

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?

I have always seen education as a high calling. I had many experiences as a young student with outstanding teachers who exemplified dedicated pedagogy, academic excellence, and a commitment to quality classroom relationships which made the teaching profession very noble and attractive to me. Not only was I inspired to work with young people, my early experiences also shaped my desire to use education to fortify and empower the broader community.

How long have you been in education?

I have been in education for 27 years.

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

I love the learning partnership experience at UPA MS. During one of our Parent University meetings, parents had the opportunity to sit with our subject matter specialists and learn details about our curriculum and specific strategies that we employ in the classroom. Afterwards, parents visited classrooms to see teaching and learning in action! This allowed parents and teachers to really work together meaningfully as parents were also able to share information about their children even as teachers shared about the curriculum. Seeing teachers, parents, and scholars working together was very memorable and a great example of what the educational community is all about.

What advice would you give a new teacher?

Be in community with your colleagues, families, and scholars! Learn the intricacies of your environment yet be ready to contribute and add to it with your unique style. Strong content knowledge is essential, but infusing joy into your work makes academic passion take hold and grow.

What activities do you enjoy in your free time?

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, usually around some good music and food! I also love gardening, reading, and travelling.

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

"In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you."