

#### **A Message From Our CEO**

Dear U Prep Community:

There is so much we have to be thankful for despite the pandemic. I am grateful for the partnership that every family has provided to each school community. I know this year has produced another set of challenges, however, the grace and flexibility you have extended during recent school shutdowns and contact tracing are greatly appreciated. We have been able to navigate this everchanging climate and its challenges due to your unwavering support and partnership.



In this issue, we invite you to explore our Fall semester through the lens of some of our frontline crew members: our teachers and dietary service providers. They will share how the pandemic became the catalyst for the endless possibilities of innovation. Athletic coaches and directors will share the exciting outcomes from the new launch of U Prep's intramural division for K-5 scholars. We are also happy to share our continued commitment to providing a continuum of academic excellence through retention and graduation rates, as well as scholarship awards that our 2021 seniors received.

Have a safe, and family-filled season of giving thanks!

In Community and Partnership,

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Danielle Jackson, CEO U Prep Schools



#### **Gratitude at The U!**

The U Prep community is grateful for so much! Even though this year has welcomed its challenges, we remain in thankful posture. Click the link below and enjoy a <u>video</u> from our U Prep community, giving thanks.

Watch the Video Here

## Exciting New Options in U Prep Kitchens

We are excited to share updates from our Food Services Department. These changes have already proved to be beneficial to our scholars. We sat down with the new Assistant Director of Food Services, Lakeitha Greene, to learn about all of the exciting changes happening within our schools' dietary division.



Food Service Updates



### Teacher Profile: Teaching During a Pandemic

Last school year was different from any year we have ever experienced. This forced the opportunity for our teachers to innovate and create, and enhance their practice. We talked to a few teachers about their pandemic teaching experience, specifically what they learned and what they carried over to this year. Click below to get an inside look at our teachers' stories.

Teaching Experiences



#### It is the Season of Giving

U Prep's unique Career Pathways provide scholars with an awareness of the endless possibilities in their future careers, and exposes them to industries where diversity is lacking. Your contribution, no matter how small, will help us to sustain and grow our Pathway programs, to inspire and prepare more children for college, career, and success in life. Click below to donate today!

**You Can Help Here** 

#### **U Prep Fast Facts**

We are proud of who we are and our numbers represent that. Click below to check out the statistics of our U Prep Schools community.

> U Prep Stats





#### **New Intramural Sports Program**

Participating in extracurricular activities is encouraged at U Prep. It helps mold scholars' characters and build on their creativity. We could not be more excited to announce the launch of our new Intramural Sports Program! Learn more about the program and how you can get your scholar involved below.



### December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Help us celebrate! We have several birthdays and U Prep anniversaries in December. Click the links below to wish our Crew members a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary.

**Crew Birthdays** 

Crew Anniversaries



# **Amazon Smile Program - Support U Prep Schools!**

Do you love shopping at Amazon and supporting U Prep Schools? Now you can do both at the same time. If you are ordering online this holiday season, you can donate to U Prep Schools whenever you shop using the <u>Amazon Smile Program</u>. Sign up at the link below and choose "Detroit 90-90" as your charity. It won't cost you a penny!

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