

The U Prep Schools mission, **we prepare students for success in life**, continues to resonate with our alumni throughout their college and professional careers.



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# Alumni Profile

## **What grades and years did you attend U Prep? What district did you attend?**

I attended UPSM for all 4 years of high school (2014-2018).

## **Why did your parents choose U Prep?**

My parents decided on U Prep because I attended a prep middle school before I had moved back from Texas. So they just thought it would be an easier transition for me.

## **What fond memories do you have of your experience at U Prep?**

The fondest memories I had was playing on the basketball team before they got all the cool stuff they have now. The team felt like it was family and I enjoyed every moment of it. The pep rallies were also enjoyable, and I remember my senior year pep rally being the best one yet. Above all, my favorite memory was my graduation. It was one of the best days of my life.

## **What did you love best about your time at U Prep?**

I loved how much I was playing basketball. I remember how we got to leave class early to go get ready for a game. Hanging out with Coach Foote was the best because she was basically my second mom and she really helped me out a lot during school.

## **How did U Prep prepare you for success in life?**

U prep prepared me for the workload that I would be dealing with in college. The amount of work that we get at my college is closely similar to the U Prep workload. On top of the work, at U prep you have to walk to different buildings for your different classes in a certain amount of time.

## **What are you doing now?**

Right now I am attending an illustrious HBCU called Grambling State University. I am a Junior majoring in Chemistry with a concentration in Forensics (Forensic Chemistry). I'm currently a part of the Student Government on campus, a mentor that helps incoming first-year students on their matriculation through college, serve on the E Board for Chemistry Club as a Secretary, and am apart of the NAACP Grambling Chapter serving as a Co-Chair for the Education Committee.

## **What are your plans in the future?**

My plans for the future are to live my life to the fullest and honestly. Next, find a job in the police field in Georgia and go from there.



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