

CREW PROFILE



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University Prep Schools provides a culturally responsive educational experience for our scholars that builds that academic competence, habits of work and scholarship, and self-actualization empowering them to successfully accomplish their post-secondary plans, as well as socially and civically engaged as change agents for themselves and their community.

Please share what, or who inspired you to go into education?

As a high school senior, I sat and listened to a story from my cheer-leading coach, Pamela English. She told a story about her master's thesis presentation where one of her students spoke about her impact to the degree that Pam's classmates were all crying. That impacted me and rerouted me down my own pathway in the field of education. I'm forever grateful!

How long have you been in education?

17 years.

Please share a memorable experience during your tenure at U Prep?

The best memory I have of U Prep is the very first day of school in 2019 standing in our gym at ET listening to 430 scholars shout out our school chant with passion and pride. At that moment, it was clear to me that this was exactly where I was supposed to be.

What advice would you give a new teacher?

Learn who you are, what you believe and keep challenging yourself to be better daily; this is how you are best able to show up for scholars, by showing up for yourself.

What activities do you enjoy in your free time?

Spending time with my husband and 4 children.

Is there a philosophical saying or belief that you live by?

All things work together for the good to them that love God and are called according to His purpose.