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A Message From Our CEO

Dear U Prep Community:

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! The U Prep Crew is excited to reunite with scholars and families as we ignite their curiosity and love for learning.

During the Summer Fun at the U educational series, our scholars' curiosity exploded through project-based learning (PBL) and culminated during their end-of-summer session exhibitions. You'll learn how they enhanced their critical thinking skills through the creation of prototypes to solve real-world challenges in our community.



As you read on through this issue of News at the U! we'll share how our crew prepared for the upcoming school year, the return of our in-person annual Opening Day celebration and you will enjoy an in-depth video journey of our two newest school directors. While they are not new to our crew, alum, Anton Horton, and Jerry Lawrence are eager to return as the leaders of UPAD Middle School, and UPSM High respectively.

If you are interested in joining our crew of extraordinary educators, click the link here to learn more.

We look forward to an amazing and impactful year and invite you along on our journey to enhance the learning experience for every U Prep scholar at the #1 place to Work, Learn and Have Fun!

In Community and Partnership,

Danielle Jackson, CEO
U Prep Schools

Summer Fun at the U!

Our scholars had an amazing opportunity to engage, explore and achieve this past summer through our Summer Fun at the U project-based learning experience! Scholars participated in immersive Project Based learning and won fun prizes like Detroit Zoo family packs and Tigers Tickets. The scholars were able to produce some amazing presentations on how they can help impact their community. Find out more below!



Summer Fun



Mr. Jerry Lawrence



Mr. Anton Horton

New School Leaders at the U

Please help us welcome our 2 new leaders at the U! Mr. Jerry Lawrence will be the School Director at UPSM High School and U Prep alum, Mr. Anton Horton will be the Interim School Director at UPAD Middle School.

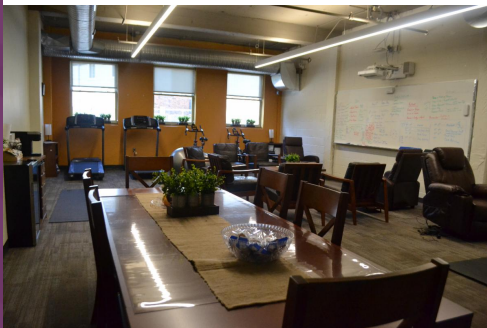
Together they both have over 11 years spent working at U Prep and could not be more excited to be leading their respective schools.

**Meet our
Leaders**

Gearing Up for the 2022-23 School Year at the U

During the month of August the U Prep Schools community convenes to realign our core values and beliefs. We participate in many meaningful learning experiences while finding new ways to build community with the entire crew.

[See What Drives Us](#)



UPA Middle School Focuses on Teacher Health & Wellness

The health and wellness of our staff is always top of mind. Our schools understand that there needs to be a healthy work-life relationship while providing a place to decompress and relax during the busy work day.

We are excited to share that through the generosity of the Skillman Foundation, UPA Middle School now has a new health and wellness break room for their staff. This room includes amenities like treadmills, bikes and heated massage chairs amongst others.

[Wellness at the U](#)

Meet Ken Hargrave

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Meet UPAD Class of 2015 Alum Ken Hargrave. Ken's passion for animals has led him to work for the City of Detroit's Animal control Unit. Ken loves making an impact in the city through his work. Click below to learn more about Ken and his journey at U Prep.

**Meet
Ken**



**August - September
Birthdays and Anniversaries**

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

**Crew
Birthdays**

**Crew
Anniversaries**

