“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

Hear Big...Think Big...See Big

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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.

**Precollege Program**

UW-Richland’s middle school and high school mentor programs prepare 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 6th grade year and is officially launched the following summer with a residential program at UW-Richland.

**Residential Program**

Middle school students entering grades 7-9 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. As students progress through high school, new experiences become available. We invite a select group of students entering grades 10-12 to become teen mentors to younger precollege students. Through the **Precollege Teen Mentor Program**, students gain training and experience facilitating groups and working with youth.

**Academic Year Activities**

Our Milwaukee students have access to a large variety of free academic and tutoring services through the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Quest Program. Students will receive regular mailers from UWM about Quest opportunities. Richland area students will receive academic year opportunities through the University of Wisconsin Extension 4-H and Youth Development Programs. Students must participate in either the Quest or 4-H program to remain in good standing with the UW-Richland Precollege Program.

**Eligibility**

Enrollment in the UW-Richland Program is limited.

Students are eligible to apply to the precollege program during their 6th grade year. Review of the student application, essay, and adult recommendation comprise the selection process. Students outside of their 6th grade year should call for an application.

Students must meet one of three criteria:

- Family qualifies for free or reduced lunch
- Student is a minority student
- Parents do not have a bachelors degree

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

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