



Deja Moore

TRIO Upward Bound

Hi, my name is Deja Moore and I'm a senior at Oroville High School, located in a very rural area in Washington State. I've been in the Upward Bound Math Science program since my freshman year and I've definitely enjoyed everything this program has had to offer.

Upward Bound Math Science has helped me in many ways, some ways that are probably least expected. When I was a freshman, I didn't take my classes seriously and my grades were pretty low. My grades remained low until I started to go on more and more field trips within the Upward Bound Math Science program. No one in my family has ever gone to college, so I never saw college as an option for me. The first college I had ever visited with the program was Eastern Washington University, and since we are a smaller group I was able to get my questions answered. After that, I realized that college could be a possibility for me and I started putting more effort in at school. The more field trips and colleges we went to, the more it increased my motivation to do well in high school. I received one-on-one support in the areas I struggled in as well as help navigating the FAFSA process and college applications.

Aside from the program keeping me motivated and on the right track to graduate high school and attend college, I've also had the opportunity to meet a lot of amazing people within the program that I hope to stay friends with throughout college and for the rest of my life. Surprisingly, many of them were just like me. They didn't take school seriously until joining Upward Bound Math Science.

I am sad that this is my last year to really be with Upward Bound Math Science because it has created an amazing support network for me. This program has helped me on my path to attend college and pursue my dream of becoming a Psychologist. I am currently on track for attending Eastern Washington University this fall. I think Upward Bound Math Science is an amazing program for all future students and it will absolutely open many doors. This program should be kept around for years to come. Thank you Upward Bound Math Science!

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For over a decade, the Northwest Learning and Achievement Group (NLA) has provided college access programs such as GEAR UP and 21st Century, transforming the lives of young people from rural school districts. In 2012, NLA applied for their first ever TRIO grant, Upward Bound Math Science. This grant serves 60 students across 5 high schools in Oroville, Quincy, Highland, Wapato, and White Swan school districts. NLA programs boost academic achievement and increase the numbers of students in these low-income areas who are applying for postsecondary education.

The mission of TRIO Upward Bound Math Science is to help high school students excel in high school, get accepted into college and into STEM majors, and graduate college with a STEM degree. TRIO Upward Bound Math Science provides a focus in STEM careers and STEM exploration in addition to college access support for low-income, first generation high school students. There is an academic coordinator located in each high school and every coordinator schedules regular one-on-one meetings with each student so that every single student receives individualized support. Each site provides weekly tutoring, group advising, and scholarship and financial aid support. In addition, students have the opportunity to participate in Bi-Monthly Saturday Academies focused on STEM exploration, and field trips to colleges and STEM based facilities.

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