemporary. I have been in the top ten of my class for my

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Getting to Know Me, cont.

high school years. I balance most of my time in the 4-H office, helping the younger ones, or in the technology lab working on a state or national event.

In closing, I am not an open book – not easily comprehended. I am constantly busy, juggling school work and dual-enrollment. When I get the time, I spend it with friends and my boyfriend, going to different places and trying new things, such as zip-lining, bowling, movie theatres and attraction parks. I am one-of-a-kind and plan on keeping it that way.

Meet Me

By Khari Clayton

My name is Khari Clayton and I live in Adel, Georgia. I am seventeen years old. I am about 5'8" and play football, basketball, and baseball at Cook High School. My parents are Sataria and Charles Clayton. I have two older sisters that have graduated from Cook High School and attend college. I plan to further my education at a four-year college. At the four year college I want to take the necessary classes to become a physical therapist. I want to be a physical therapist, because I had torn my ACL ligament in my knee and I got interested in what caused it to tear. I started looking up different ligaments in the knee and I was just fascinated by all the little ligaments that help us in everyday life. After that I want to find an excellent job with sports, because I have been around athletics basically all my life. My parents both played sports and my older sisters played sports too, so the apple doesn’t fall to far from the tree. I would also want to be a coach for a basketball or baseball. Hopefully I can look back and say that I had a great career in college baseball and be proud of what I have accomplished.
Who I Am
By Tanivia Alexander

I am Tanivia Alexander and I’m a student at Colquitt County High School, I am 17 years old. I am the daughter of Quentin and Karen Alexander. I am a senior, I graduate in May 2016. I am going to enroll in ABAC full time, my major is the Pre-Nursing Career. I have recently applied for ABAC and I got accepted. I took all of my necessary shots and went through all the necessary steps used to apply and get accepted although I am taking the ACT December 12, 2015. I do not attend any extra curricular activities, but I do attend Southern Regional Technical College in Moultrie Ga, for law and criminal justice. My favorite restaurant is Zaxby’s the meal I get every time I go is the Kickin Chicken sandwich meal.

I love gymnastics even though I’m not involved in it and I have been a part of the FCCLA club. I have volunteered at the YMCA in Moultrie, Ga for the fall festival. I am afraid of heights, but I love rollercoasters, I love making new friends, and I am a very open person.

I am attending the Upward Bound Program in Tifton Ga. I do not like snakes, I dislike anything with more than four legs and that can crawl. I have a big pet peeve. My pet peeve is when teachers talk when we are doing work. It would be great if they gave us a list of what they want us to do and not talk. It would be better for the teacher and student.
Me
By Dylan Goodmiller

My name is Dylan Goodmiller, I am a sixteen-going-on-seventeen year old from a small town in South Georgia called Sparks. I have some of the highest marks in all of my classes, I just spent the last couple of days teaching the rest of my class the materials. I wish to become a psychologist, but lately I have actually been second-guessing that. I may want to become a math teacher, because teaching my friends and such was pretty entertaining. My favorite thing to do would be to learn, but not in the format that schools use today, I prefer to give students the materials and get them interested in what is being taught and allowing the students to discover and learn the way people learn best, on their own. My main interests are developments in sciences and math and basically anything that can be referred to as a development in human life and technology. In my free time I like to think up new ways to do things and sometimes draw rough sketches of inventions I only wish I had the resources to build and test, specifically, my latest invention. I like to write and act, and as far as I know I’m decent at it.

The Life of Me
By Jesika Brown

My name is Jesika Brown and I was born in Brooklyn, New York. I am an African American and I am a very out spoken, intelligent young lady. I am an only child and tend to get what I want, but I’m nowhere close to brat. I have the biggest dreams and plans to accomplish all of them. I plan to become a Neonatologist and make sure my Mom and Family are well taken care of. I have two wonderful dogs in my household a Black Lab, and a Chorkie, they are everything. I attend Tift County High School, home of the Blue Devils. Also I take college classes at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) and have recently been accepted to the Honor’s Program at ABAC. I enjoy dance and I am on the Tift County Diamond Essence Dance line. I lived in New York till I was six and moved down South with my mom and started over. All of my family, except maybe 2 or 3 members live in New York. I remember when I first moved down I felt so uncomfortable because I was in a new environment and didn’t quite understand why I was there in the first place, but I have now become acquainted with Tift County.
Meet the Authors
Introductions to the 2015-16 class, cont.

