

SWOSU Upward Bound Receives \$378,592 Continuation Grant

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Upward Bound is a program that includes monthly meetings and on-line tutoring during the school year and academic, social and cultural activities through the summer 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. Jamie Novey is the principal investigator (PI) and director for the Upward Bound program at SWOSU.

The award is the third year of four-year funding to be awarded to SWOSU Upward Bound.