

Higher Ground

Summer Special Edition

Summer In Retrospect

Perhaps one of the most interesting Summer Academy experiences of the UMKC Project First/Upward Program history, 2003 will go down as one of the biggest lessons for students, staff and administration. Equipped with only one on-site administrator, five first-year Resident Assistants, fourteen Bridge students and twenty-four non-Bridge students, this summer epitomized the values of discovery and innovation, as staff and students found their selves in the midst of situations that called for breakthroughs and ingenuity.

Despite challenges faced, UB experienced yet another successful summer. One of the biggest challenges was overcome with perseverance and teamwork, as Mr. Long, who in his first year as Academic Coordinator, found himself as the on-site lone ranger during the summer. Though Project Director Ms. El-Scari was ordered to be on bed rest for the duration of the summer, she was an unseen force and more than supportive to Mr. Long as she made herself available to the needs of the program throughout the summer despite pregnancy complications.

Students also faced many challenges, such as adjusting to the new administrative team and styles of Ms. El-Scari and Mr. Long, as well as a demanding curriculum and workload from the core instructors that was vigorous yet attainable. The students were also given the responsibility of submitting three career papers that covered all aspects of the professions/careers that they consider pursuing. Some of the students, especially first year Upward Bound participants, found their selves struggling, yet in the immortal words

of Fredrick Douglass, the students learned that "without struggle, there is no progress."

The core curriculum classes consisted of the Yoruba language as taught by **Ms. Modupe Akindele**. There was also **Mr. Elmer Cunningham** who taught concepts of Historic Preservation in the Social Science course, **Ms. Annie Swartz**, who taught the writing process in the English course, **Mr. John Swartz**, the Math instructor, who instructed basic algebra & arithmetic skills to the rising 9th & 10th graders, algebraic principles & geometry to the rising 11th grade class, and the rising 12th graders focused on the equation of a line and quadratic equations. The Science instructor, **Mr. Mikiatia Carroll**, informed the students about the Nature of Energy, and **Mr. Frank Li**, the Computer Science Instructor, taught the students web design and basic Microsoft Office skills. Students received a plethora of information from each of the instructors which is sure to catapult them ahead of their classmates at their respective schools.

Not only did the students receive core curriculum instruction this summer during the Academy, but UBers also took part in elective courses and received Martial Arts instructions from **Grand Master Charles Carter**, a 10th degree black belt, and his band of disciples from the Sho-Lum-Te school. In the Martial Arts class, UBers learned basic self-defense techniques, proper form for kicking, punching and blocking, and beginner level katas, which are forms that integrate kicks, punches and blocks. There were also

African Drum and Dance lessons as instructed by seasoned, expert Drummer "**Baba**" **Bird Fleming** and the ever so graceful dance instructor "**Mama**" **Vanessa Gibbs**. Proprietor **Ms. Reeny Mulligan** of *Mad Platter* located in Crown Center Shopping Mall was the instructor for a pottery class. And finally, **Ms. Jeanine Qualls**, a personal fitness trainer, gave the students an in-depth course on Total Fitness. Ms. Qualls covered health related topics such as nutrition, diet, and fitness as well as involved the students in aerobic and plyometrics.

Students also collaborated with the **Gear Up** program on many occasions. Two of them were a summer *birthday bash* and a *talent show* of which Gear Up posse had an opportunity to socialize with the UB crew.

Overall, the Summer Academy was a success! The students rose to meet each challenge, responded with maturity and found that their academic and social experiences were helpful as they continue their development to become responsible adults and productive citizens.



UBers display their class and elegance at the 2003 MO-KAN-NE Student Leadership Conference at Missouri Southern College in Joplin, MO.

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CORRECTIONS

In the April edition of "Higher Ground," Raashida El-Scari's name was left out of the caption of the picture of the recipients of Mr. & Ms. Upward Bound.

Frances Ross's name was misspelled with an additional s on the end of Frances.