Only One Me
By Nykeria Walker

My name is Nykeria Walker, but I go by my middle name: Chantel. My birthday is July 10, 1999. I was born at Colquitt Regional Medical Center and raised in Moultrie, Ga. I have two younger brothers: Corbin, Jaylon and Quince. They are my pride and joy. My mother is Shonta Walker, a teacher at Cox Elementary School. She was also Tift County Teacher of the Year last year. My father, Lonnie Walker, is a former Marine and works on cars. I drive a convertible Pontiac G6. I am a Varsity Cheerleader for the Colquitt County Packers Basketball team. We bleed black and gold. Cheer is like my heart because I have so much passion for it. I was on Homecoming Court this year, and it is was such an honor to be selected as a junior representative for the second year in a row by my peers. I possess an energetic, wild, and free-spirited personality, but I know when I need to be serious and professional. When I graduate in May 2017, I plan to attend Albany State University where I will be a Passionette, and major in creative dance to one day create a dance studio in my home town to give young girls the opportunity of dance that I did not have growing up.
Presley Brown

By Presley Brown

I am Presley Brown and I live in Adel, Georgia. I am originally from Atlanta, Georgia. I am 16 years old and a junior at Cook High School. My parents are Annette and Terry Brown. I have three brothers. One of them is my twin, and the other is a half-brother. I am soon going to be an uncle to a baby boy in November. My personal interests involve baseball, and later on in life, I want to be a physical therapist. The feeling of hitting a baseball is a great feeling. It is not easy, but with time, it could be fun.

I really think physical therapy is the career for me. Helping people seems like it would give much satisfaction. Careers in the medical field include math and science. Those two subjects are my favorite because I excel in them. I figured out I liked physical therapy when I had to go to physical therapy one time. There are some other careers I would like to try, but this is number one right now.

I also am really into baseball. It is the best sport there is. It’s a game, but the game teaches you many things in life. That’s what I like about it. And several role models play the sport. The sport can change your life in many positive ways. Baseball will always be the best sport ever made to me. That is not my opinion that is a fact.

All About Me :)

By Alliyah Monique Styles

My name is Alliyah Monique Styles. I’m about 5’7 and I weigh about 120 pounds. I have puffy hair and long arms and long legs. I go to Berrien High School and I wear red and gray as I play basketball and run track.

I am from Miami, Florida. My mom is white and my dad is black. I have 3 brothers and 5 sisters. Not all are my mom’s kids, most are step-siblings. My mom married my step dad when I was 3 and that’s why we moved to Georgia.

I’m kind of shy when I first meet people but after a while I am very funny and outgoing. I want to attend Fort Valley or Savannah State University. Now I am 17 and I am working towards my future. When I grow up I want to be either an athletic trainer, a college basketball player or even a coach! I love music, it makes my life complete.
Meet the Authors
Introductions to the 2015-16 class, cont.

Meet Shy
By Shy’Derria Seay

My name is Shy’Derria Seay, but I go by the name Shy. I am 16 years old. My birthday is January 12. I was born and raised in Moultrie, Ga. I have an older brother, Dre’Quan, he is twenty years old, and a younger brother, Malek, who is thirteen years old. I also have a younger sister, Alana, she will be ten months on the 25th of November. My mom is the secretary at Colquitt County Achievement Center.

I am a junior at Colquitt County High School, home of the Packers. I am taking Move on When Ready courses at my school through ABAC, and I also take AP and honors classes. When I graduate I am going to college to become an OB/GYN, but if that does work out I want to be a nurse practitioner. I want to go to either Kennesaw State, Georgia State, or Clayton State University.

Some people think that I have a quiet personality. I may be quiet when I first meet you, but when I get to know you I will open up. I do not really like to be around a lot of people or loud people. I get irritated with people really easily. I only have a few close friends.

I used to work at Zaxby’s in Moultrie, but I don’t anymore. I also volunteer at Colquitt Regional Medical Center where I have been volunteering since the 9th grade. The clubs that I am in at school are HOSA because I am pursuing a healthcare career. I am also in Spanish club because I am in Spanish IV. This coming up summer, I am going on a Spanish trip with my school to Spain, Italy, and France.

Hello
By Oceana Wilcox

Hello, My name is Oceana Wilcox. I am in the twelfth grade. I just turned eighteen on January nineteenth. My height is six three. I use to play basketball until I tore my ACL in 2013. I’m very outgoing, goofy and down to earth. I currently have two jobs. I work at Dairy Queen and 21st Century. My hobbies are singing, online shopping and reading. My favorite color is turquoise. I’ve been in Upward Bound for four years. I plan on attending ABAC for a year or two then I am going to basic training for the Navy. My favorite subject is History. I feel like everyone should know where they come from and the different things that their race participated in or how their race changed America. I feel like in school that we don’t learn enough about our background they only tell us the people that are known but never tell us the people that were behind the whole thing but didn’t want the spotlight.

