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Upward Bound at UMass Boston

Partners: University of Massachusetts Boston, Jeremiah E. Burke High School, Dorchester Academy, Madison Park High School, and Excel High School

Vision

Every participant in Upward Bound, whether low-income, first-generation, or at high risk for academic failure, will develop the skills, knowledge, and motivation to enroll in and complete postsecondary education.



Mission

We prepare participants for enrollment in and completion of postsecondary education. Through a year-round program, we address a wide range of learning needs and provide courses, tutoring, advising, workshops, and other services to students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Contact Information

To learn more about the program, call 617.287.5845 or visit our website : <http://www.upwardbound.umb.edu>. Reach us via email at upwardbound@umb.edu. At UMass Boston, we are located in the McCormack Building, 3rd floor, room 706 (in the John W. Ryan Lounge).



Goals and Objectives

- ❖ Help students to increase their high school grade point averages
- ❖ Prepare students for the MCAS test
- ❖ Work with students to ensure their promotion to the next grade level and graduation from high school
- ❖ Guide students through completion of a rigorous secondary school program of study
- ❖ Prepare students for enrollment in programs of post-secondary education
- ❖ Help students to complete a postsecondary degree within six years of graduation from high school

Approaches and Methods

- ❖ 6-week summer residential program that simulates a college experience
- ❖ Rigorous, relevant, and nurturing courses
- ❖ Individual and small-group tutoring
- ❖ College-preparatory workshops
- ❖ Personal, academic, and college advising
- ❖ College/financial aid application assistance
- ❖ Field trips and cultural enrichment
- ❖ Community service/leadership development
- ❖ Internships and college courses
- ❖ College and career exploration

Results

- ❖ Over the past five years, 98% of program graduates have enrolled in higher education after high school graduation.
- ❖ 76% of the graduating class of 2012 received a score of proficient or higher on the Math MCAS, compared to 65% for the Boston Public Schools.
- ❖ Over the past five years, students have completed two intensive service-learning projects and accumulated over 700 service hours.