New Troops Get the Scoop

On Monday, May 5th, 2003, eight of the eleven new students attended a New Student Orientation. In attendance were rising ninth graders **Duayna Brownlee** and **Quinton Howard**, rising tenth graders **Allie Dorch**, **Sasha Nickerson**, and **Robert Johnson**, and rising eleventh graders **LaTisha Hill**, **Erica Jones** and **Quayla Young**. These new Upward Bounders received a formal welcome and informational about TRiO and the Upward Bound Program from Ms. El-Scari and Mr. Long. Each student received a packet that included historical information about TRiO and UB, the UB mission and affirmation state-



New students sit attentively listening to Ms. El-Scari and Mr. Long go over information during orientation for their Upward Bound experience.

ment, program components, important forms, a yearly and monthly calendar, previous issues of UB Newsletters, information about UMKC, and a personal and academic performance contract.

Current senior and summer Bridge UBER **Raashida El-Scari** was also in attendance and shared her Senior Seminar and Senior year experience with the new troops. She talked about how important it is for them to remain focused each year, and to take their education serious. The new troops eagerly anticipated the beginning of Summer Academy to meet new friends and learn new things.

Beautiful You!

In today's society an individual's image, especially that of a youth, is largely the product of peer influence and the media. While parental and communal sway were the major shapers and framers of image at one time, it appears that parents and the community have little to say to youth today about image. Current images portrayed are largely negative and unrealistic. Rarely positive or truthful, when these type of images are portrayed, youth usually pass them off as *wack* or *bootsy*. When UB students were asked why youth don't accept the more wholesome and realistic images, they responded by saying "those kind of images don't appeal to them, nor do they conform with popular culture."

In an attempt to expand UBERs minds & counter the negative programming of youth culture by media, Upward Bound students attended a workshop on June 10 to listen and discuss *Body Image* with hostess

Delores Jones speaks to the youth about perspective, stating life is all about proper perspective.



Gail Regan speaks about nutrition & the importance of a healthy diet.

Heather Davidson, a UMKC graduate student studying social work. Heather, who has recovered from an eating disorder, along with two of her personal friends, graduate student and former radio personality **Delores Jones** and nutritionist **Gail Regan**, shared with the students their concepts of a "healthy body image." They also shared their personal stories with UB to convey to the students that though image isn't everything, it is an important reality.

The guests provided the students with excellent information and presented perspectives that "kept it real" with the students. It was a workshop of which the UBERs had the opportunity to hear about nutrition, eating disorders, and what it takes to become successful despite obstacles that may hinder individuals on the path to become a personal success. They were also encouraged to take control of their life and create their own image. UBERs stated that the workshop was very informative and insightful.

Below, students listen to Heather Davidson as she speaks about eating disorders.



Bustin' Suds



UBers earn their dollars by washing the big daddies!

On a beautiful Saturday the students of the Upward Bound Summer Academy sponsored a Car Wash at the Bannister Road Firestone Automotive Center. The students couldn't have asked for a more perfect day to bust some suds and raise funds for this year's reward trip to Denver, Colorado. Washing well over 20 cars, suvs, and vans, the students raised a total of \$226.96. They also received donations from some friendly contributors, but the students definitely worked for the dollars that they raised. After the Car Wash, the UBERs were treated to lunch at Old Country Buffet.

Students handling their business working at the car wash, woa woa woa yeah!



The car wash crew comes together for a snap shot at the end of the day!



Resident Director Ms. MonaLisa's daughter **Ebony**, RA Mr. **Eric Hughlon**, and two unidentified UBERs bustin' suds on a van.

