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**Texas Wesleyan University to give free, year-round college preparatory course to middle and high school students**

FORT WORTH, Feb. 10 – Texas Wesleyan University is accepting applications for the Upward Bound Math and Science Program, a year-round college preparatory course for students currently in grades eight and nine. The goal of the program is to help high school students recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science and encourage them to pursue post-secondary degrees in these fields. It also aims to increase students' ability to relate to their peer group and provides them with new academic, social and cultural learning experiences.

Program participants will have the opportunity to learn from field professionals who are engaged in research on campus, at hospitals, governmental laboratories or other agencies. Students receive special instruction in these fields, including hands-on experience in laboratories, computer facilities and field-sites. As part of the Upward Bound program, each student will participate in an eight-week summer camp at Texas Wesleyan, immersed in engineering, technology, math and science.

A five-year grant award of \$1.1 million from the U.S. Department of Education enables Texas Wesleyan University to offer this program to the community free of charge. Space is limited. Students who wish to participate must complete and return the application by March 1. To request an application or more information, contact Dr. Jane Moore, project director, at (817) 531-4883.

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Dr. Moore says Wesleyan is excited about the opportunity to impact the community through Upward Bound. “This program will motivate and encourage students to continue their education ... and it will provide them with the academic skills necessary to complete high school, graduate from college and have successful careers in these areas.”

The Upward Bound Math and Science Program has over 123 projects in operation throughout the United States. Established nationally in 1990 as part of the TRIO program, a federal educational opportunity outreach program designed to motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds, Upward Bound seeks to help students overcome class, social and cultural barriers to achieve higher education.

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