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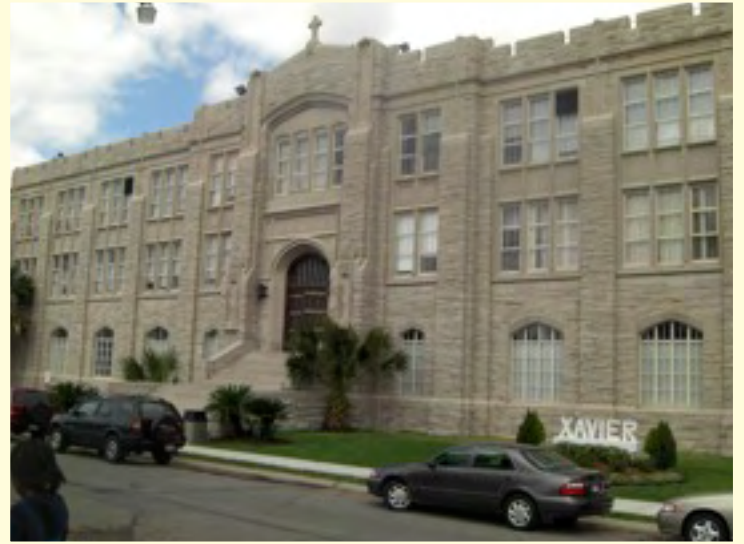


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URBAN PREP VISITS NEW ORLEANS..

Article and photos by Tyler Beck

During spring break Mr. Childress & I, along with eight other Urban Prep students, traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana not for recreation (though there were some) but for educational purposes. The Association of Minority Health Profession School (AMHPS) held its 22nd Annual Biomedical Symposium, hosted by Xavier University College of Pharmacy. The program is open to high school and undergraduate students across the nation that have an interest in the fields of medicine, dentistry, and pharmaceutical studies. We took part in workshops, and seminars, learning about different fields of medicines and testing procedures.

Keynote speakers included, Dr. Bernard Harris (NASA Astronaut, President & CEO of Vesalius Vetures), Mr. Walter Bond (Former NBA Player and CEO of Bond Seminars), Dr Alice Coombs (Massachusetts Medical Society), and Stedman Graham (Chairman & CEO of S. Graham & Associates). These names may make you wonder, "Why was a former NBA player at an event dealing with medicine?" Well the answer to that question would be that these people were there to teach the young people from an adult perspective having been through the stages that we're in now. You may be surprised, but Mr. Bond was the most influential speaker there.

Our very own Mr. Childress received his undergraduate and graduate degree from Xavier University. (Did you know the top 12 producers of Black graduates in the physical sciences are all Black colleges, including Xavier University of Louisiana, which is ranked No. 1? That is quite impressive.) Having Mr. Childress as our chaperone was a great experience because we got to witness the "outside of school" Mr. Childress. Because we are the exceptional men that we are, we always made sure that we took care of our business before we took off and toured the city and listening to Mr. Childress' many stories of his college days.

While there, we took the trolley that traveled straight down St. Charles Street (the street known as Mardi Gras). As we rode down the street, we observed huge houses that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. The thing that caught my attention as a tourist were the Mardi Gras beads. It is a fact that every house that had a tree had enough beads on it for at least two prides. Attending this program was a great experience of what college would be like as far as class sizes, how long they could last, and how interesting it could be.

Father & Son Outing NCAA Final Four Event

Article by Jessie Mack; photos by Justin Turner



On April 5, 2008, Urban Prep hosted its 2nd Annual Father/Son Event. This event was a great success because the dads were very supportive, which made us have a great turnout. Fathers and sons participated in our open gym, games, contests, and the hot dogs, popcorn, and ice cream sundaes were delicious. We watched the defeat of North Carolina on a big screen T.V. I had a great time and I can't wait until next year's father/son event.

Our Counselors

Article and photos
by Justin Turner



To many students at Urban Prep he is just **Mr. Hutchinson**, our plain old college counselor. But to others, he's a way out of the neighborhood. Mr. Kenneth Hutchinson graduated from Northwestern University, in fact his last job before coming to Urban Prep Charter Academy was that of the Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admission and Co-coordinator of African American Recruitment.

Mr. Hutchinson came to Urban Prep because he was looking for an opportunity to have a greater impact on more students, and make a bigger difference. Last year, Mr. Hutchinson sent 40 students to colleges and universities across the United States, during the summer and two students studied abroad. This year his goal is to double that number. He also plans to send as many students to college whether they want to go or not! Another one of his goals is to make a positive reputation for Urban Prep. He wants Urban Prep to be known for having ACT scores, and having 100% of our students attend college.

Mr. Hutchinson believes in each and every one of us, and that is why I consider him one of the most professional, dedicated, committed, and focused men I've ever known.



Many teenagers struggle because they are going through so much stress and are unable to face their every day problems. These teens just need someone to talk to, someone who won't judge them or abuse them. That's why here at Urban Prep we have **Mr. Darrell R. McQuarter**, our Personal Counselor. (Mr. McQuarter is a graduate of the University of Maryland where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree. He then got a Bachelor's in Clinical Psychology, and he attended Adler School of Professional Psychology, where he got his Masters—in a few months he will be receiving his doctorate degree.

