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A Message From Our CEO

Dear U Prep Community:

Our scholars have been busy during this first month of school! They have engaged with industry professionals from the design sector, enrolled in early college and dual enrollment programming at Lawrence Tech, and closed out competitive sporting events as victors in the first quarter of the 2022-23 school year.

Enjoy this month's issue of News at the U! and meet our new Athletics Director, Mr. Ray Haggard. He joins us with over 20 years of experience in the athletics arena and eight years as part of the U Prep Crew. We are confident that his new and innovative ideas, built on the foundation previously set, will enhance our athletic program for years to come.



It is always inspiring to hear from our lead educators who guide our teacher-coaching staff, and lead curriculum development for our network. In this issue the Curriculum and Instruction Senior Directors share their why, along with their passion to create content that ignites the curiosity and genius in every U Prep scholar; cultivating joy in the learning space.

If you're interested in joining our community of learners, visit UPrepSchools.com to become one of the newest members of our crew. We would like to dedicate the September issue of News at the U! to the life of scholar Destiny Hansard. May her precious and jovial spirit live on and permeate through the halls of our Mark Murray campus, and to her classmates and teachers who were blessed by her kind heart.

In Community and Partnership,



Danielle Jackson, CEO
U Prep Schools

In Memoriam of Destiny Hansard

The U Prep community would like to send their sincere condolences to the family of Destiny Hansard, who passed away earlier this month. Destiny was described as someone that had a very giving and positive spirit along with always having a huge smile on her face. She was a scholar that wanted everyone else to be happy and was beloved by her peers and teachers for her kindness and sincerity. Destiny enjoyed crafting and doing anything artistic with her friends and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hansard family.



This Year at the U!

Our Crew and scholars have had an amazing first month of school! The scholars are settled in and have already participated in immersive projects and learning experiences that will continue throughout the school year.

Watch below to see what our Crew and scholars are looking forward to for the rest of the year.

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U Prep Athletics are Back!

Our athletics program is in full swing this fall! Football, Sideline Cheer, and Cross Country are currently participating with a full schedule. We would also like to introduce the new Athletics Director, Ray Haggard, who joins us with many years of diverse experience in the athletics arena. Included are new programming updates and notifications of when your favorite U Prep team is playing. Click below to catch up with what's been happening on and off the field.



Athletics Update

Meet Our C & I Team



Meet Our C&I Team

We would like to introduce you to the passionate Crew who make up our Senior Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) team. Our C & I team are the leaders who help to develop the curriculum for the instruction at all ten U Prep schools. These individuals have a combined 83 years of experience in various roles within education. Find out more about what drives their passion for education below!

Meet the Team

UPSM Elementary Students Introduced to Design Process

This past month UPSM Elementary Scholars met and engaged with shoe design industry leaders. These designers spoke with students about the process of shoe design



and their journey through the industry. Scholars also participated in a book signing following the panel discussion. Click below to find out more about this immersive experience!

Panel Summary

Dual Enrollment and Early Middle College at the U

U Prep Schools offers high school scholars in all three districts, unique dual enrollment and early middle college opportunities. This program gives scholars a head start in their postsecondary goals and helps alleviate the burden of college tuition. Students enrolled in this program in partnership with Lawrence Tech University and graduate from a U Prep high school quality for a 50% discount to obtain a four-year degree from Lawrence Tech University. Find out more about this beneficial experience below.

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Technological
University**

Dual Enrollment



Alumni Profile

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Quintin Johnson was a member of the 2013 graduating class at UPAD High School before earning his Bachelors in Media Arts. Quintin now works for Activision Blizzard as the Lead Observer for the Call of Duty League and has a deep passion for ESports and sports in general. Find out more about his journey below!

Quintin's Journey



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

**Crew
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