



### ***What students say...***

This is the best program I have ever been in...don't ever pass up the opportunity

- Krystal Condon, Richland Center

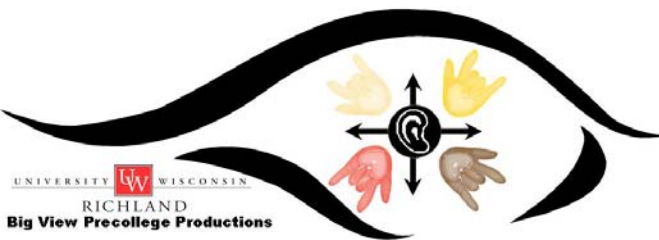
I love it here and I'll be back.

- Tim Gentry, Milwaukee/Chicago

I have met a whole lot of people I normally wouldn't meet...it's changed my outlook on high school and life

-Adam Lease, Richland Center

### **Hear Big...Think Big...See Big**



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UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN

**RICHLAND**

A Campus of the University of Wisconsin Colleges

**Precollege Program**



**A youth development program designed to build academic, leadership, and college ready skills in first generation college-bound students.**



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# University of Wisconsin—Richland Precollege

*“Imagine raising your child with the understanding that he or she carries a unique gift that is needed by the rest of the world. A gift that must be uncovered and cultivated. A gift that he or she is responsible for caretaking and contributing to the rest of us so we can all move forward. If you can imagine that, you can create it.”* -Dawna Markova



The UW-Richland Precollege Program involves middle and high school youth in a mix of academic, team building, and recreational activities aimed at fostering a life-long love of learning and informed consideration of college options.

Urban youth from Milwaukee mix with rural youth from southwestern Wisconsin, and collaborate in teambuilding activities and academics, building their knowledge of self and others in a supportive professional environment.

## Precollege Staff:

**Deborah Cureton, Ph.D.,** Executive Campus Dean  
**Diane Treis Rusk, M.S.,** Director  
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## Middle School & Junior High Precollege Program

UW-Richland's middle school and 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade precollege program provides prepares students for college success through instruction in academic subjects—ranging from mathematical, natural, and social sciences to fine arts and the humanities—and leadership training. The program begins in the student's 6<sup>th</sup> grade year and is officially launched the following summer with a residential program at UW-Richland.

### Six-day Residential Program

Students receive instruction in a variety of college subjects, as well as participate in recreational activities. Students stay at UW-Richland's modern residential housing facilities, nestled in the beautiful hills of Southwestern Wisconsin's driftless region.



## High School Precollege Program

As students progress through high school, new experiences become available. Beginning in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade year precollege students may be invited to become teen mentors to younger precollege students. Through the **Precollege Teen Mentor Program**, precollege students gain training and experience facilitating groups and working with youth.

**Precollege faculty and staff** are experts in their academic fields. They share their expertise with precollege students through challenging assignments and relevant hands-on projects. Students learn expectations and study skills associated with effective college work, and create a portfolio of their work to show progression of skills across the program.

## Eligibility

Students are eligible to apply to the precollege program during their 6<sup>th</sup> grade year and must be recommended by a teacher, counselor, or adult leader. Review of the student application, essay, and adult recommendation comprise the selection process.

Students participating in the Middle School Jr. High program must be of the first generation of their family who will graduate from a four-year college. Applicant's families must have a low to moderate family income.

Students participating in the Teen Mentor Program must successfully complete the middle school and junior high, precollege program and have demonstrated evidence of leadership and academic ability.



For further information or to receive an application, contact: **Diane Treis Rusk, Program Director.**

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