The Picture above displays Junior and Senior Upward Bound students who attended the Dream Evergreen residential program in Olympia, WA.

At this college, you are able to layer your own interests and design your own degree within 60 different fields of study.

A culturally interesting fact about The Evergreen State College is that it has a Native American Longhouse on campus!

A Message from Your Director

Dear Community Supporters,

Upward Bound Vancouver is one of 15 LULAC National Educational Service Centers across the United States. As a National Non-Profit Organization, we strive to build a culture of college preparation. Our grant serves disadvantaged and underserved students across Vancouver and the following target school: Fort Vancouver CIS, Evergreen High School, and Heritage High School.

As of August 2019, I have transitioned to the Program Director position. I great respect for our community and it is a pleasure to serve the city I once grew up in.

This year, we have a big emphasis on our 12th grade participants. Many of the students that we accepted during 2017 are just 6 months away from beginning their first college term! This year will be the largest cohort to graduate from LNEC Upward Bound Vancouver Program.

Helping build lifelong learners and leaders is not an easy job. The diversity in the experiences made up by the Upward Bound staff have been a gateway to earning the confidence of the students. I also want to give credit to our amazing tutors and staff across the two school districts who are committed to helping us increase graduation rates and admissions to higher education institutions.

Sincerely,

Oswaldo Camarena-Gonzalez
We have had three Career Lunch & Learns throughout the first semester. Our goal is to provide students with accurate career and education awareness through these initiatives.

First, we welcomed the Honorable Suzan Clark from the Clark County superior Court. One month Later Cristian Canseco presented on his career in finance representing ESCO Weir Group. Lastly, guest speaker Lili Zalazar gave us an insight in her work as a Web Developer and building her own business.

10/20 Law
11/19 Account Manager
1/22 Web Design

The Ford Driving Dreams Grant club visited the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site on November 17 of 2019. Students learned about the economics of fur trade in 1825 led by the Hudson’s Bay Company. They also learned about the leadership of Dr. McLoughlin, the chief factor who served from 1825-1845. During that time, he had a few jobs: keeping peace with the “Indians”, not helping the “Americas”, and making money off fur.
PSAT – SAT – ACT

UB Students are required to take one rigorous test throughout the academic year. This provides the practice necessary to take the SAT/ACT with confidence during senior year.

Although a score does not determine your intelligence, it is a national standard for applying to a four-year university. Two-year universities usually simply ask one to take their own standardized subject placement test.

Juniors are highly encouraged to take the PSAT because if they score well, he or she may be awarded a National Merit Scholarship. Sophomores are also encouraged to take the PSAT since it serves as great practice!

Upward Bound staff work one-on-one with participants to ensure they are aware of test taking strategies that can help them problemsolve through tough scenarios.

Advanced Placement testing is another opportunity students are encouraged to take advantage of. If a student scores well enough, college credit is given. Many times teachers may even offer extra credit or 100% for the class if one passes the test for that particular subject.

After School Tutoring

After-school tutoring is available Monday through Thursday at every serving high school.

2:15 - 3:15 pm | Room 173

3:30 - 4:30 pm
EHS - Student Resource Center
HHS - FAST Room
Are you interested in joining Upward Bound?

Upward Bound services are of no cost to the participants. However, there is an application process to determine eligibility into the program. For more information, please contact our office at 360.604.8911

Current Student Demographics

When accepted into program

**Eligibility**

Low income & First Generation: 40
First Generation only: 6
At Risk of Academic Failure: 3

First Generation, Low income, & At Academic Risk: 6

**Participants within Target High Schools**

Evergreen: 19
Heritage: 17
Fort Vancouver: 17
Other: 1

**By Grade**

Seniors: 19
Juniors: 30
Sophomores: 6

**Advanced Programs of Study**

Cascadia Tech: 8
Running Start: 1

Upward Bound and FDD students volunteered by tree planting at Leverich Park, hosted by the city of Vancouver

Nov. 23, 2019