MO-KAN-NE Student Leadership Conference:

Leadership: Above & Beyond

From June 20-22, thirty Upward Bounders attended the MO-KAN-NE Student Leadership Conference at Missouri Southern State College in Joplin. One of many TRiO groups present, the UMKC Upward Bound Program found itself as the center of attention in many positive ways. The first night of the conference, three students, **Bulaine Alexis**, **Montez Malone** and **Sammy Thompson** registered for the basketball tournament sponsored by TRiO, and ended up being crowned Student Champions for the 2003 summer. As their reward, they received \$100. That night, UB'ers had an opportunity to meet and socialize with other students during their freetime.

The next day, students attended workshops, participated in events such as student panels, career panels and went on a campus tour. Also,

Bridge student **Kenneth Hughlon** competed in the Speech competition and underclassmen **Allie Dorch**, **LaTisha Hill** and **Quinton Howard** took part in the essay competition.

That night, the program held a banquet of which motivational speaker and author **Dana LaMon** spoke to students and staff about the three D's of Success: *Desire, Direction and Determination*. He also elaborated on balancing work and play, as well as the importance of avoiding to make excuses and making adjustments instead. What made his appeal so much more impacting was the fact that Mr. Lamon has been blind since the age of four and has gone on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics from Yale University and a law degree from the University of Southern California, his home state. Later that night, students attended a

a dance & had the opportunity to again socialize. After this years conference, the students stated that they can't wait for the next conference.



Raashida El-Scari and Janell Harrison say cheese for the camera!

UBers strike a pose for the camera.



UBs sophisticated ladies flossing for the camera!

One third of the championship team, Bulaine Alexis d's up!

THE REAL HIP-HOP IS OVER HERE!

"Nowadays if you ask most people to give a definition of 'rap,' they're likely to state that it's the reciting of rhymes to the best music. It's a form of expression that finds its roots imbedded deep within ancient African culture and oral tradition," says Treasure Williams, a World Literature teacher at Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis, as well as an adjunct instructor at Southwest Tennessee



Guest speaker Ms. Treasure Williams calls on a student during her presentation of "Hip-Hop and the Writing Process."

Community College, and the featured Upward Bound guest speaker on June 24th. Williams identifies rap music as one of four elements of hip-hop culture, with music, dance and graffiti being the other three.

Ms. Williams, who is a published author, a hip-hop artist with two CD releases, and daughter of the noted

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What do YOU want to do for a living?

On Tuesday, June 26, Upward Bound hosted its annual Summer Academy Career Night. This year, UB and Gear Up were fortunate to have a diverse group of panelists who, according to Associate Director of the Center For Academic Development, Maureen Hurley, were "very diverse and candid." The panel consisted of Senior Mutual Funds Representative-Terry Browne, Fairmont Hotel Conference Manager-Jamillah Green, Fireman-Steven McFeders, Police Officer-Sgt. Arthur Miranda, Attorneys-Rebecca Rivers and Kelly Connors, Director of Multicultural Affairs-Dr. Joseph Seabrooks, Adult Basic Education Human Resource

Technician-Sonya Thomas, and Entrepreneur/Cosmetologist-JaVon Wofford.

During the event, the panelists discussed their career path, their dreams and aspirations, as well as their experiences in college and professionally. The students also had an opportunity to engage the panelists and inquire the panelists questions regarding what was their source of inspiration, and other such relevant issues that surrounded not only their professional lives, but their personal lives as well, as it related to their experience of preparing for real life issues in the work force and in daily life.



Panelist Jamillah Green listens as Terry Browne gives his spill. The Panel. Dr. Maureen Hurley gives ear to the panel. Gear Up student William Lane asks the panel a question during the Q & A session.

What's on your mind?

Upward Bound, along with Avila University Upward Bound and UMKC Project Shift/Gear Up Summer Academies participated in the annual Summer Teen Summit on July 10 at Avila University, hosted by Avila University's Upward Bound program. This year, over 150 students came together to discuss topics such as interracial dating, racial profiling, HIV/AIDS, summer school v. Upward Bound/Gear-Up, Affirmative Action, violence on TV/movies, racial bias on ACT/SAT tests, High School exit exams, the legalization of marijuana, and whether or not the driving age should be

lowered or raised.

