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. UBWP students are challenged to perform to the best of their abilities while assessing each student’s unique needs for tutoring and postsecondary education preparation. 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 academic plan.

2016-2017 Highlights

- 97 Students Served
- Serves High School Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors
- 11 Students Admitted to Postsecondary Institutions
- $83,750 Awarded Scholarships

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