

CREW PROFILE



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**COLLEGE
COUNSELOR**

**UPSM MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

**TIME AT U PREP:
5 YEARS**

University Prep Schools provides a culturally responsive educational experience for our scholars that builds that academic competence, habits of work and scholarship, and self-actualization empowering them to successfully accomplish their post-secondary plans, as well as socially and civically engaged as change agents for themselves and their community.

Please describe your role as a College Counselor or College Prep Coordinator.

My job at UPSM Middle School is ensuring access to opportunities for our students to explore college and career options through experiential learning, Naviance, discussion, and meeting professionals in the field.

Your work is so important to ensuring our students are prepared for the next step in their academic journey. Please describe a memorable experience you had with a U Prep student.

The 6th grade class that I started my U Prep journey with will always hold a special place in my heart. It was such a delight to watch them grow and mature over the course of their 3 years with us, and an honor to assist them in beginning their future planning. One student in particular sticks in my mind. In 6th grade she was very unfocused, her grades were low, class participation was low, she had no idea of what she wanted her future to look like, and she often had conflicts with students and staff. Over the years of myself and others working with her slowly, but surely her grades came up, conflict was down, and she began to be able to picture herself in the future. Currently she is a 10th grader at UPSM HS and she has all A's and B's and no disciplinary logs.

What advice would you give Middle School students so they are well prepared for college?

Middle school is when students decide whether college is for them or not. I would tell them that college is for everyone if they want to go, but that there are so many post secondary options that they can choose from. Also, how you feel at 11-13 is not necessarily how you will feel in a few years, so keep your options open and learn as much as you can about your options.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

Building relationships with students

What do you love most about working at U Prep Schools?

The culture and the people!