During the pre-Summit activities, students had the opportunity to break out in small groups and discuss a particular topic that they were assigned. Students from the different organizations interacted with one another and developed not only an argument either for or against the topic that they were given, but they also developed a sense of camaraderie.

During the actual Summit, each group received roughly fifteen minutes to present what they had discussed in their break out time. The Summit was

facilitated by Nicole Jacobs, Project Coordinator for Project Aim. Each program was proud of the input that was made from the student body, and the discussions were so thought provoking that it even prompted some of the staff and administrators to participate in the discussion. The students really felt that this particular Teen Summit was very well organized and had topics that were not only relevant to their experiences, but also interesting.

One student said that it was "cool, and good to hear other peoples view points. I can't wait to do it again."

Hip-hop cont'd

beatnik poet Eugene Redmond, presented to UB and Gear Up students the writing process through the hip hop culture, and in particular, in rap music. Her message was clear, the art of writing is an essential part of the rap industry. In discussed the writing process, Williams identified its stages as prewriting, drafting, revising, editing and publishing. She also discussed some of the "poetic devices" that are used throughout the lyrics that circulate throughout rap music, such as metaphor, meter, personification, rhyme, rhyme scheme,

simile, and stanza.

To drive her point home, the students were then asked to form "crews," or groups of like minded people who "represent" a certain area or style who can regularly be found together. The students were asked to come up with names for their crew, and some of the names that they came up with were the **Vicious Click, P.O.L.O. (Players Only Live Once), 4 Thug Misses, 3XCrazy, Spaghetti & Meat-sauce, The Mars, Naughty Lil' Devils, and T-Double-L-E.** The crews were

then asked to compose a "rhyme" with four stanzas and present it to the other crews.

"We sitting thinking of why we in this joint/ its to reach for the stars instead of to just point/trying to make it to success that's our mission/let's put this stuff to action let alone all the wishing/getting education is how we ride/let's take it out of 816 and make it worldwide..."

Marquan Sirls of *The M.A.R.S. Crew*

Another Summer in the Bag!

After an intense six weeks, the Project First/Upward Bound Summer Academy came to a close on July 26, 2003 with the annual Closing Ceremony. The program was filled with energy as students were eager to demonstrate what they had learned over the course of the summer as well as receive the recognitions that they deserved for successfully completing their requirements for Summer Academy.

This year, the Summer Academy boasted of having fourteen Bridge students, who, as a whole, set new standards of performance for future Bridge students. The Bridge students were all individually recognized along with their college of choice and

the scholarships/ rewards/awards that they have earned. Also, each Bridge student received an award from Upward Bound for completing the Bridge component to the Summer Academy.

The underclassman also received recognitions and honors in that three students from each class were recognized as the most improved student, motivated to achieve, and the highest academic average. Each student recognized received a certificate.

As a part of Closing Ceremony tradition, students in Martial Arts and African Dance and Drumming demonstrated what they had learned over the course of the

program.

In attendance this year, were parents, friends, UB alumni, UMKC staff & administration including the Center for Academic Development director **Dr. Glen Jacobs**, who provided a warm welcome on behalf of the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Residential Hall Staff **Mr. Eric Hughlon** and **Ms. Halei Paige** Summer Academy Instructors **Ms. Jennifer Carnicom**, **Mr. Mikiata Carroll**, **Grand Master Charles Carter**, **Mr. Elmer Cunningham**, **Mr. Bird Fleming**, **Ms. Vanessa Gibbs**, **Ms. Jeanine Qualls**, **Ms. Modupe Akindele**, **Mr. John Swartz**.

