

# MSU Upward Bound

Academic Year: October through May on Mondays 3pm-5:30pm Summer: Six weeks from June through July

## Audience

- We currently serve 91 students; 44 additional students will be joining us starting in February, 2017
- Currently 67% of the students are female and 33% are male
- These students are ninth through twelfth grade students, from Lansing high schools, who are first-generation college students and/or from low-income families and have the potential to succeed in college with academic support.

#### Funding

• Upward Bound is primarily funded through the U.S. Department of Education and MSU

#### **Additional Sources of Student Aid**

- The MSU Office of Admissions established the "Upward Bound Legacy Award" fall semester of 2009. The award guarantees that tuition and fees will be covered through grants and scholarships during their undergraduate career (four years or eight semesters) if these expenses are unmet by their financial aid package.
- Study Abroad: This program honors the most outstanding students during their time at Upward Bound with a \$3,000 MSU study abroad scholarship.

## **Program Description**

## Academic Year Program:

Services during our academic component include

- Weekly tutoring on Mondays at MSU
- Mentoring
- Enrichment activities & field trips
- Leadership training & conferences
- Academic, personal, and career advising
- Cultural opportunities
- Weekly stipend for satisfactory program participation
- SAT Preparation

Summer Program

Services during our Summer component include:

- Five week program at MSU Campus taught by MSU faculty, graduate students, and staff
- Educational field trips
- Courses in English, Math, Science and Foreign Language
- High school credit
- Residential living experience on campus
- One week educational study trip outside Michigan
- Weekly stipend for satisfactory program participation
- Work Study Program

# "Changing Ourselves, Our Communities, and the World" - 2016 Theme

#### Objectives

To generate the skills and motivation necessary for students to complete a program of secondary education and to enter and succeed in a program of postsecondary education and ultimately become productive professionals.

- At least 50% of students will have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 by the end of the school year
- At least 45% of the students will have proficiency on a state assessment in reading, language arts, and math
- At least 80% of students will be promoted to the next level or graduate from high school
- At least 80% of students will complete a rigorous secondary program of study
- At least 80% of students will enroll in postsecondary education immediately following high school graduation
- At least 50% of students will complete postsecondary education within six years of high school graduation

## Outcomes

- 75% of students achieved a 2.5 GPA or above
- 68% of students achieved proficiency on assessments
- 99% of students were promoted to the next grade level or graduated
- 97% of students completed a rigorous secondary program of study
- 84% of those who graduated enrolled in college in the fall term immediately following high school
- 52% of students who graduated six years ago completed postsecondary education
- 40 current Upward Bound students traveling to Boston, MA to learn about U.S. history
- Upward Bound celebrated 50 years on the MSU campus with a weekend of festivities including a historical exhibit, alumni mixers, riverboat cruise, and a banquet
- MSU's Upward Bound received a Milestone Award from the Historical Society of Michigan.

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