

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.

