# IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS & COMMUNITY

## Academic Year Program 2019-2020

### Calendar

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<td>- Registration Forms must be turned in by 4pm for student to receive Sep/Oct stipend!</td>
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* Parking Restrictions for UMD Football Game. On game days, free parking is available at Mowatt Lane Garage, 7591 Mowatt Lane, College Park, MD 20742. Mowatt is about a 15-minute walk to Physics Building. To view location on map, click [here](#).

### In This Newsflash:
- Attendance Policy: Make the Most of Saturday Academy!
- Room Change for 10/26 ONLY
- Academic Year (AY) Registration Forms: **Deadline October 26** to Confirm Enrollment
- Seniors: College Application Work Session: 10/26 1pm-4pm PHY 4111 Computer Lab
- After-school Tutoring: Email Tutors to Make Appointments
- Student/Parent Workshop: “Overview of Financial Aid”, November 9, 10:30 a.m. PHY 4111
- Parking Restrictions on UMD Game Days: Oct 19, Nov 2, Nov 23
- Seniors & Senior Parents
  - November 1 Application Deadlines
  - Schedule Your Senior Conference
  - FAFSA Opens October 1, 2019
  - Register for MDCAPS (Maryland Financial Aid System)
  - Attend Financial Aid Night at Your School or School District
- Parent Service Opportunities

**Attendance Policy: Make the Most of Saturday Academy!** Upward Bound students are expected to attend each Saturday Academy session to maximize their opportunity for learning and enrichment.
Classes begin at 9am and the day ends with General Assembly 12:20-12:50pm. Students are expected to arrive on time to each class, bring school supplies and homework from their high school, and engage productively with the instructor/tutor in each class.

If a student is unable to attend Saturday Academy or needs to request early dismissal/late arrival, we ask that the parent/guardian notify their child’s Upward Bound counselor at least 24 hours in advance. If a student is participating in an ongoing activity that impacts their Saturday attendance (e.g., sports participation), we ask that the parent/guardian contact their child’s Upward Bound counselor to discuss alternate participation options. We thank you for partnering with us to ensure that students get the most out of the resources offered in Upward Bound!

**Room Change for 10/26 ONLY:** On October 26, another group will be using PHY 4206. This is the room we normally use for Dr. Ferrell’s classes and Math/Science Tutorials with Joel and Katherine. For 10/26, students enrolled in these classes should go to PHY 4220. There will be a sign on the door to remind students as well.

**Academic Year (AY) Registration Forms: Deadline October 26 to Confirm Enrollment:** Each year, all Upward Bound students must submit the following forms to complete registration:
- Student Agreement
- Parent Agreement
- Emergency Information Form
- Financial Literacy Agreement
To access these forms, visit [http://www.precollege.umd.edu/forms.html](http://www.precollege.umd.edu/forms.html). Links to each form are provided under “Miscellaneous Forms” Forms are due no later than October 26 to confirm your enrollment for the academic year.

**Seniors: College Application Work Session: 10/26 1pm-4pm PHY 4111 Computer Lab:** November 1 is ONE WEEK AWAY! Tutors will be available from 1-4pm to assist seniors with college applications. PARENT: Consider donating pizza or other food items so that seniors can have a quick lunch and then get to work! Email mmalcolm@umd.edu to arrange food donation.

**After-school Tutoring: Email Tutors to Make Appointments:** In addition to Saturdays, tutors are now available during the week to meet with students for homework help/tutoring! Students are also welcome to use our office as a study space Tuesdays - Fridays 3-6pm. Students/Parents: Please email tutors at least 24 hours in advance to schedule an appointment. See weekday schedule below:
Student/Parent Workshop: “Overview of Financial Aid”, November 9, 10:30 a.m. PHY 4111: Ms. Venesha Bridges, UMD Senior Financial Aid Counselor, will outline the types of financial aid available to students and families and how to apply for aid. She will emphasize the importance of early planning and steps parents can take to secure funding before their child enters senior year. Parents of all grade levels are strongly encouraged to attend.

Parking Restrictions on UMD Game Days: Nov 2, Nov 23: Regents Drive Garage (8056 Regents Drive) is the closest parking option for Upward Bound parents, staff, and students on Saturdays. Typically, parking in Regents Drive Garage (Section B, Levels 2 and 3) is free on Saturdays. However, on days when there is a home football or basketball game, the university charges a fee (approximately $20) to enter the garage.

Please note that on the following dates, there will be no free parking in Regents Drive Garage: Nov 2, 23. An alternate free parking option is Mowatt Lane Garage (7591 Mowatt Lane); Mowatt is about a 15-20 minute walk to Physics Building. Please plan accordingly.

Seniors & Senior Parents/Guardians:
- November 1 Application Deadlines: UMD, UMBC, Howard, and other schools. Seniors: We are here to help you get it done by November 1! Counselors are available each Saturday to assist you.Seniors can also come to the office during the week (Tuesday-Friday 3pm-6pm) to work on applications. Plan to submit BEFORE the deadline to avoid last minute problems.
- FAFSA IS NOW OPEN! The first step to securing money for college is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Seniors and parents/guardians are encouraged to complete the FAFSA in October. For tips on preparing for FAFSA application process, read 7 Things You Need to Know Before Filling out FAFSA.

Main office telephone – 301-405-6776         www.precollege.umd.edu
• **Register for MDCAPS:** The second step to get money for college is for students to register for the Maryland College Aid Processing System (MDCAPS). Students can register at MDCAPS website.

• **Attend the Upward Bound Financial Aid Presentation on Nov 9 10:30am:** See announcement listed above for more details.

**Parent Association – Get a Head Start on Service for 2019-20**

All parents/guardians are encouraged to get involved with our Parent Association! Your help is needed to enhance program services for students.

Listed below are a few activities that can benefit from parent/family support:

- **Hall monitoring:** Email ptso.upwardbound@gmail.com to sign up!

- **Attend Parent Association meetings to stay updated and contribute to program support.** Parent meeting location is PHY 1410. Dates are as follows:
  - 9:30 a.m., November 2
  - 9:30 a.m., November 16

- **Donate non-perishable single-serve snacks/beverages** for program events and SGA fundraising, e.g. granola bars, fruit snacks, cookies, candy, or juices. 1 (one) hour will be offered for each donation amounting to $10; receipts are requested. To arrange donation, please contact the Parent Association at ptso.upwardbound@gmail.com

If there are other ways/ideas that you would like to contribute to our community and earn parent service hours, please email your child’s counselor.