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About the Programs

The University of Rochester’s Upward Bound programs support and challenge high school students in a year round effort to apply to and gain admission to college. They are designed to help first generation and/or low-income students who are enrolled in the Rochester City School District.

Upward Bound students are exposed to cultural events, academic programs, and other educational activities. Mentoring programs are in place that involve school teachers, faculty members at the University of Rochester, college students, and other professional individuals. Tutoring and academic counseling services are provided by undergraduate and graduate students. Students also attend a summer instructional component designed to simulate a college-going experience.

Recent Statistics

- Since the start of the program, 94% of Upward Bound Classic students have graduated from high school.
- 90% of Upward Bound Classic graduates have enrolled in college.
- Since the start of the program, 99% of Upward Bound Math/Science students have graduated high school.
- 96% of Upward Bound Math/Science students have enrolled in college.