



MORE THAN A SCHOOL

*A
New
Reality*





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THOUGHTS FROM THE TRUSTEES

Dear Friend:

Like Imani, every Academy Prep student shares a story that moves us to action. Action that will enable our students – living in neighborhoods where fewer than half of their peers finish high school – to become successful, contributing adults. Now in our tenth year of service, we have realized amazing results at Academy Prep Centers; results that will benefit us all through a stronger and better-educated community. Will you join us in creating a new reality for our students and our communities?

The Program:

- Each student receives four years of tuition-free, college preparatory education in 5th through 8th grades.
- Students attend up to 11 hours a day, 6 days a week, 11 months each year.
- Students learn with their own gender in classes of 15 students or fewer.
- Academy Prep offers a demanding academic curriculum, full enrichment program, character education, emotional support, and social guidance.
- Academy Prep's students benefit from an additional eight years of graduate support.

The Results:

- Of Academy Prep's 87 graduates, 83 (95.4%) are still in high school, are in college, or have begun their careers.
- Students often enter Academy Prep below grade level, but leap to 10th and 11th grade academic equivalents by the 8th grade.
- Academy Prep holds the highest attendance rate of any middle school in the area.
- Academy Prep's students earn scholarships to some of the best high schools and colleges in Tampa Bay and across the country.
- Of the first 30 students to graduate from Academy Prep, 12 are in college, 24 have completed high-school, and 3 are still in high school.

Academy Prep students continue to prove that they are capable. Can we show that we care enough to help them – and all of us – succeed? Please help change their reality by supporting this unique educational opportunity.

Yours in Service,

Academy Prep Trustees

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT SUCCESS

Unlike other private schools supported in large part by tuition and annual giving by students' families, Academy Prep Centers are completely funded by individuals, businesses and foundations in our local community. There are many ways to help.

Scholarship Fund: These funds are the lifeblood of our organization and allow students to attend the Centers tuition-free.

- \$ 5,000 + Annual Student "Sponsorship"
 - \$12,500 + Full Annual Student "Scholarship"
- With these options, donors will receive periodic updates*

Every Dollar Counts:

- \$ 20 + One student's meals for a week
- \$ 500 + Annual field trips for boys and girls
- \$ 1,000 + Annual classroom supplies for one class
- \$ 2,500 + Textbooks for one class

Programs: Programs range in cost and purpose. A donor may fund, for example, the Language Arts Program, the Enrichment Program, the Arts, Physical Education, the Library or a multitude of naming opportunities.

Legacy Gifts: Leave a legacy by including Academy Prep in your estate plans. Consider leaving a gift in the form of a will or bequest, charitable gift annuity, unitrust, or annuity trust.

Capital Gifts: Individuals, businesses, and foundations sometimes choose to support our building projects as a way to invest in the future of their communities. Businesses who make a capital contribution to support campus facilities may be eligible for significant tax credits or refunds (up to 50%) through the Community Contribution Tax Credit Program.

Payments: Gifts can be made via checks, automatic withdrawal, credit card, or stock transfer.



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“Before I came to Academy Prep, I went to a public school in Bradenton. I was at the top of my class, but getting nowhere. It felt as if my teachers didn’t understand my skills and what I was capable of doing. I was not being challenged.

In the middle of my fourth grade year, my family moved to Tampa. At first I went to a school near home that was worse than the last one. Our home situation was rough, and I brought that negativity to school. Like all of the other children, I was ignored. Class work and homework were so easy as I was given A’s on a silver platter.

My principal was proud of my grades, but she could tell I was not happy. One day, she smiled like an angel and handed me a bright yellow paper that read Academy Prep Center of Tampa. I realize now that yellow piece of paper changed my life.

From the moment I stepped onto the Academy Prep campus and shook Mr. Tamayo’s hand, I knew this was where my future would begin. My classes are very challenging. My teachers work with me on an individual basis. They teach me to listen and to think for myself by enforcing rules and discipline. I never knew there could be so much order in school. I am getting the education I deserve.

Academy Prep helps students receive scholarships to prep schools in Tampa Bay and around the country. If I keep my grades up, I have the opportunity to attend one some day. Now I know I can pursue my dreams. Whether I choose to be a trial attorney or a medical scientist, I will get there because of an angel and a yellow piece of paper.

Academy Prep is not just a school. It is not just a family. Academy Prep is a living, breathing lifestyle that I have the honor of living. I know Academy Prep will affect me two years from now, and twenty-two years from now.”



“My name is Imani, and I am proud to be an Academy Prep student.”