We believe in real chances.

Do you?

College Unbound
What is a real chance for college success?

Imagine you are a College Unbound student:

- You are surrounded with support. Your personalized learning network of mentors, advisors and peers remind you that you’ve got this—through every setback you face.

- You are challenged to be your best. Your professors have high standards, and meet you where you are to achieve them.

- You fit in. Your cohort becomes a second family, with other adults who have experienced life.

- Your curriculum fits you, designed around your interests and the skills identified by employers as the most important for workplace success.

College Unbound exists to improve the lives of adult learners in Rhode Island. As a degree completion college, College Unbound provides access, support through completion, and career placement, ensuring that students get in, stay in, and move forward...**a real chance for success.**
College Unbound students are adults who...

- work full-time and raise families.
- actively engage in their local community.
- want to realize their vision for their lives with the help of a college degree.

- are aged 25-65; 79% are students of color, and 60% earn between $25,000- $45,000 per year.
- will enable their own children to graduate by finishing college themselves.

We commit to giving a REAL chance to every adult learner.
The 5 Strategic Priorities of the College

1. Become the national model for adult degree completion through an innovative, personal and workplace-based curriculum.

2. Recruit, train and retain faculty and administration of the highest caliber.

3. Expand and refine student support to meet the needs of all student affinity cohorts.

4. Support students to reduce student loans.

5. Maintain a network of people who help students succeed for the rest of their lives.
Become the national model for adult college

At the heart of CU’s success is our curriculum. We ground all our work in our commitment to engage our students.

- The curriculum is purpose-drive and interest-based.
- The network is extensive. Students are supported by professors, advisors, mentors and peers.
- The weekly in-person cohort builds a peer group that starts the journey together, while the online communications enable flexibility throughout the week.

We believe the 114,000 adults in Rhode Island and the 37 million adults nationally who have started college deserve a real chance to complete their Bachelor’s degrees. We advocate for the reinvention of higher education to serve adult
Recruit, train and retain faculty and administration of the highest caliber

Our advisors, professors, lab faculty and staff are academics and practitioners who come from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences.

We will continue to build a diverse faculty and staff that demographically echoes the population it serves, honors local wisdom, and covers a wide range of experiences.

We also look to bring our graduates back into our faculty and administration. Currently, alumni serve as advisors, mentors, case-workers and admissions recruiters.

Jose Rodriguez is a graduate and case-worker at College Unbound, on his way to finishing his Masters
Expand and refine student support

By integrating curriculum, workplace and life, we infuse our student supports inside the classroom and out. What started with a simple weekly dinner and babysitting will expand to support our students’ needs so that they can keep learning when life happens.

“I used to think that life outside the classroom didn’t really matter to the learning process.

Now I know that making space in class for processing experiences outside the classroom enhances learning.”
Support students to reduce student loan debt

Nationally, the average student in the Class of 2016 owes $37,172. We commit to limiting debt through financial aid, scholarships and deferred income sharing.

Each CU scholarship...

- helps one student get closer to realizing their dream.
- provides that student with an innovative, engaging education.
- improves the livelihood not just of each student but of their family.
- ensures that the next generation attends college in the future.

College graduates earn $18,000 more each year than those with no college degree. This return on investment outperforms any other.
Maintain a network of people who help students succeed

College Unbound graduates are leaders, social innovators, artists, change agents who are prepared to meet the changing needs of Rhode Island’s workforce.

Our alumni networks are set up to enhance career support and continued leadership development.

“I used to be limited by my understanding of community and world issues.

Now I am wiser and better equipped to speak, act and make a difference.”
We offer a real chance to College Unbound students.

This is what a real chance looks like for College Unbound students:

- 80% graduate in an average of 2.5 years.
- 87% are fully employed after graduation.
- 20% are enrolled in graduate programs.

Rhode Island needs a degree-completion college designed exclusively for adult learners.

In the last 30 years, Rhode Island lost 39% of jobs to non-degree holders. Now 61% of jobs require a college degree. 114,000 adults in Rhode Island have college credit but no degrees. Only 41% of adults have completed their degrees.

We believe the future belongs to Rhode Island.
Thanks to generous believers like you, our students will have a real chance at realizing their dreams.

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