PURPOSE OF UPWARD BOUND EVENTS

- To assist students in achieving academic success during the high school years
- To establish academic self-discipline by helping students develop strong study skills
- To provide supplemental instruction in mathematics, language arts, science, and foreign languages
- To provide financial literacy programming that will aid students in making wise financial decisions
- To counsel students on career and college goals
- To expose students to different career opportunities, college majors, and Universities
- To promote cultural awareness and an understanding of the importance of diversity
- To inform and assist students and parents with the college selection process
- To lessen the anxiety of attending college
- To prepare students for enrollment and success in an accredited college or University
- To assist students in the fulfillment of their lifelong career and educational goals
- To instill a positive attitude toward personal growth and lifelong learning
- To increase the educational attainment levels of students in Allen County
GROUP TUTORING
- To provide a constructive place for students to complete homework assignments
- To provide tutors in specialized subjects to whom students may direct questions
- To offer supplemental assistance to students who express a desire to take on additional challenges or address areas of weakness
- To allow students to meet or speak with program staff weekly about areas of academic concern or with general questions

INDIVIDUAL TUTORING
- To provide a constructive place for students to complete assignments while getting one-on-one instruction and assistance
- To positively impact classroom grades of students

SAT PREP CLASSES
- To prepare program juniors and seniors for SAT testing through practice questions and discussion about how the test is scored

ACADEMIC ADMIXING MEETINGS
- To review student’s academic progress by setting and evaluating goals
- To address any academic issues the student is having
- To assist students in developing relationships and rapport with UB staff
- To identify areas of academic strength and weakness of each student
- To track student progress toward high school completion and college enrollment

ACADEMIC THEME SATURDAYS (ATS)
- To supplement students’ weekly in-school instruction by reviewing foundational concepts in mathematics and language arts
- To impart good study skills necessary for success in high school and college
- To explore career options and assist students in actively setting and achieving goals
- To assist students with personal character development through the use of discussion and project-based learning sessions
- To promote teamwork in academic settings
- To encourage critical thinking in the learning process

SOPHOMORE COLLEGE PREP MEETING
- To review each student’s current academic progress toward college and to give students and parents information on what high school sophomores should be doing to prepare for college
- To stress the importance of high school class selection and G.P.A.s for future success in college
- To explain the differences between types of colleges
- To explain the purpose and importance of taking the SAT or ACT
- To explain the importance of community service on college acceptance and scholarship opportunities
**JUNIOR COLLEGE PREP MEETINGS**

- To review each student’s current academic progress toward college and to give students and parents information on what high school juniors should be doing to prepare for college
- To stress the importance of high school class selection and G.P.A.s for future success in college
- To explain the differences between types of colleges
- To explain the importance of community service on college acceptance and scholarship opportunities
- To provide students and parents with scholarships and a foundation to begin scholarship searching
- To have students plan their timeline for taking the SAT or ACT
- To provide students with resources to narrow down their college choices
- To expose students to opportunities for professional development and career exploration
- To offer students the opportunity to complete a FAFSA simulator which presents a glimpse of their expected family contribution

**SENIOR COLLEGE PREP 101 SERIES**

- To give students and parents information on what high school seniors should be doing to prepare for college each month of their senior year
- To provide assistance with college applications, application essays, and offer letters of recommendation for college applications
- To identify potential scholarship sources, assist with the scholarship search, review scholarship essays, and offer letters of recommendation for scholarships
- To assist with completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and review financial aid and college acceptance award letters
- To apprise students and parents of the full cost of attendance at colleges being explored by each student

**COLLEGE VISITS**

- To expose UB students to physical attributes of different colleges and Universities while allowing them to find out what programs, degrees, financial aid, and campus sports/activities are offered by each respective University

**CULTURAL VISITS**

- To broaden the scope of students’ understanding of cultures different from their own
- To promote acceptance and interest in other cultures and to encourage collaborations between diverse groups

**SUMMER ACADEMY**

- To promote academic learning during the summer while giving students exposure to a “simulated” college experience through residential stay, social and cultural activities, classroom instruction, and campus awareness
• To promote personal and academic responsibility needed for college academic success

**SUMMER MERIT TRIP**
- To give students new perspectives of other geographic areas
- To provide students a means of visiting colleges in other cities and states
- To give students a sense of accomplishment and personal responsibility for meeting program expectations required to attend the trip
- To provide further educational and cultural opportunities for students beyond what is offered in the immediate area

**PRE-PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**
- To expose students to a professional work environment
- To give students a hands-on work experience in a professional setting
- To prepare students with the skills necessary to present themselves well during job interviews, while on the job, and at other professional occasions

**SUMMER BRIDGE**
- To provide a comfortable and stable environment for students to begin their college careers
- To expose students to the differences between high school and college level courses

• To increase the independence and responsibility levels of high school seniors toward their future college goals
• To offer students to begin college with an established college G.P.A. and transferable college credits

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES**
- To recognize students showing exemplary signs of leadership among their peers
- To foster and grow student leadership abilities and personal accountability
- To expose students to the environment of professional conferences and meetings
- To cultivate program and future leaders

**PARENT COUNCIL MEETINGS**
- To keep parents informed of program events and student progress
- To allow parents to plan, suggest, and take active roles in their student’s academic pursuits
- To foster a community of parents and students with similar educational goals
- To strengthen relationships between parents and program staff
- To promote the importance of family support and involvement in a student’s academic career