FEBRUARY 13—NEXT MEETING & WE HOPE IT’S AT NKU

We plan for the next Upward Bound meeting to be Saturday, February 13, 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. in the NKU Landrum building, room 110. We will have food and drink for students as they leave the meeting.

If NKU closes again and we have to be online, Eric will text students. We will have specific information updates for our senior and junior participants at the meeting.

JANUARY 16 MEETING—LOTS OF DISCUSSION

Our January meeting was very lively with lots of discussion about current American issues dealing with race, gender, class, and politics. We ended with a spirited game of Push the Button from Jackbox Party.

The speakers and writers who presented and whom we talked about were: Ta-Nehisi Coates, whose books include Between the World and Me, We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy, Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet and Black Panther: Avengers of the New World, and The Water Dancer.

Isabel Wilkerson, whose work includes The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration, Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents.

Ibram X. Kendi, How to Be an Anti-Racist, Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America.


For those of you wondering what you can do and to find out more about progressive causes right now, Kyissa Baccus, junior from Newport, recommends change.org.
If you need a pick-me-up, you might want to hang out with Logan Fulmer, a junior at Newport High School. He is a cheerful person who enjoys making others happy. He says:

If I had an extra $50, I’d hold onto it until I need it!

I can often be seen wearing my black jacket.

I’ve often been known to consume large quantities of soda and soup.

Once people get to know me, they’re probably surprised to find that I’m W-O-K-E.

I wish I could be rich and worryless with all my friends.

I’m disappointed when my friends have been hurt.

A quality I most admire in other people and why is being a genuinely good person because that’s what gets people through it.

One thing I’m most proud of is having people around me that support me.