

## Danville Community College's Upward Bound Program

**Motto:**        *Your Future Is Our Focus!*

**Mission Statement:**        Danville Community College's Upward Bound Program is committed to annually serve 50 low-income, potential first generation college students with 30% of its new participants identified as having a high risk for academic failure. With each program participant successfully graduating from high school, they will enter and succeed in postsecondary education, graduating with a college degree. Danville Community College's Upward Bound Program serves the Danville/Pittsylvania County region (*Approved by U.S. Department of Education: Office of Postsecondary Education, September 2007*).

### **Program Objectives:**

#### **1. Academic Improvement on Standardized Test:**

**55%** of all Upward Bound participants, who at the time of entrance into the project had an expected high school graduation date during the school year will have achieved at the proficient level on state assessments in reading/language arts and math.

#### **2. Project Retention:**

**70%** of 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade project participants served during each school year will continue to participate in the Upward Bound Program during the next school year.

#### **3. Postsecondary Enrollment:**

**70%** of all Upward Bound participants, who at the time of entrance into the program had an expected graduation date during the school year, will enroll in a program of postsecondary education by the fall term immediately following the expected graduation date from high school.

#### **4. Postsecondary Persistence:**

**70%** of all Upward Bound participants who enrolled in a program of postsecondary education during the fall term immediately following high school graduation will be enrolled for the fall term of the second academic year.