Mile High Country

Imagine being out of your familiar surroundings, maybe even for your first time. Imagine seeing new and beautiful scenery, breathtaking landscapes, exotic shops, delicious dining, and being one of twenty teen-aged students traveling on a charter bus from Kansas City to Denver, Colorado. That's what the Upward Bound Program experienced from July 27-July 31 when they visited the Denver area for its annual Reward Trip. This was the programs first time traveling to the Rocky Mountain Region, and it was definitely a trip to remember.

The trip began with a trek across the great plains of Missouri and Kansas to the glorious mountains of Colorado. Students and chaperones were mystified by the view of the mountainous terrain. Embarking on a journey to the YMCA of the Rockies in Granby, Colorado, the students reached one of the highest points in North America when they stopped at the Continental Divide, the highland that separates the waters flowing into the Atlantic Ocean from those flowing into the Pacific. This point reaches an eleva-

tion of over 16,000 feet above sea level! Students had a brief opportunity to get off of the bus and take pictures of each other at that point. Ubers said that the experience at the Divide was definitely a HIGHLIGHT!

While in the mountains at the YMCA resort, the students enjoyed outdoor activities at the huge resort with both lodges and campgrounds, as well as many other resources for campers. Many of the students had never experienced an outdoor experience such as this, so for them leaving the comforts of city life, it was indeed an adjustment. The first night at the camp, the students gathered around a camp fire and told scary stories. That next morning, the entire group woke up to an early morning Chi Gung session, (Chinese breathing & movement exercise), and then went on to engage in canoeing, hiking excursions, a horse wagon ride and other activities such as basketball, roller skating and weight lifting.

The following day of the trip entailed students attending three black owned small businesses: the **Hue-Man Experience Bookstore**, **Akente Express African**

Imports, and the **Black American West Museum** which provides information detailing the history of Blacks in the expansion of the West. While at the Museum, students took part in a scavenger hunt of the display. Afterwards, Ubers ate lunch and then attended the shops at the famous downtown Denver Pavilion. Afterwards, students ate dinner at the Hard Rock Café.

The final day of the trip consisted of two college tours, **Denver University**, which boasts of alumni such as National Security Advisor **Condeleeza Rice**, and the **University of Colorado at Boulder**, a breath taking campus with a wonderful view of the mountains. Ubers received tours and an opportunity to ask questions to Admissions Officers. The tour concluded with Ubers receiving an all expense paid fun evening at an activity center called **Fat City** which included activities such as bumper cars, laser tag, mini golf, bowling, virtual reality games, roller skating and arcade games. When asked how the students enjoyed their selves on the trip, they said they loved it! It was an experience that they said they'll never forget, especially the mountains and the outdoors part!

REWARD TRIP PICTURES



Ubers celebrate after rolling Mr. Long down a cliff at the Continental Divide!!!



Students looking for Mr. Long on the cliff he was rolled down.



After being rescued, Mr. Long with Arthur Lewis & Ms. Halei show students the real deal on how to row!



Rising Senior Juaquan Herron calls for help as Isaac Brooks prays for someone to rescue them!!!



Ubers looking for a way out of the canoe!!!



Woa horsey!!! Bridge student Amanda Moore on the reins.



Bridger Louis Byrd conducting a seminar on how to start a fire with sticks and hot breath!!!



Ms. Robinson tells her son, "now A.J., if a bear charges, don't move, just stand right here!!"



"On a dark & lonely night just like this.." Ubers gather around a campfire for scary stories and smores.



Bulaine Alexis showing the proper form for a GUTTER BALL!!!



At the University of Denver, Ubers



"I'd like my popcorn with extra butter, please!" Rising Junior Allie Dorch talking in her sleep!!!



Before the picture Juaquan Herron told Mr. Long, "man, they all said that I look like Hefty smurf."



A.J. Robinson looked at the building and then at the stop sign and asked "uh, Mr. Long, is it true that the angular degree of a circle is proportional to that of an octagon?"



Upward Bounders epitomize road rage on the bumper cars!!!

