

Upward Bound

Wichita Prep



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2015-2016 Highlights

Provided 1,139 tutoring hours

68% of students have a 2.50 or better GPA

70% of spring 2016 graduates enrolled in postsecondary education

\$11,802 in scholarships were awarded to bridge students for summer classes

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Upward Bound Wichita Prep (UBWP) is a comprehensive, year-round college preparatory program. Since 1965, its mission has been to assist low-income, first-generation college bound high school students in their efforts to successfully complete their secondary education, while simultaneously preparing them for the rigors of college life. Over the decades, UBWP's unique offerings have included a supportive academic year program as well as a challenging and rewarding summer residential college experience.

Program services and activities are designed to nurture student growth in the areas of academics, career exploration, financial literacy, leadership building, cultural enrichment, and volunteer opportunities. The highly qualified staff challenges students to perform to the best of their abilities while taking into account each student's unique needs for tutoring and postsecondary education counseling. Active participation is required in order to ensure that students achieve their potential.

UBWP's summer residential component is an extraordinary, life-changing experience for participants. Students are in residence on the Wichita State campus for six to eight weeks. Each activity is designed to emulate an authentic college experience. The students participating in the summer component have successfully completed the academic year component. Participants' academic records, as well as an individual assessment, are used to design a personalized schedule.