

TRIO Upward Bound

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Purpose/Mission

The mission of the **TRIO** programs is to advance the idea of access to educational opportunities in postsecondary education. It is to assure that the least advantaged segments of the American population have a realistic chance to enter and graduate from a postsecondary institution. Our purpose here at UVU is to empower youth who have academic potential, but who lack adequate information or school preparation to enter and continue in postsecondary education. Through the **TRIO** (Upward Bound) developmental curriculum and guidance processes, students are expected to improve their academic skills, social skills, and motivation to pursue and complete their postsecondary options.

Learning Outcomes.

1. **Academic Performance (GPA): 85%** of participants served during the project year will have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a four-point scale at the end of the school year. **REPORTED 98%**
2. **Academic Performance on Standardized Tests: 50%** of UB seniors served during the project year will have achieved at the proficient level on state assessments in reading/language arts and math. **REPORTED 100%**
3. **Secondary School Retention & Graduation: 96%** of participants served during the project year will continue in school for the next academic year, at the next grade level, or will have graduated from secondary school with a regular secondary school diploma. **REPORTED 100%**
4. **Secondary School Graduation (rigorous secondary school program of study): 55%** of all current and prior year UB participants, who at the time of entrance into the project had an expected high school graduation date in the school year, will complete a rigorous secondary school program of study and graduate in that school year with a regular secondary school diploma. **REPORTED 100%**
5. **Postsecondary Enrollment:**
60% of all current and prior UB participants, who at the time of entrance into the project had an expected high school graduation date in the school year, will enroll in a program of postsecondary education by the fall term immediately following high school graduation or will have received notification, by the fall term immediately following high school, from an institution of higher education, of acceptance but deferred enrollment until the next academic semester. **REPORTED 80%**
6. **Postsecondary Completion: 39%** of participants who enrolled in a program of postsecondary education, by the fall term immediately following high school graduation or by the next academic term as a result of acceptance by deferred enrollment, will attain either an associate or bachelor's degree within six years following graduation from high school. **REPORTED 44%**

Programs and Services.

- * STEM Activities
- * ACT Prep & 4 ACT Test Taking Waivers
- * Foreign Language Exposure
- * 3-4 Day Academic Trip & College Tours
- * Speed Reading
- * Career Shadowing & Workshops
- * Financial Literacy & Financial Aid Assistance
- * Summer Program-college credits

Assessment and Impact.

Yearly Summer Academic Program in June:

- * Residential Summer Program
- * Up to 50 participants from Provo, Orem, Heber, Roosevelt & Vernal high schools
- * Earn 6-7 college credits each year
- * 100% free to participants
- * 60% of students return each year
- * 34% of seniors attend UVU

Summer Program Participants – June 2025



The **UB Summer Program** has the greatest impact on UB students as they come to UVU and have a college experience comprised of attending college classes for credit, workshops, cultural activities/introduction to the arts, and living on campus along with visiting college campuses locally and out of state.

Recent Accomplishments.



2025 UB Summer Program Banquet
Four high school graduating seniors
received their associate degree



2025 UB Summer Program Trip
Washington, DC June 29 to July 3,
2025

Outstanding Achievement.

Cielo Hernandez graduated in May 2025 from Wasatch High School with a 3.8 GPA. In April 2025 she received an associate degree from UVU graduating with honors in University Studies. Cielo earned 51 college credits through concurrent enrollment and 25 credits through the UB summer program for a total of 76 credits. She is presently attending UVU majoring in forensics.

