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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.

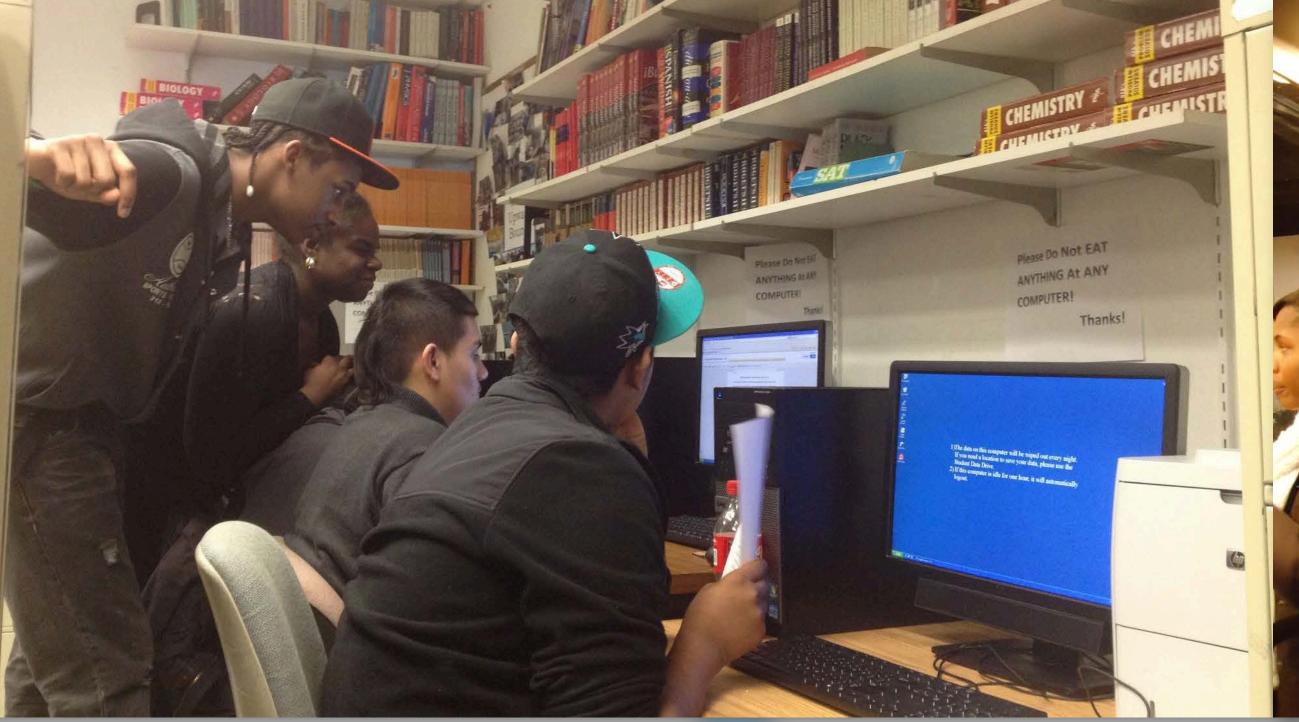
### Mission

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: <a href="http://www.upwardbound.umb.edu">http://www.upwardbound.umb.edu</a>. Reach us via email at <a href="mailto:upwardbound@umb.edu">upwardbound@umb.edu</a>. At UMass Boston, we are located in the McCormack Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.