



2023 Cohort of Prep and Me scholars at the Annual Awards Ceremony in May

Prep & Me Welcomes New Scholar Cohort

This past spring, Prep and Me hosted its 3rd Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony. The event, held on Sunday, May 20, 2023, welcomed another outstanding cohort of 7th grade scholars to the Prep & Me community. Students and their families gathered to celebrate their incredible achievements.

The awards ceremony was an opportunity to honor their dedication to learning and personal growth. Speakers included Prep and Me Founder Michael Spiegl, Executive Director Rozelia Kennedy, Director of Program Development Sabirna Watson, and board members Kevin Norus and Lyndsey Rodriguez. We extend our warmest congratulations to all the scholars and extend our gratitude to everyone who contributed to the event's success.





Prep & Me staff, students, and their families learning more about college admission during the University of Florida campus tour

Getting Geared Up For College Admissions

This June, Prep and Me led its rising 11th-grade scholars and parents on an eye-opening college tour to the University of Florida. The tour provided an opportunity to explore campus life and higher education, offering a glimpse of the possibilities that lie ahead. We were lucky to have Bakari Kennedy, an alumnus of UFlorida's Mechanical Engineering department, show us around. His insights resonated with our scholars, shedding light on the transition to college and the realities of the admissions process. Next year, Prep and Me will be adding two more stops to the college tour!

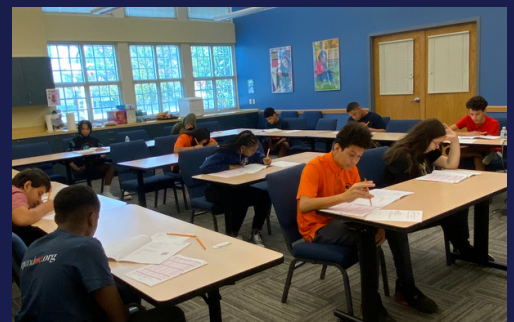


Highlights of 2023

Thank you to Bally's Sports for sponsoring a trip to Tropicana Field for a fun-filled Tampa Bay Rays baseball game



Our scholars took on the challenge of the Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT) to gauge their strengths and areas for growth



OUR MISSION

To create equity in the country's most talented, hardest-working young minds in the country. We help gifted students reach their maximum potential while incorporating a mindset of appreciation to give back.

Reflecting on a Summer of Learning



Prep & Me also partnered with the USF College of Education to offer a Math Enrichment program this spring

As the sun sets on another enriching summer, we're delighted to share the highlights of our education programs. The Summer Reading and Writing Academy for rising 10th and 11th graders was a hit, with engaging Friday webinars to enhance language arts skills and get a jump start on college essays. In partnership with Outschool, our virtual math classes ran consistently from July 6th to August 11th. Rising 8th graders dove into Pre-Algebra/Geometry, and rising 9th graders challenged themselves with Pre-Calculus. By creating a space for scholars to practice their skills, these courses prevented "summer slide" and paved the way for a confident start to the school year.

Joyful Moments at our Holiday Party



Scholars enjoying pizza with friends at the first annual Prep and Me holiday party last year

Our holiday gathering on December 29, 2022, brought together 18 scholars, volunteers, parents, and staff members for a day of joy and camaraderie. The day was filled with meaningful activities, including ice-breaker interviews and valuable sessions on planning, stress management, and financial literacy. Domino's Pizza kept us well-fed, and inspiring visits from Dr. Sabrina Watson and Tracie Lowe, CPA, added valuable perspectives. We wrapped up the day with singing and games, emphasizing the importance of both learning and laughter. This holiday party was more than just an event; it was a day of connection and celebration that will influence our scholars' future paths.

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Princeton University Alum and Questbridge Scholar Krystal Cohen virtually visited our scholars to offer insights on the Ivy League and college scholarships

Journey to Success: From Low Income to Princeton University

How Questbridge Changed My Life

Krystal Cohen
Prep & Me Webinar
June 14, 2023

