



# CREW PROFILE

*Please share a little about your career experience that prepared you for your current position of School Operations Manager.*

I started with the network as a receptionist, then promoted to Administrative Manager at then HFA: Elementary. When we merged with our sister network, U Prep Schools, I became the School Operations Manager for U Prep Art & Design Elementary (formerly HFA: Elementary).

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

What I love most about working in this community is the sense of family. The network is large but it feels smaller and more intimate when we all come together for events and training

*What advice would you give a new student who enrolled in a U Prep School?*

I would tell an incoming scholar that they will certainly feel the love and compassion as well as the push for greatness when they join our U Prep family.

*What advice would you give a prospective teacher who is considering joining the U Prep crew?*

I would tell a potential new hire that they will feel welcomed in our atmosphere, and gain the desire to grow and excel in their career.

*What mantra or belief do you live by?*

“Be brave. Take risks. Nothing can substitute experience.” - Paulo Coelho

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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.