The Upward Bound Project at Montclair State University
Montclair State University at-a-glance

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
- President - Dr. Jonathan G.S. Koppell, Ph.D.

UNIVERSITY CLASSIFICATION
- Public Doctoral Research 2 University

QUICK CAMPUS FACTS:
- Founded as the New Jersey State Normal School at Montclair in 1908
- 2nd Largest Institution of Higher Learning in New Jersey
  - 21,000+ Students
- 252 acres campus located across 3 New Jersey Communities
  - Montclair, Little Falls and Clifton
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M.S. Adult Education and Human Resource Development - Fordham University
B.A. Journalism / Urban Communications - Douglass College, Rutgers University - New Brunswick
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Upward Bound Alumnus - Class of 2014
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B.A. Latino & Caribbean Cultural Studies, Rutgers University - New Brunswick
What is Upward Bound?
The Upward Bound Project is a federally funded TRIO program designed to help generate the academic/social skills and motivation necessary for success in education among low-income and/or first-generation high school students.

The program provides opportunities for participants to excel in their precollege performance and ultimately in their pursuit of post-secondary education.
What does it cost to join?

NOTHING –
Upward Bound is FREE!
Top 5 Reasons to join Upward Bound!
1. *It’s empowering!*

You do have the ability to finish high school, go to college and start a fulfilling career. Upward Bound helps you find the resources you need.
2. *It’s a platform you can use to develop your skills!*  
You will learn how to study, how to reach goals and more.
3. **It’s supportive!**

Your peers and our staff become a community of people who want you to be your best.
4. **It’s fun!**

You will make friends with students from different schools across the district.

Together, you get exposed to different experiences such as college tours, museum visits and international culinary cuisines! (just to name a few!)
5. *It’s an investment in your future!*

Students who participate in an Upward Bound Program are **4 times MORE LIKELY** to earn a college degree than their peers!

**90%** of Upward Bound students are accepted to their **1st choice college**.
Some colleges/universities our students have attended/graduated from include:
Some of our students have gone to these schools **ON FULL SCHOLARSHIP & TUITION ELIGIBILITY!**
**How does Upward Bound work?**

**6-Week Summer Program**

**Start Date:**
- Typically end of June

**End Date:**
- Typically Late July / early August
- Monday - Thursday

**Classes Include:**
- Math
  - Algebra 1
  - Algebra 2
  - Geometry
  - Pre-Calc
  - Calculus
- Science
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Physics
- Language Arts
- SAT Prep
- Workshops
- Senior Seminar

**Academic Saturdays**

- Begins at the END of September until May (Fall & Spring Semesters)

- **2 Saturdays of EACH month**
  - Sometimes a 3rd saturday for SAT Prep, workshops or college visits
How do you apply to Upward Bound?
Pick up and Fill out the application!

1. Hand in your completed application.

2. Mr. Gonzalez will review the application and follow up with the student regarding their application and schedule an interview date.

3. Ms. Lorenzo & Mr. Gonzalez will interview the applicant.

4. Ms. Lorenzo and Mr. Gonzalez will evaluate all components of the application & interview to determine an admission decision.

5. Applicant will receive an admissions decision via Email & paper mail.

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Thank you!

Any questions?

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