“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.

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 Program**

UW-Richland’s middle school and high school program 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. High school students receive information on universities, scholarships, interview skills, teambuilding, and other life skills.

The program aims to have students enter the program the summer after their sixth grade year through the summer after they graduate high school. Not all of our students can return year after year, but most will.

Students stay at UW-Richland's modern residential housing facilities, nestled in the beautiful hills of Southwestern Wisconsin's driftless region. Night activities are also planned for students.

Students are expected to participate fully in all classes both indoors and outdoors. Some years the program includes a field trip.

**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 should participate in either the Quest or 4-H program to remain in good standing with the UW-Richland Precollege Program.

All Students and families can also always contact UW-Richland’s Pre-College program for help and guidance at any time.

**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 are required to actively participate in class instruction each day both indoors and outdoors.**

**Student should also have good school attendance and are motivated to learn.**

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For further information or to receive an application, Email rlnce@uwc.edu or Call 608-647-6186, ext 227