Higher education has an impact on Oklahoma's economy of more than $3.2 billion each year.

Source: Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Why Upward Bound matters for our high school students

As reported by the National Institute on Out-of-School Time, out-of-school time programs can benefit youth socially, emotionally and academically. Students who participate in out-of-school time programs are more likely to enter the work force better prepared and finish more successful than those who do not participate.

Further reported by the EPE Research Center, the state of Oklahoma loses on average 80 students a day due to drop outs. The EPE Research Center also reports, that because of this staggering number of drop outs Oklahoma failed to graduate 14,394 students at the close of the 2010 – 2011 school year making them ineligible for hundreds of thousands jobs and ultimately negatively impacting our economy. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education states that higher education indirectly and directly accounts for approximately 23 percent of the state’s economy.

Online Resources:

EPE Research Center
Editorial Projects in Education
www.edweek.org

Out-of-School Time
www.niost.org

Oklahoma Department of Commerce
www.okcommerce.gov

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
www.okhighered.org

The Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce
cew.georgetown.edu

The Seminole State College Upward Bound Program Plan of Action:

The Seminole State College Upward Bound program aims to encourage high school students to become successful college graduates to better expand their career options. This goal is achieved by offering extensive academic programs throughout the school year and summer months. These comprehensive programs prepare students for both college and post-college endeavors by providing one-on-one mentoring throughout their entire high school careers.

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