

Barton County Upward Bound

Program Facts:

- Serves 50 students from Claflin, Ellinwood, Great Bend, and Hoisington
- All services are FREE to the students, families, and schools
- Goal is for students to enter and complete college
- 16 BCUB alumni currently attending BCCC

Eligibility, Application, and Selection:

- Low-income and/or first-generation
- Must have completed 8th grade but not yet started the 11th grade
- Other need: academic high risk, social skills, rural isolation, low educational goals, lack of support
- Application process:
 - Referrals & inquiries from students, counselors, teachers, etc.
 - Application submitted
 - Intake interview conducted
 - If selected a student remains in the program through graduation

Academic-Year Component:

- Tutoring at site schools and on Saturdays at BCCC
- Weekly academic advisor meetings and progress tracking
- Monthly academic workshops, college visits, and cultural trips
- 6 students selected yearly to attend the Student Leadership Conference in St. Charles, IL

Summer Component:

- 6-week residential program at Barton County Community College
- Attend enrichment courses—focused on meeting state assessment standards
- Weekly college visits, group projects, ABLE course training, work-study
- Bridge program for making the high school-to-college transition
- Reward trip out-of-state for successful completion of the summer program

Current UB Success:

- 88% of students served are both low-income and first-generation
- Students spend an average of 38 months (3+ years) in the program
- Over 85% of UB graduates have enrolled in college (92% of 06 grads)

BCUB Highlights:

- Fall 07 events: ACT Prep Workshop, Catherine Strecker: Unique Testing Workshop, KSU & KU visits, KS State Fair, Granny Mae's Pumpkin Patch, *Cirque Works* at FHSU
- Greensburg volunteer project—summer 07
- BCUB Alumni attending KSU, KU, FHSU, Baker U, U of Colorado in Colorado Springs, Luther College, Valparaiso U
- Students become leaders in schools and communities