The goal of the Upward Bound College Bound program is improving the graduation rates of high school students and increasing the number of UB College Bound graduates who enter colleges and universities. UB College Bound offers two strands: a school year program that works with 10 high schools in Alaska, called “target schools,” along with three distinct six-week summer residential programs held on the UAF campus: UB College Bound (freshman/sophomore), Pre-College Academy (juniors), and the Pathways-2-College bridging program (graduating seniors).

Upward Bound College Bound serves 160 low-income, first-generation college students who demonstrate potential for academic success and whose parents have not earned college degrees. Services offered in target schools include tutorial sessions; educational, recreational or cultural events; group activities; exploration of postsecondary education opportunities and visits to campuses; financial aid application assistance; and participation in the six-week summer program on the Fairbanks campus.

The residential summer program emphasizes academic development for 50 students selected for participation from the target schools. The summer experience helps UB students become familiar with the Fairbanks campus, residence life, services provided and, most importantly, places an emphasis on academic development and growth.

Participation in this program is only available to active UB College Bound target school participants. Upward Bound College Bound is a federally funded program.

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