More than 87 percent of Urban Prep students participated in a wide range of extracurricular activities, including athletics and clubs.

Fielded an unprecedented 4 athletic teams for a first year charter school, including football, basketball, track and field, and baseball. 85 percent of students participated on these teams.

Basketball team won the Division Title — also unprecedented for a first year team.

Established 8 clubs, including art, choir, conditioning, dean’s, book, technology and camera clubs, as well as student council—70 percent of students participated in these clubs.

Dramatic increase in student test scores: Average composite score on the Explore Test, when compared with the district, increased from 35th percentile to 74th percentile during the school year.

The number of Urban Prep students meeting or exceeding standards increased in each subject.
Speakers

Urban Prep students attended and/or hosted at the school speeches by more than 200 elected officials, celebrities, athletes and educators from around the world.

From left to right: U.S. Senator Barack Obama (D-IL), Filmmaker Spike Lee, CBS News Anchor Jim Williams, Author and Detroit Tigers hitter and outfielder Gary Sheffield, Chicago Board of Education President Rufus Williams, Former Chicago Bear Christopher Zorich, Congressman Bobby Rush, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL)

Finances

*Urban Prep demonstrates strong financial solvency and completes its inaugural academic year with a budget surplus.*

In the News

Local and national media coverage included front-page feature story and photograph in Chicago Tribune, as well as placements in:

Newspapers

Austin American Statesman | Chicago Defender
Chicago Magazine | Chicago Sun-Times
Chicago Tribune | Crain’s Chicago Business
Rockford Register Star | USA Today

TV Media

CNN | MSNBC | WBBM-TV | WFLD-TV
WGN-TV | WLS-TV | WMAQ-TV | WREX-TV (Rockford)

Magazines/Periodicals

Ebony | Jet Magazine | N’Digo

Exceeded fundraising goal by more than 16 percent.

**URBAN PREP**

**CHARTER ACADEMY**

**YEAR IN REVIEW**
We believe.

We are the young men of Urban Prep.

We are college bound.

We are exceptional—not because we say it, but because we work hard at it.

We will not falter in the face of any obstacle placed before us.

We are dedicated, committed and focused.

We never succumb to mediocrity, uncertainty or fear.

We never fail because we never give up.

We make no excuses.

We choose to live honestly, nonviolently and honorably.

We respect ourselves and, in doing so, respect all people.

We have a future for which we are accountable.

We have a responsibility to our families, community and world.

We are our brothers’ keepers.

We believe in ourselves.

We believe in each other.

We believe in Urban Prep.

WE BELIEVE.