



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS IN UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Upward Bound

Upward Bound Math & Science

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Ambassador:

What is an **Ambassador** and why do we need it at Pre-College Programs? An Ambassador is a current student who serves as a link between their target school and UMD Pre-College Programs. Ambassadors also provide support for continuing students and students who have recently been accepted into Pre-College Programs. In addition, they also serve as Peer Mentors.

Peer Mentor:

A **Peer Mentor** is another student who can serve as a resource, a helping hand, a sounding board, and a referral service. The job of **peer mentors** is to provide support, encouragement, and information to students in their grade level who are just beginning the program, or require update on information.

Summary of Ambassador Role:

- Provide solution oriented ideas, to peers and administration
- Support and Encourage
- Serve a liaison between Counselor and Target school
- Present Pre-College information to new students / peer groups
- Model appropriate behaviors within peer dynamics / groups
- Assist during regular summer and academic year (*when in attendance*)

Ambassador Qualifications:

- A firm commitment to academic progress and development
- Willingness to explore / research career goals and present
- Able to present information to peers (*with training*)
- GPA of 3.0
 - o **Note:** GPA is taken into consideration in conjunction with program standing and peer relation and interaction.
- Brief letter stating interests in becoming an ambassador (*1-2 Paragraph*)
- Recommendation from your target school Pre-College Programs Counselor