Nemaya Jordan in front of the Memphis egg (above).
The Life of Malik Jordan Brooks
By Malik Jordan Brooks

I am Malik Jordan Brooks, named after Michael Jordan, the “greatest basketball player in the world” as my pops would say to me growing up. I was born on Fort Carson in Colorado. My parents met while in the military. In 1999 I was born one day earlier than expected, I was originally due on my father’s birthday, January 25th but was born on the 24th instead. I’m currently 17 years old living in Tifton, Ga going to Tift county high school. I’m number 44 in my class out of 444. The only extracurricular activities I do is theater and show choir. I’m semi-fluent in French. I hope to graduate as an honor student and attend NYU to pursue a degree in music production and teaching. I also like to make my own clothes, even started a small clothing line called “Apex”.

This was taken after a drama performance of Arthur Miller’s "The Crucible" where Malik Brooks played Francias Nurse. He is in the gray shirt with Elizabeth James on his left and Lazefia Holley on his right. His little brother Abel Alexander on the end. Chase Warrell is bending down in front of Malik. The photographer, Hope Baldwin, is in front of Lazefia and Abel.

Malik Brooks (in the red shorts) with his three brothers. Rasheed is on Malik’s left, Jamal is on his right, and Don is next to Rasheed. The photo was taken on their annual family trip in 2013.

Malik Jordan Brooks
About Me
By Kiera Janae Henley

My name is Kiera Janae Henley. I’m a junior at Cook High School. I am from Lenox, GA, and I attend school in Adel, GA. I am 17 years old and I was born on October, 14, 1998. My favorite color is lavender, and I like poetry.

When I graduate, I want to attend either Savannah State University or Albany State University. I want to major in Criminal Justice. Growing up, I guess watching NCIS, Law & Order, Chicago PD, etc. interested me in this. I just love it. I see the way they have passion for their jobs.

I will never be a cop. But making sure people get their justice is important to me. I can’t explain why, I just know that’s what to do. If the law doesn’t serve you justice, who will? I learned in life you always have to have a plan B. So, if Criminal Justice doesn’t work out (which I doubt that’s going to happen), then I would transfer to Citadel, NC to become a cadet.

Meet Quamesha
By Quamesha Minor

My name is Quamesha Renee Minor. I’m a senior at Atkinson County High School. I have lived in Atkinson County all my life. I live with my mother and my sister who recently just moved to Valdosta. She is my only sister and I am the youngest child still in the house. After graduation I plan on attending ABAC for the summer and then in the fall transfer to Reinhardt University.

I plan on attending Reinhardt University where I will major in Sports Administration. I will also be playing for the soccer team. I have try-outs for the team in the Spring 2016. I also have a 2nd option to attend Darton State College and play soccer there. It all just depends on how try-outs go.

Meet the Authors
Introductions to the 2015-16 class, cont.

Hello!
By Nemaya Jordan

Hello, my name is Nemaya Jordan and 17 years old. I’m known for having a very good personality. I have been attending upward bound for four years and the stuff I’ve learned the past years have really helped me. I’ve experienced a lot of cool things while being here. I am very friendly and I can be cordial with people. I am the most fascinating. I have 3 sisters and 1 brother, and I’m also an auntie of two. I love to talk and meet new people. I love to travel, shop, and hanging with my girls. I’m very country and I love the country life.

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Friends at Memphis Tennessee. Photo includes Quamesha Minor and friends at Memphis, Tennessee. From left to right; Kiera, Quay, Quamesha, Alexis and Nemaya. Photo contributed by Quamesha Minor.
My Legacy
By Xavier Crowder

I am Xavier Crowder and I am a graduating senior at Atkinson County High School. Being only 18 years of age, I have found life a challenge. I have taken everything thrown at me by the horns and held on for dear life. I was in Marching Band for 3 years, One Act Play for 3, Literary Team for 3, BETA Club for 3 years, 4H for 2, and Upward Bound for 4 years.

I love music with all of my being. It’s always been apart of my life especially in different genres. I’ve grown up around these genres. From Hip-Hop, to Soul, to anything in between, music is who I am, but I will never let it define who I am because I decide who I am.

I have a long life dream of leaving my legacy onto people who have influenced me. I wish to have people look at me with a positive view. I understand that everyone will have their own view and opinion, but from all the people I have influenced and helped, they must have a good thing or two to say. One quote I live by is from Kurt Cobain. “I’d rather be hated for who I am, than loved for who I am not.”

