

# CREW PROFILE



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**UNIVERSITY  
PREPATORY  
ACADEMY**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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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.

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

I was an office manager at Old Redford Academy prior to joining U Prep Schools. I began as a receptionist, and was promoted to the School Operations Manager at UPA Miller. This role has prepared me for anything!

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

The resources that we have available to our families and seeing the kids grow. Seeing them mature before your eyes is awesome and seeing how happy the parents are when they leave. Me being there whenever anyone needs me whether it be administration, a student or parent, I'm always available to help and do my job to the best of my ability.

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

That at U Prep, you are walking into a crew. Your crew is your family away from home. They are going to have your back, and they will tell you when you're wrong and make you feel better when you're down. We are a family. This is coming from a mom that has had two kids to come through UPA.

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

The advice that I can offer is you are joining a family. Never feel like you are walking in and going to stand on your own. I would let them know you have help and don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it.

*What mantra or belief do you live by?*

I live by a plain old simple belief: treat others as you would like to be treated, and a smile can brighten someone's day.