



**KENDALL  
VANVALKENBURG**

**UNIVERSITY  
PREPARATORY  
ACADEMY-  
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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.

# CREW PROFILE

*Who or what inspired you to become a Kindergarten teacher?*

My 4th/5th-grade teacher had a huge impact on me. She inspired me to become a teacher and through my time student teaching/subbing, I fell in love with the never-ending curiosity of young children.

*What do you love most about teaching Kindergarten scholars?*

Every day is an opportunity to provide students with a new experience.

*What advice do you have for parents who are seeking a school for their Kindergarten scholar?*

Always look for a school with an effective line of communication.

*How does U Prep's program prepare Kindergarten scholars for their educational journey?*

U Prep's program prepares Kindergarten scholars for their educational journey by encouraging them to become independent learners at an early age.

*Describe a memorable experience that you had with a Kindergarten scholar in your classroom?*

My student shared with another teacher, that she is also working on writing CVC words with Mrs. Van. The other teacher was impressed with her work and the connections she made. It brought joy to my heart seeing in action her connections from my class to others and seeing her perseverance shine through.

*What philosophical saying or belief do you live by?*

Breathe in, breathe out, move on.