

We could not be more proud of the class of 2022. Although the last two years have been unorthodox for our scholars, this graduating class persevered and could not be more ready to walk the stage and complete the last part of their U Prep journey!

All three high schools will be hosting their graduation ceremonies at the historic Detroit Opera house, located downtown. Below are the following dates and times for the graduation ceremonies.

UPAD High: June 7th - 5:30 P.M.

UPA High: June 9th - 11 A.M

UPSM High: June 9th - 2 P.M.

Each ceremony will be kicked off and include a rendition of the Black National Anthem, sung by the scholars. Be ready for some inspirational speeches from our graduates at all three ceremonies where they will speak on their experience and goals not only for themselves but for their graduating class as well. Finally, each school will have a form of a video tribute commemorating the 2022 graduation class.

We are very excited to hear from our keynote speakers, as they will be talking about black excellence and motivating our scholars now that they are high school graduates entering the world. Some keynote speakers that will be featured are author Mario McLean and City Council President Mary Sheffield. Our Alumni will be speaking to the graduating classes as well from the perspective that they both share during the moment of graduation. We love when our Alumni come back to connect with the community and enjoy seeing them pass on their knowledge.

We are looking forward to seeing you there and helping us celebrate our graduates! See below to see what some of the leaders are looking forward to at their ceremonies.

"Personally, I'm just really excited to see our graduates walk the stage. These are our 10th-grade babies that have been virtual for the last two years. To see them come back to the building as Seniors, rock out, and make it to the finish line is exciting to see."

- Ashley Woolen, College Prep Coordinator, UPSM High School

"The thing I am most excited about is that this year's graduation will be closer to the type of ceremonies we normally have. This year's graduation will have some of the normal traditions we like to carry on with each ceremony being that this one will have fewer restrictions than in years past. This class being able to have the same experiences that their peers had before them makes me happy. I can not wait to see them actually cross the finish line and celebrate all that they have accomplished."

-Nicole Burris, Dean of Culture, UPAD High School

"I always get excited because I take pride in closing out the year right for our graduates on a strong level. This is also to try to get the underclassmen excited for their senior year. I have enjoyed our graduations because of the continuity of it and having our graduates share this experience among the classes. The unique thing about U Prep schools is that you can really call back to the Elementary/Middle schools where there are going to be elementary teachers and middle school teachers there that are going to be proud of the scholar. We want people to walk away saying "wow this school really knew their kids."

-Jerry Lawrence, Assistant School Director, UPA High