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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**

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

Prior to U Prep, I was an Administrative Assistant for a small, familyowned business. When the business closed, my daughter was in Kindergarten at Mark Murray and I spent my day volunteering in her classroom. Mrs. Dotch mentioned that I could also volunteer at UPA High School, where my son attended. From volunteering, I applied to become a front desk sub. With subbing mostly at UPA High School, I applied for and was hired into a permanent position as a front desk receptionist. Under the supervision of Mrs. Dotch, she laid the foundation and prepared me for this position.

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

I absolutely love the family atmosphere- knowing and feeling like we are all a team, working towards a common goal.

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

Each staff member is on your team. We are all here with one common goal - To assist you in every possible aspect of your educational journey. If you need something - ask us, no matter how big or small. We are all here to help and support you!

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

Just that — we are a Crew. A group of people working together toward a common goal (educating our scholars). Tell us what you need, we are here to help. Together we can get through anything. The support system here is amazing - Quad support, Content support, Instructional Coach, Dean, School Director, SOM - we are all here to support and assist you in being successful in the classroom. But saying it is one thing – we live it and show it daily. That's the U Prep difference!!!!

### What mantra or belief do you live by?

"Let your smile change the world. Don't let the world change your smile" -Connor Franta

