

# Precollegiate Programs

# TRiO

[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

The Federal TRIO Programs (TRIO) are Federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes seven programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post baccalaureate programs.



**Educational Opportunity Center**  
**Ronald E. McNair Program**  
**Student Support Services**  
**Talent Search**  
**Upward Bound**  
**Upward Bound Math-Science**  
**Veterans Upward Bound**

**“WHETHER OR NOT YOU REACH YOUR GOALS IN LIFE DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON HOW WELL YOU PREPARE FOR THEM AND HOW BADLY YOU WANT THEM.”**  
**RONALD E. MCNAIR, PH.D.**

*Colorado*  
**GEAR UP**  
*Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs*  
[www.coloradogearup.org](http://www.coloradogearup.org)

Colorado GEAR UP is the state's program to prepare low-income students for college. Now entering the fourth year of its second cycle, 2005-11, the program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education. It is managed by the Colorado Department of Higher Education on behalf of the Governor's Office.

Our Vision is to engage and enable Colorado's low-income and academically needy students and to encourage and support their path to college access and success. Paradoxically (and disproportionately), Colorado's highly educated population includes far too few of Colorado's high school graduates.

Our Mission is to close the Colorado Achievement Gap, as it relates to college admissions and graduation, to prepare all students to meet rigorous expectations and to level the playing field for Colorado's low-income students. Of the 750,000 students attending Colorado Public Schools, some 250,000 qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch. The majority come from families in which no one has ever attended college.

Vicente Pablo

10th grader, MLK HS

*“Besides the actual name (Gaining early awareness and readiness for undergraduate programs) gear up means a chance for me to succeed in life and be the first person in my family to go to college and earn a degree. Gear up also means to me a family I have at school that helps me whenever they can. Finally gear up means to me an opportunity to make up for all the mistakes I have done in the past.”*

# The Access Center



**Alliance Partnership:** The Alliance High School Partnership unites students, families, high school personnel, and the Colorado State University community in a common goal: *to envision education beyond high school and send a greater number of Colorado students to college.* By working together, we can elevate the expectation of students and their families regarding the importance, access and attainability of higher education.



**Bridge Scholars:** The Bridge Scholars Program provides a college life experience at Colorado State University to Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search high school graduates and select Colorado State University freshmen who participate in this eight-week University Summer Session residential program.



**Educational Opportunity Centers:** The Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) assists adults in furthering their education by focusing on: admissions and financial aid processes, information on scholarships grants, student loans and deferment, career exploration, referral to ABE, GED, and ESL programs and activities designed to involve and acquaint the community with higher education opportunities.



**Educational Talent Search:** The Talent Search program identifies and assists individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to and complete their post secondary education.



**Reach Out: The Colorado State Advantage:** Reach Out is a synergistic effort to advance learning opportunities of CSU students and Colorado's historically underserved secondary students by providing a platform for educational outreach while directly supporting and simultaneously advancing university strategic goals in the areas of outreach, diversity, and curricular innovation.



**Upward Bound:** Upward Bound assists high school students in developing the academic skills and motivation needed to successfully complete high school and to enter college upon graduation. Students receive educational, cultural, and social experiences that will help prepare them to enter and succeed in college. UB students receive academic advising, after school tutoring, weekend study skills workshops and opportunities to visit colleges and universities. Upward Bound offers an academic year and summer component.



Advancement Via Individual Determination  
[www.avidonline.org](http://www.avidonline.org)

*"I have been in the AVID program for six years and I know that the program does work. I do not think that I could have achieved all the things I did if it were not for the qualities that I gained from being an AVID student. The program has helped me so much and has motivated me to try and get the best education that I can get."*

*Elisabeth Gonzalez  
San Marcos High School*

AVID is designed to increase school-wide learning and performance. The mission of AVID is to ensure that all students, and most especially the least served students in the academic middle, are capable of completing a college preparatory path.

