

Cal Poly Upward Bound 13-14 APR Summary

The Federal TRIO Programs (TRIO) are funded through the Department of Education and are outreach and student services programs. These programs are designed to identify and provide services to low-income and first-generation college students to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs.

Upward Bound (UB) provides services to low-income, first-generation college bound high school students. The program is funded to serve 93 students at four targeted high schools and provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their pre-college performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. The target schools include; Arroyo Grande High School, Nipomo High School, Santa Maria High School, Pioneer Valley High School and Ernest Rhigetti High School.

The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education. Services are provided throughout the academic year and during a six week Cal Poly summer residential program. Services include; tutoring, academic and career advising, supplemental instruction, and cultural and recreational activities.

Objective Outcomes

Academic Performance-Grade Point Average (GPA):

87% of participants served during the project year earned a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a four-point scale at the end of the school year.

Standardized Tests:

97% of all UB Seniors, who at the time of entrance into the program had an expected high school graduation date during the 2014 school year, achieved at proficient level during high school on state assessments in reading/language arts and math.

Secondary School Retention and Graduation:

98% of participants served in the 13-14 project year will continue in school for the next academic year, at the next grade level, or will have graduated from secondary school with a regular diploma.

Postsecondary enrollment:

94% of current and prior year participants who graduated from high school during the 2013-14 school year, will enroll in a program of postsecondary education by fall term immediately following their expected high school graduation date, or who received notification by the fall term immediately following high school graduation date from an institution of higher education of acceptance but deferred enrollment until the next academic semester.