

SWOSU's Upward Bound Program Receives Grant to Help Students from Eight Western Oklahoma Schools

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University and Jamie Novey, director of the Upward Bound program, recently received fourth year funding for a four-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$378,592.

The award provides cost-free services for 76 students from eight western Oklahoma high schools to participate in Upward Bound, which is a program that includes monthly meetings and on-line tutoring during the school year and also academic, social and cultural activities through the summer. The program is for college bound 9th, 10th and 11th graders.

Upward Bound is geared towards students from low-income families and first-generation college students (those whose parents did not graduate from college). Students who participate in the program receive tutoring, ACT Prep, personal and career counseling, and assistance in completing college admission and financial aid applications.

The eight participating schools are: Anadarko, Burns Flat-Dill City, Carnegie, Clinton, Elk City, Ft. Cobb-Broxtton, Watonga and Weatherford.

For more information about Upward Bound, please contact Novey at 580.774.7129.