The Bridge: Getting Over the Waters

When the going gets tough, the tough get going. This statement perhaps best describes the Summer Academy Bridge experience for this year's group of Bridge students. With the largest enrollment of Bridge students in UMKC Upward Bound program history, fourteen recent high school graduates packed up their bags and dedicated eight weeks of their life to intensive college preparation.

This year, **Louis Byrd, Raashida El-Scari, Aisha Godfrey, Tanesha Goshon, Janell Harrison, Adalicia Hill, Kenneth Hughlon, Cara London, Kerra McCorkel, Amanda Moore, Taukia Parker, Sandra Parris, September Richard, and SheRekka Scott**, as a whole, produced some of the best grades that the Bridge program in UMKC Upward Bound program history. Coming to the Summer Academy with issues ranging from the loss of loved ones to juggling a schedule that included jobs, the Bridge students opened the soil of their minds, buried their noses in the

books, and sowed seeds that reaped academic success. Registering six A's, five B's, and only three C's in Western Civilization and Critical & Analytical Thinking, perhaps two of the most challenging courses for incoming college freshman, this group of Bridge students epitomized the name of the program—Upward Bound.

One particular student who deserves recognition is **Aisha Godfrey**. Aisha unfortunately lost her mother just before the beginning of the program. Aisha, who could have easily bowed out of the challenging Bridge component of the Summer Academy, decided to persevere and uphold a promise that she made to her mother before her passing that she would graduate from the Upward Bound program. After missing the first week of the Bridge program, administration and her instructor, **Jennifer Carnicom**, were concerned that Aisha might have been in over her head with the task of passing the course. Instead, Aisha demonstrated the resiliency needed in order to manage

a C in the course. Aisha graduated from the Upward Bound program and is now a proud alumnus of the University of Missouri-Kansas City Upward Bound program.

It is students like Aisha who show why Upward Bound is such a vital program that addresses not only the academic needs of first generation college bound, but also the emotional, social & moral support of students that become members of the TRiO family. And it is the Bridge component of the Upward Bound program that truly rewards the students who do the work necessary to reap the fruits of success sowed during their underclassman years. Congratulations is due to all Bridge Graduates of the class of 2003. Keep rising, keep shining, keep believing, keep achieving, keep reaching, keep seeking, keep going, keep flowing and let nothing stop you from accomplishing your goals!

Bridge Spotlight: Janell Harrison

Perhaps one of the most unassuming students in the UMKC Upward Bound program, **Janell Harrison** was a Bridge student who didn't make much noise, unless it was about handling her business. Janell, who earned a full academic Presidential Scholarship to attend Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee, is what you would consider a no-nonsense student.

A dedicated student and Upward Bounder, Janell has been with Upward Bound since her freshman year and has blossomed as she developed throughout the years in the program. The second child in her



family to take advantage of the Upward Bound program (her brother James is a 2001 alum of UB), Janell has learned and knows full well that she is in sole control of her destiny.

A silent leader among her peers, Janell exemplified the characteristics necessary to have her earn the honor of the senior class 2002-2003 Ms. Upward Bound. Looked up to and respected by her friends and teachers, Janell has a bright tomorrow ahead of her as she uses all the skills she's learned to continue to open each door of success she encounters.

Bridge Spotlight: Louis Byrd

Talented, promising, intelligent, charismatic, articulate and fashionable are just a few adjectives to describe the 2003 Paseo Academy Salutatorian. An Upward Bounder since his freshman year in 1999, **Louis Byrd** has epitomized what an Upward Bound student is all about as he was named the senior class Mr. Upward Bound of 2002-2003 year.

A contemporary Renaissance man and a hardworker, nothing has come easy for Louis, but with his determination and perseverance, he has met his challenges head on and reached all



of his goals that he has set for himself in his eighteen years of life.

His biggest accomplishment to date would have to be his being named a recipient of the **Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship Award**. One of forty high school students given the prestigious scholarship each year, Louis will be attending the University of Missouri-Columbia on an all expenses paid ticket by Microsoft founder and CEO Bill Gates.

