



# NEWS

UNIVERSITY PREP SCHOOLS



## A Message From Our CEO

Dear U Prep Community:

It's Open Enrollment Season at the U! We are currently accepting new families for the 2022-23 school year. In this issue, we invite you to learn how your family and friends can join our school community. Our leaders also share tools to help prepare young kindergarten scholars for the upcoming school year.

As we round out the third quarter, we would like to share an update on our Ford Law Academy and the Art & Design Pathway at UPA and UPAD high schools.

You'll also meet our receptionists and hear about one of our alum-turned-Crew-members in this edition. Finally, members of our Crew of extraordinary educators have once again been named semi-finalists in MAPSA's 2022 Administrator and Teacher of the Year recognition. Scroll down to learn more in News at the U!

In Community and Partnership,

Danielle Jackson, CEO  
U Prep Schools



## It's Open Enrollment Time

The U Prep Schools network is comprised of three distinct districts



that offer scholars in grades K-12 an opportunity to align their individual interests and talents with a school of choice, delivering a unique hands-on learning experience.

Within our three districts are ten state-of-the-art schools providing scholars with a clean and safe learning environment, smaller class sizes, complimentary breakfast and lunch, and a variety of career pathways that prepare scholars for college and career. Click below to find out how to apply to join our U Prep Community today!

[Learn More](#)

## Ready4K Provides Free Parenting Tips via Text

At U Prep Schools, from kindergarten through their step up to middle school, our primary focus is assisting our young scholars in developing skills and nurturing individuality to create successful and contributing citizens in our global society.

As part of that effort, we're partnering with Ready4K to provide our parents with a FREE 3x weekly text that's filled with information you can use to help your child learn and grow. Learn more and sign up at the link below.

[Learn More](#)



## Future Plans for UPAD High Schools Pathway

Our scholars at UPAD High benefit from our strong partnership with the College for Creative Studies. Students gain early college experience while still in high school.



This is a major advantage, allowing these students to graduate more prepared for college-level courses than their peers. As the program continues to evolve, UPAD will continue to offer opportunities for young artists to grow and expand their skills.

## UPAD Pathway Evolution

## Meet our Receptionists!

We want to introduce you to the first faces you see when you walk into our buildings - our receptionists. These are the dedicated crew members that serve as the central point of contact for our schools and make all visitors feel welcome upon arrival. Find out more about their U Prep experience below.



## Meet Our Receptionists



## The Ford Law Academy at UPA High School Begins to Take Strides Forward

This was our pilot year for the new four-year Ford Law Academy that launched last fall at UPA High School. Our scholars have gained valuable exposure in the legal field and will continue to make strides as they move along in the program. Learn more about the way this pathway will be evolving in the coming years at the link below.

## Next Steps for Law Pathway

## Meet Anton Horton

**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:** Anton Horton graduated as a member of the 2014 graduating class at UPA High School and went on to gain his Masters of Education from Wayne State University. Anton now works at UPAD Middle School as the Dean of Culture. Find out more about Anton's unique experience as an Alumni now working for U Prep below.

**Meet  
Anton**



## U Prep Honors Multiple MAPSA Finalists

Once again our Crew of extraordinary administrators and educators has been recognized by MAPSA, the Michigan Charter School Association, for their innovation, dedication, and talent in the art of teaching and leadership. We led the nominations this year with three U Prep Crew members announced as semi-finalists. Click below to read more about this recognition.

**MAPSA  
Announcement**

## The U Crew Collective

Our Seniors are finalizing their post-secondary plans with the help of our College and Career Coordinators. The process over the past two years has changed due to the force of the pandemic. In our next blog article in April, Ashley Woolen from UPSM High shares the innovative approach she uses to support her college-bound scholars in their quest for higher



learning and careers. She will share tips from her toolbox, so stay tuned!

[Visit The U Crew Blog](#)



## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

[Crew Birthdays](#)

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