My Name
By Preston Brown

My name is Preston Brown. I am 17 years old and I attend Cook High School. I am a junior and I have three siblings. I have a twin brother named Presley. I have a twenty-one year old brother named Pryce. I also have a twenty-seven half-brother named Jarrod. He is a graduate from University Of Georgia. He is also married. My brother Pryce attended Mercer University for a year, and now is applying to nursing schools so can get started on his nursing career. Other than spending time with my family I enjoy doing a lot of other stuff. One of my passions is playing basketball. This year during high school basketball season it did not go as good as I wanted it too, but as me being an upcoming senior I know that I will not let our season be as bad as it was this year. I also enjoy spending time with my friends. My friends and I every time we get together we always have a great time. Some things we always do is just go anywhere and just turn up. We are always lit when we are together. With them I have made so many memories I will never forget.
Little Goat Story

By Alliyah Styles

My name is Alliyah Styles. I am 17 years old. I go to Berrien High School. I have been attending Upward Bound for about 3 years. I play basketball and I run track.

One event that remember the most and made the most impact on my life is the game we won to get us to the state playoffs. It was against Brooks Co. we had played them twice before this game. They beat us both times by 1 point each time. But when we found out we had to play them for this life or death game we knew we had to give it our all and play as a team. We prepared for this game from day one of tryouts!

Our coach told us a story, and in that story he told us that one day he was out hunting with his friend. They were hunting for deer, so they were out in the field making so much noise trying to make it sound like a buck fight and attract more deer. As they were making all the noise they heard a “big” animal coming through the thick grass. As the animal got closer and closer my coach got his gun pointed and ready to shoot. As soon as the “big” animal came leaping out of the grass, it was a goat! A Billy goat! That goat came ready to fight even though it was a little goat, it was ready to throw down.

So the moral of the story is don’t back down just because we are the underdog. With Berrien County being the “Billy goat” in the fight with the big deer we came out ready to fight. With that game, our team played as one and we took care of the job and won the fight with smiles on our face and tears in our eyes. Berrien County Is heading to the state playoffs, for the first time since 2001.

Special Topics

While introductions are important, readers want more than writers talking about themselves. Even the most devoted parents and grandparents appreciate a bit of variety to read. (Yes, really, they do.) Some enterprising students wrote about topics that interest them and as you can see, they have very diverse interests. Some authors write about outside interests and some describe important events in their lives. This creates diversity in topics for you, the reader. So get comfortable, read and enjoy.
What do Students do at Upward Bound?
By Sergio Contreras

In the program of Upward Bound one learns about college and of the future career that students hope to do in their lives. This year in Upward Bound we met people who work in the career where most of us want to work. We were able to be in an English class for this semester where we had a chance to write for a newspaper for the program. The classes that we have help us for our classes in high school and it also helps us to prepare for college classes. The program wants the students to be more active in the program so that they can learn about what college is really about.

The program this year included Career Day so that we could learn about the jobs that are out there and the jobs that are interesting to students. We also went to Plans, Georgia were we had the chance to know the town where United Sates President, Jimmy Carter, lived. We learned what he was like growing up and how he went to the White House. We had the chance to learn about the history of Georgia and how people in Albany, Georgia started the Civil Rights Museum. We also went to see Georgia College in Albany and to the Battle of the Bands in Atlanta, Georgia. In Atlanta we also went to a college fair and had a chance to learn about different colleges. The program helps us to meet other people and to learn more about college and about the careers we want.

The program helps students to know what the college entry test is going to be like. They help us get ready for them. It helps people who are shy to start making friends and to start speaking to people from other counties. The program helps one to have an idea about which college one wants to go to for a future career.
El Chapo
By Luis Carmona