- Currently AVID serves 3,214 students in grades 6-12 in 82 schools and 14 districts across Colorado (Academy 20, Adams 1, Adams 12, Adams 14, Adams 50, Aurora, Boulder Valley, Brighton, Cherry Creek, Colorado Springs D 11, DPS, Littleton, Poudre, Greeley)
- These numbers will grow to 90 schools and 18 districts next year
- Over 150 AVID teachers teach the AVID elective class and help to coordinate program activities
- Over 300 trained college tutors work with and mentor the AVID students during the AVID elective class
- Over 570 staff (teachers, counselors, administrators) serve on the AVID site team at their schools
- Current annual budget \$240,000 (money generated from annual fee at existing school sites and staff training)



[www.colorado.edu/odece/pcdp.html](http://www.colorado.edu/odece/pcdp.html)

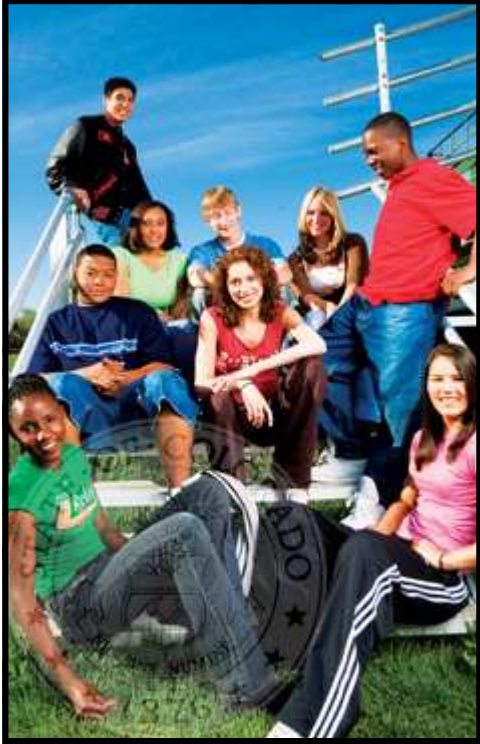
The Pre-Collegiate Development Program (PCDP) at the University of Colorado at Boulder is an institutionally-funded academic enhancement program for targeted middle and high school students. It is designed to motivate and prepare first generation students in pursuit of their higher education goals.

PCDP is structured to ensure that students are academically prepared to enroll and be successful at the University of Colorado or any postsecondary institution of the student's choice.

**Purpose of the Program:**

- Provide academic enhancement strategies and opportunities
  - Provide college/career exploration opportunities
  - Provide leadership development opportunities
  - Establish collaboration with parents, counselors, and community
- Provide parents with the tools to assist in the educational endeavors of their student
- Facilitate higher education opportunities
- Provide opportunities to learn about new subjects and to acquire better study skills
- Preparatory assistance for college entrance exams
- Assistance with college admissions and financial aid applications
- Referrals to campus resources





Colorado ranks in the top five states nationwide for the greatest number of degree holders per capita, yet only one in five Colorado ninth-grade students will earn a college degree, ranking the state in the bottom quartile nationally. The State of Colorado initiated College In Colorado as a statewide effort to improve college access and change expectations about college for all Colorado students.

A cornerstone of the campaign, [www.CollegeInColorado.org](http://www.CollegeInColorado.org), offers a one-stop resource to help students, parents and counselors plan, apply and pay for college.

The College In Colorado team reaches out to students, parents and educators through ongoing events and training opportunities, as well as providing practical tools to assist every student in Colorado in furthering their education past high school. Some of these free services include:

**CollegeInColorado.org** - the free, comprehensive Website dedicated to providing students with everything they need to know about career exploration and planning, selecting high school courses, choosing and applying to colleges, obtaining financial aid and getting ready to take the SAT, ACT or GRE tests.

**Train-the-trainer, half- or all-day sessions and single topic Webinars** are offered to teach educators, parents and others about the tools and resources available from College In Colorado and the Website (continuing education credit may be available).

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The Dream Team is a non-profit organization that works collaboratively with Greeley-Evans School District Six. We have provided services to District 6 students for over 20 years. The Dream Team's goals and objectives are to work in concert with District 6 administration, faculty, staff, parents and students to help kids succeed in school. Our agency is governed by an 11 member Board of Directors. Members of the Dream Team Board of Directors include professionals from a variety of disciplines including education, medicine, law, business, human services as well as parents, community leaders and citizens. Their pro-bono contributions of professional expertise, time and commitment are invaluable assets to the project. Our agency serves a diverse population of over 1800 students through programs sponsored by federal, state and local grants. Assistance through our many partnerships allows us to provide a variety of group and one-on-one services that support student success in school.

# Greeley Dream Team

[www.greeleyschools.org](http://www.greeleyschools.org)