

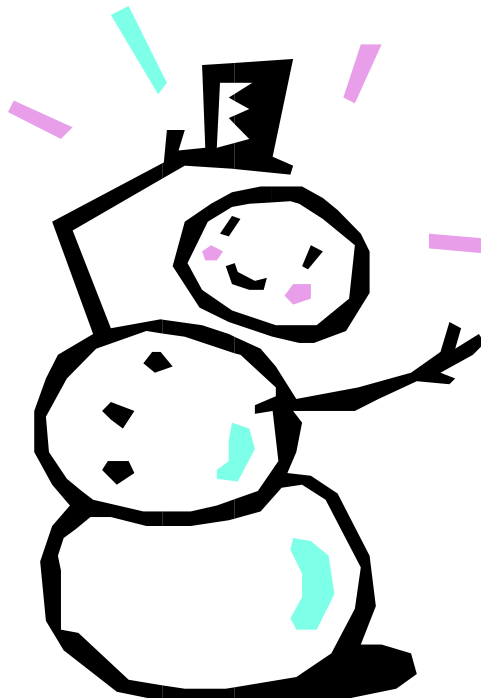


## Happy Holidays !

Seasons Greetings from the Muskegon Community College TRiO Upward Bound program office. This has been a very challenging semester, with many letters, calls, and meetings with potential students and their families. The past several weeks have provided some new challenges as we have been hit with the flu bug in the office and the weather has caused several school closings, even here at MCC. In spite of this, we have made a lot of progress and are anticipating having the roster filled any time now. As we move forward, we have much to do to prepare for the remainder of this school year at

Muskegon High School and the upcoming summer academic program here on campus at Muskegon

Community College. In the next couple of months we should have the summer schedule set, hired staff, and finalized our calendar of activities for the summer of 2008. We are trying to get the information out to you as soon as possible. All new initiatives have to work out many details and we are no exception. We can only hope that, once we have negotiated our way through the process this year, that it will get easier in the coming years. As we continue to move forward our immediate goal is for the next newsletter to reach you in a more timely fashion.



Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow !!

### Special points of interest:

- *Seniors—Let us know if you have any questions about the FAFSA forms.*
- *Get your list of scholarship information to our staff now.*
- *Let us know if you need a letter of recommendation or a reference.*
- *Get copies of all acceptance letters to our staff.*

## Senior Corner

Thank you for your diligence in getting your college applications filled out and sent in this past fall. Let us know when you receive any acceptance letters or correspondence

from the colleges where you have applied. You need to apply for at least fifteen scholarships and we need to see a list of those sources as soon as possible. Check the web

and your school guidance office to find information. We have some sources available as well, so let us know if you are stuck for ideas. Keep working hard as you near the finish.

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## After School Meetings

We are meeting in Muskegon High School in Room E128 on Monday and Thursday each week. The meetings start immediately after school and conclude at 4:00pm or whenever the students are done working. We have had a pretty good turnout so far although some of you have yet to check in with our staff. Everyone should be attending these meetings, even if you have other extra curricular things going on. This is our only opportunity to offer you some academic support, go over class schedules, and keep you informed about upcoming program activities

and events. We are also constantly updating our email list so we are able to communicate with you as efficiently as possible. Please send your email address to us so we can update our records with the most current information. Send a message from your active email account to our office at:  
[Robert.Ross@muskegoncc.edu](mailto:Robert.Ross@muskegoncc.edu).



**Note:** In order to remain in good standing with the program you must at least check in with our staff during the after school meetings each week. We need to maintain a line of communication with each of you to check your progress and help to address any academic concerns that may have arisen and this is the best way for us to accomplish that. Please make these meetings a priority as you plan your activities for the week.

## Community Projects and Activities

We would love to start planning some community service activities for the program as we move toward Spring. If you have any potential activities that we could participate in as a group or with just a few student volunteers, please contact our staff at 777-0425. We know there are many community agencies in Muskegon that are in need of volunteers.



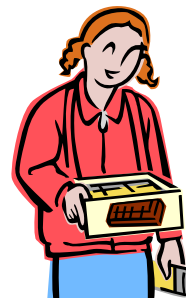
It is always difficult to locate activities during the cold winter months, but we are willing to coordinate activities with any group or agency that has a need. If any of you have a connection with an agency or organization that has activities upcoming in the spring, please keep our group in mind if you have any need for volunteer helpers.

**Reminder:** Every student participant is expected to attend two projects and complete 20 hours of volunteer work each semester to remain in good standing with the program. Check with our staff if you have any questions. Also, get copies of any forms on which you have recorded your volunteer hours so we can keep them current in our records.

## Summer Program Planning

We are meeting with staff on campus at Muskegon Community College to coordinate the plans for the upcoming summer program. Our tentative plans are to begin classes on Monday, June 9, 2008 and conclude the summer classes by Friday, July 11, 2008. We are currently recruiting teachers for the summer courses and meeting with

staff to plan classroom space, get access to the computer system for students, and coordinate our class schedule with the summer classes being held here at MCC. We are also looking at some options for a summer trip to close the program. If a trip is



possible, we are open to all suggestions for a late winter or spring fundraiser. Talk to one of the program staff as soon as possible so we can bring your ideas to the office for consideration. More information will be coming in the next program newsletter.



## Happy "Winter" Birthday

As we work to complete our records, we would like to extend a very Happy Birthday wish to each of you whose birthdays fall in the months of December, January, and February. If we have missed anyone who has completed their application and should be on this list, please notify us as soon as possible so we can update our files. I know that this may be a belated greeting for many of you and we hope that you had an enjoyable birthday. We are working hard to update the information and get the newsletters out quicker for the next season.

### December:

Xavier Lane 12/7  
 Tamika Davis 12/23  
 Brantly Bankhead 12/31  
 Lamia Lockridge 12/31

### January:

Rayshun Day 1/20  
 Tekeyha Longmire 1/25  
 Julian Clanton 1/26

### February:

Qui'Sha Howard 2/1  
 Reggie Kilgore 2/11  
 Derrick Oakes 2/27



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