



Graduating Students, One Community at a Time

Program Description:

In the United States, one student drops out of school every 26 seconds. Nationally, students from low-income families drop out at a rate four times higher than students from higher income families. The Case Western University Upward Bound Program is committed to reversing this trend.

The Upward Bound Program is the oldest of the pre-college programs at Case Western Reserve University. Established in 1966, the program is designed to prepare low-income and potential first-generation college high school students for successful post-secondary studies. High school students who attend any one of four Cleveland public schools, grades nine through twelve, are eligible for participation in the program. The program is year-round and includes a six-week summer residential component and a well-developed academic year component. During the summer in a simulated college environment, students reside in university residence halls, receive intensive academic instruction in mathematics, natural sciences with laboratory, English/literature, reading, study skills, computer science and foreign language. They also participate in a community service project.

10th Grade UB participant
Christian Woods
and 12th Grade UB participant
Nathaniel Brooks.

During the academic year, students participate in the Saturday Enrichment Program, which provides academic courses and instruction for passing the Ohio Graduation Test. Students also attend weekly tutorials and participate in workshops that focus on personal growth and development. College planning and placement assistance, the SAT/ACT review program (math and english components), cultural activities and individual/group counseling and advising (personal, academic and career) are active areas of the program year-round. Annually, the program serves 110 high school students. *Services are free.*

- The Upward Bound Program at Case Western Reserve University helps school age youth make better choices and reach their full potential, **serving over 110 youth each year.**

- **67 percent** of Upward Bound Participants come from families with an annual household income of below **\$25,000.**

- **100 percent** Upward Bound participants plan to go to college.

"I like that they are focused on our futures. They help us choose what college to attend and most of all are really friendly people. I don't like Upward Bound, I love UB!"

Tyresha Molten, 12th Grade UB participant from Collinwood



Students:
130



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\$200,000