One of his many reasons for coming to Urban Prep was because (as a graduate of Harper High School), he felt it was the perfect opportunity to give back to his Englewood community. He wanted to make a positive impact on the lives of our young black men. He wanted to do something--anything he could to make a difference! He counsels our students who have anger management issues, he does family counseling with our parents, and he has his own private practice as well. As a full time doctoral student and a military reservist, Mr. McQuarter is always on the go, but he is never too busy to hear what a student has to say. Sometimes when I am down and out, he is the one who puts a smile on my face. It is an honor to have him in my life.

SOPHOMORE OF THE MONTH

Article and photo by Jessie Mack



Devon Montgomery

Devon Montgomery is our Sophomore Student of the Month because he represents all the good things you hear about Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men. He is a young man who keeps to himself, but he is friendly when you get to know him. He's always on the honor roll, and will help you at a moments notice on any subject you may be having trouble with. This student received his last gold tie in both Writing & American Literature. This student also has earned the distinction of a Cum Lade. Cum Lade is a distinction awarded to students that have over a 3.0 (his GPA is 3.39). Mr. Montgomery is a great student.



Darrius Jones

Article by Israel Durley; Photo by Jessie Mack

FRESHMAN OF THE MONTH

This article is a compliment of just how exceptional the #1 freshman of Urban Prep, Mr. Darrius Jones, truly is. He holds down being #1 in every sense of the word. Academically and socially, Mr. Jones "represents" our entire school not just the freshmen class. Currently, he is being closely followed by several fierce competitors--they want the #1 spot--but Mr. Jones isn't going to let that happen. As Mr. Lacewell consistently reminds us of how losing focus is bad--I have yet to see this student lose his focus-- he surely isn't part of the Memphis team!



Teacher Of the Month

Article by Israel Durley, photos by Justin Turner

The teacher of the month is **Mr. Leon Gordon**.

A large number of students agreed that Mr. Gordon is deserving of this mention. Mr. Gordon's teaching method is rather unique. As you know, Urban Prep is a school training young men to go to and successfully graduate from college. Mr. Gordon puts us in the mind set of actually being in a college classroom with our rigorous schedule and classes/courses. I feel Mr. Gordon is rarely recognized for his superior effort as a teacher, and he is a perfect example of a TEAM UP role model.

Ask Mr. Exclusive ...

Q. *Mr. Exclusive, why are we always being looked at on the street?*

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A. Dear Student of Urban Prep,

I think the reason we are being looked at on the streets is because your normal high school male student in the Englewood community doesn't have to wear uniforms, and if they do it's khaki pants with polo shirts or whatever they want. Students at Urban Prep wear a red tie, a suit jacket, and a white button-down collared shirt. We look like professional young men. We are also from a different environment than other schools. In this society people are not accustomed to seeing young men who want to be somebody in life. We have confidence in ourselves and should be proud to wear the uniform. So if they look at us don't pay them any attention just continue to do your hard work here at Urban Prep. It will pay off.

What is The Question?

By: Lemard Fields



Most of the time the way we look, is the way we tend to act. Besides, when people see you in your tie and blazer, they know that you are a man of Urban Prep.

Question

Why can't Urban Prep students put videos on "YouTube"?

Answer

It's not so much that Urban Prep students can't put videos on "YouTube". The real question is, "Are the videos reflecting something positive, lucrative and productive that's happening inside of Urban Prep?"

Question

Why must students tuck in their shirts?

Answer

The tucking of your shirt is simply a part of the uniform.

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Question

Why must Urban Prep students wear a blazer and tie as a part of the uniform?

Answer

Urban Prep is a school that is different in many ways. The academic performance and the appearance of the students make Urban Prep a "one of a kind" school. The blazer and tie help bring the look of intelligence, character and the idea of being professional.

UPSG

by Marlon Marshall

Hello my Urban Prep brothers, parents, staff and administrators. This month, your very own Student Government is teaming up with the Lions Roar Newspaper staff to make our second annual mom prom a night our moms will never forget. This is our second year hosting this event so we want to improve and get better each and every year. There will be music, entertainment, dancing, dinner, and a little bit of poetry. This will truly be a night to remember.

Thought of the Month

It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice.

Poetry Corner Dreaming

by Donnell Fields



Go get your dreams,
If you work hard enough you'll make the team,
Do what you need to do, so you can do what
you want,
My aunt always tells me "You can make it to
the top, you're the best,"
Why not put it to the test, Make it to the top,
be the best,
Never give up, don't stop to rest,
Go after what you believe,
There is no limit to what you can achieve,
If you're not excelling where you are then
leave,
Go somewhere, where you get good grades,
such as
"A's",
Leave your mark; I know it's hard; you're a
star,
You'll always shine, stay on the grind,
As you dream and imagine these things,
You'll seem, aware, and start to scream,
You can do it, just do it!
Its true it's hard at the top,
But don't stop,
You can make it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teacher Appreciation Week

Mom Prom

Baseball Games

Track Meets