Born in Badiraguato, Mexico, Joaquin Guzman Loera entered the drug trade as a teenager. Nicknamed "El Chapo," he founded the Sinaloa cartel in 1989, over time building it into an immensely profitable global drug-trafficking operation. Known for his violent actions and powerful influence, Guzman has successfully orchestrated daring escapes from maximum-security prisons in his home country. One such escape came in July 2015, although he was recaptured the following January in the Mexican city of Los Mochis. Mexican drug lord Joaquin El Chapo Guzman Loera was born in the rural Mexican town of Badiraguato. The date of his birth is believed to be April 4, 1957, although other outlets list December 25, 1954. Guzman’s childhood was shaped by his family’s poverty and his abusive father, a violent man who was in the drug trade. By his teens, Guzman had been kicked out of the family home and was forced to make his own way. With little schooling in his background, he eventually found himself following his father’s path, growing marijuana for small amounts of cash. By the late 1970s, Guzman had proven his value in the narcotics business and begun working with another rising young dealer named Hector Luis Palma Salazar. Guzman oversaw the movement of drugs from his home district of Sinaloa, a crucial drug trafficking area on the western end of Mexico where narcotics flowed north to coastal cities and into the United States. By his late 20s, the quiet but savvy Guzman, whose 5’6 frame had earned him the nickname, El Chapo was supervising logistics for another drug kingpin, Miguel Angel Félix Gallardo, founder of the Guadalajara cartel. Guzman kept a low profile, but when his boss was eventually arrested for the 1985 murder of an American Drug Enforcement Agency agent, he quickly emerged as one of the new faces of the Mexican drug world. In addition to cocaine, Sinaloa trafficked heroin, marijuana and methamphetamine into the U.S. and beyond. Eventually, the cartel’s tentacles touched five continents and grew to be the biggest drug operation in the world. Guzman coupled that success with serious muscle. He established gangs with names such as Los Chachos Los Texas Los Lobos and Los Negros to protect his empire. Over the years, Guzman’s men have been accused of committing more than 1,000 murders throughout Mexico, the casualties including both incompetent henchmen and rival bosses.

The Civil Rights Museum
By Oceana Wilcox

On February 22, 2016 Upward Bound visited Plains and Albany Georgia to view some historical sites and obtain more knowledge about the history of Georgia. While in Plains, Ga we visited retired Jimmy Carter’s school and his childhood house and farm. While there we learned about his daily duties at the farm and the different animals he had to care for.
Ten Years for Mars Orbiter
By Dylan Goodman

March 10, 2016 marked ten years the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter has been serving to further our knowledge and understanding of our red neighbor. In the MRO’s time above the red planet it has captured breathtaking images of the Martian surface, proving and disproving some of humanity’s most pressing theories about Mars. Including one that humanity has wondered since we discovered the planet. Streaks on the Martian surface hold the best evidence that liquid water flows on or under the surface of the red planet. The MRO has not only captured images of Mars but also of Mars’ moons, Phobos and Deimos.

The MLK Celebration
By Clint Johnson

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a very influential person and on January 18th, many people find numerous ways to celebrate such a holiday. In the city of Douglas, GA, they hold a MLK Celebration inside of the Martin Civic Center. The program began with speeches by town leaders such as the mayor, county commissioners and local pastors. Afterwards, the crowd was serenaded with several song selections by the MLK Youth Choir, directed by Commissioner and Pastor Kentaiwon. They started off with a classic Negro spiritual, We Shall Overcome, to set the mood and tone. The vibe really set the feeling of “going back to our roots”. One of the songs was led by a student of the special education class and he executed it perfectly. Several churches participated in the event and each one had a different role to play. Some churches performed skits and some performed songs. Even 2 selections were performed by yours truly. At the end of the event, they thanked everyone for coming out and celebrating, then they ended with the benediction and each age group was division off to different seminars. I didn’t stay for the seminar but I feel as if the event as a whole was a success.
What is Upward Bound

To adults, Upward Bound is one of eight Federal TRIO Programs, designed to help high school students prepare to enter college. These high school students come from low-income families and families where neither parent has a college degree. The goal is to help students in the program finish their high school education, then enroll in and graduate from a postsecondary institution (also called a college or university).

For students, it is an opportunity to work on projects in mathematics, laboratory sciences, composition, literature, and foreign language. Students receive tutoring, counseling, mentoring and activities specifically designed for students from traditionally underrepresented groups and otherwise disconnected students.

At ABAC, Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants to help them prepare for college. The Associates Directors of the Upward Bound Program, and the staff work hard to keep students engaged. This year participants attended the Honda Battle of the Bands and Career Fair on January 24th in Atlanta. The event celebrates, supports and recognizes the excellence of black college marching bands and the unique academic experience offered by historically black colleges and universities. On March 7 Upward Bound hosted the Annual Career Day Program, allowing students to explore career opportunities, gain valuable knowledge and network with professionals in a wide range of career fields. And on May 2 students participated in a field day that included a sack race, balloon and egg tosses, musical chairs and a hula hoop contest. Yes, learning can be fun.

Pictured (l-r): Brenda Graham, Senior Administrative Assistant; James Lewis, Associate Director, Tift Area Upward Bound Program; and Jean Oliver-Burks, Associate Director, Classic Upward Bound Program. (Not pictured: Kelley Burns, Counselor/Guidance Specialist)