

# 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?*

My mother (Mrs. Janet E. Reese) and Mrs. Diane G. Winters, one of my elementary school teachers. I was blessed to loop with Mrs. Winters and it turned out to be the best thing for me! Mrs. Winters was my school mom; she kept me out of trouble and cared for me like I was one of her children. When I was in college, I was able to present Mrs. Winters with the Golden Apple Award, it was one of the greatest things a teacher could receive in my hometown. I was elated that my essay about our school-mom: student relationship earned her an award that she greatly deserved!

## *How long have you been in education?*

I have been in education for 20 years.

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

One of my most memorable experiences at U Prep was participating in a zoom meeting with Governor Whitmer and Lt. Gov. Gilchrist as they listened to one of our scholars in Kindergarten as she took on the role of one of our multiple prominent POC throughout the month of February. It was a sight to see our young superstar get into and stay in character in the presence of so many adults.

## *What advice would you give a new teacher?*

Take the time to get to know your scholars. Have lunch with them, send positive postcards home, and share who you are with them. Finally, attend their out of school activities.

## *What activities do you enjoy in your free time?*

In my time away from school, I love serving in different capacities at our church. I love to spend time with my wife and 3 children riding our bikes and just enjoying life together. I also love reading, learning new things, and working out.

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

“Position gives you the power to control, but trust will give you permission to lead. Leadership is about caring for your people and inspiring confidence.” - Unknown