An over all tremendous young man, Louis Byrd has a promising future ahead of him. Keep on keeping on Louis!

The Next Level

2003 Bridge Student s Colleges Attended & Awards/ Scholarships Received:

-Crystal Banuelos: *Kansas City Art Institute.*

-Eboni Brenson: *Kansas City Art Institute.*

-Norris Brown: *United States Marine Corps.*

-Louis Byrd: *University of Missouri-Columbia.* Gates Millennium Scholarship, University of MO-Columbia Diversity Scholarship, University of MO Alumni Award

-Cristina Canseco: *University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.*

-Belinda Chappell: *University of Missouri-Kansas City.* Johnson & Wales University Presidential Scholarship, MWSC Regents' Academic Scholarship, UMKC Undergraduate Award

-David Crockett II: *Longview Community College.*

-Raashida El-Scari: *Jackson State University.* Black Achievers Society of Greater of KC, Emerson Ventilation Community Service Scholarship, Finalist for AAU Youth Excel Award Finalist, First Baptist Church Scholarship, Gold Star Scholarship, Harmon Weeks Scholarship, The Kansas City Chapter of Links, Inc. Scholarship, Kansas City, MO Opportunities Scholarship Fund, Leon M. Jordan Scholarship, MO-KAN-NE Scholarship, National Black MBA Association, Inc. National Black Coalition, Rhonda Montgomery Grant, Saint Mary College Academic Scholarship, Shrine Allah Temple #6, Superintendent Award.

-Aisha Godfrey: *Missouri Western State College.*

-Tanesha Goshon: *Central Missouri State University.*

-Janell Harrison: *Lane College.* Gold Star Scholarship, Lane College Presidential Scholar Award,

-Adalicia Hill: *University of Missouri-Columbia.* University of MO-Columbia Diversity Award.

-Kenneth Hughlon: *Dillard Univer-*

sity. Dillard University, Emerson Ventilation Products Leadership Scholarship, Morehouse College ROTC.

-Cara London: *Missouri Western State College.*

-Kerra McCorkle: *Lincoln University.*

-Amanda Moore: *Central Missouri State University.*

-Taukia Parker: *Lane College.* Lane College Scholarship

-Sandra Parris: *Lincoln University.*

-Levertes Ragland: *Clark-Atlanta University.* Emerson Ventilation Products Merit Scholarship

-September Richard: *Penn Valley Community College.*

-SheRekka Scott: *University of Missouri-Kansas City.* Chancellors Scholar Award, Pittsburg St. Uni. Dean's Scholarship, Maryville University of St. Louis Achievement Award.

Bridge Pictures



Bridge students **Kerra McCorkle, SheRekka Scott, Taukia Parker, Janell Harrison** and **Raashida El-Scari** take a break from studying to pose for the camera.



Bridge Students **Sandra Parris, Amanda Moore, Tanesha Goshon** and **Kenneth Hughlon** getting their study on during study hall.



2003 Upward Bound Alumni at the Closing Ceremony. Graduates **S. Richard, A. Moore, K. McCorkle, C. London, A. Hill, J. Harrison, T. Goshon, A. Godfrey, R. El-Scari** and **L. Byrd** receive their awards for completing the Bridge program.

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New Addition to the El-Scari Family

After a physically and emotionally challenging pregnancy, Project Director Natasha El-Scari gave birth to second child, **Naeema Asha El-Scari**, on Wednesday, July 9, 2003 at 1:41pm. The El-Scari family are fortunate and thankful to welcome their newest family member.



Naeema Asha, a West African name meaning **benevolent life**, weighed in at 5 pounds 3 ounces and measured 17 inches long. Ms. El-Scari is appreciative of all the support and concern during her most challenging and complicated pregnancy. Congratulations El-Scari's!