



# NEWS

UNIVERSITY PREP SCHOOLS



## A Message From Our CEO

Dear U Prep Community:

The 2022-23 school year seems to be moving fast-forward. We are already rounding out Quarter I with unique student experiences, expeditions, and Back to School Nights.

This month's issue of News at the U! promises to take you on a journey with our elementary school scholars from the Ellen Thompson campus as they venture out to build culture and community while camping. Our young scientists at UPSM High voyaged to Northern Michigan on a two-day exploration of the Great Lakes. Read on, and learn of their hands-on engineering and design experiences below.



Finally, we'd like to introduce you to our unsung heroes - the Finance Crew. This intimate team of strategic minds perform the intricate tasks that help to stabilize our organization. Read about their unique qualities, and share in the joy of their most memorable times spent working on behalf of the U Prep Schools community.

In Community and Partnership,

Danielle Jackson, CEO  
U Prep Schools

## at the Prep

Aligning U Prep's values with our families, scholars and other stakeholders is extremely important to us. We want to ensure that everyone in our village is seen and heard. Click below to learn more about how we build relationships within the U Prep community.



### Building a Village



### UPA Ellen Thompson Scholars Go Camping

This month 4th and 5th graders from the UPA Elementary - Ellen Thompson Campus traveled to Camp Ohiyesa for a two-night stay. The trip was aimed at building community and engaging scholars in the wilderness experience. Scholars participated in canoeing, archery, zip-lining, and many more fun activities!

### Camp Ohiyesa Life

### UPSM High School Scholars Experience Suttons Bay

Seniors at UPSM High School had the amazing opportunity to visit Suttons Bay and Traverse Bay in Northern Michigan. These scholars spent time on a vintage ship learning about the Great Lakes and the surrounding environment. This was a great opportunity for the scholars to discover more about their Home State and adventure around the bays and Sleeping Bear Dunes.



### Northern Michigan



### The Importance of Post-Secondary Planning

We want to give our scholars every resource possible to make informed and thoughtful post-secondary decisions. This past month all three high schools held a college fair with about 20-35 colleges, trade schools, and military representatives. Hear from our College Coordinators on how they try to give their scholars every resource possible for their next steps in life.

College Fair Experience

### Meet U Prep's Accounting Team

Meet our Accounting Team! These are the hard-working people that make sure that our scholar's activities are being funded properly and make sure no dollars go to waste! Learn more about them below!

Meet the Team



### Blog Update

We are excited to welcome back our monthly **CEO Blog The U Crew Collective**. This blog series introduces U Prep crew who share their points of view and lessons learned through book studies, research, best practices, and educational wins as veteran educators, leaders, and subject matter experts in the field of education.

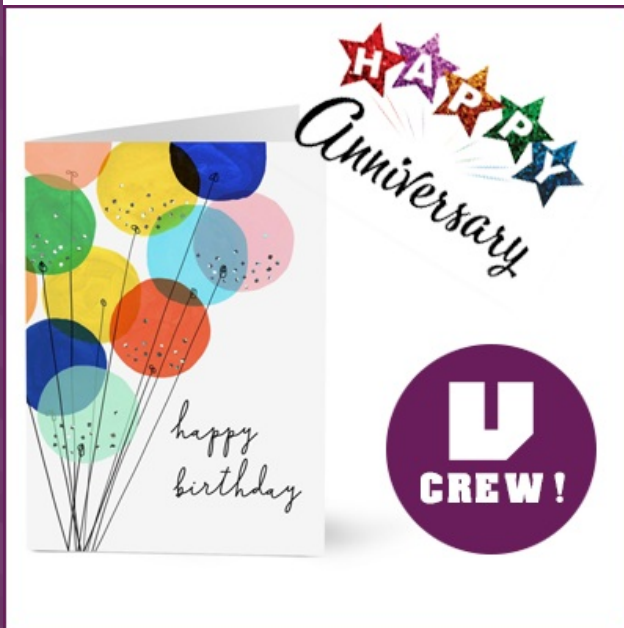
Kicking off our first blog of the 2022-23 school year is alum, Dana Robinson. Look for her entry as she shares her journey in **"Education Full Circle - An Alum's Return Home to Serve in Leadership at the U."**



## Alumni Profile

**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:** Brittany DeSouza - Williams was a member of the 2013 graduating class at UPA High School before earning her Bachelor of Science in Public Health with a focus on Disease Prevention and a Minor in Health Promotion. Brittany now works as a College Prep Coordinator at UPA High School and also started a nonprofit called Acts of Altruism, whose mission is to inform, connect and empower communities with primary focuses on health, wellness, youth advocacy, and community outreach. Find out more about her journey below!

[Meet Brittany](#)



## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

[Crew Birthdays](#)

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