

University Preparatory High School Program



January 21, 2017

Dear 8th grade parents,

What's in a name? When it comes to the early college high school program, formed through a partnership with Flour Bluff ISD and TAMU-CC the name says it all; **University Preparatory High School Program**. This year's members of the Flour Bluff Junior High 8th grade class, graduates of 2021, have the opportunity to become part of this innovative program. Imagine graduating from high school with enough college credits to be considered a junior in college.

University Prep's mission is to deliver rigorous coursework that is relevant to the students' interests and career goals while supporting each student through meaningful relationships with the teachers, administration and college faculty. The program forms smaller learning communities where accelerated and personalized instruction are provided with the intent of having students participate in Dual Credit courses while enrolled in high school. At University Prep, everyone goes to college.

All 8th grade students are eligible to apply, and the University Preparatory High School Program will consider, with priority any student who meets one or more of the following criteria.

- Students who desire to be first generation college graduates
- Students who are at risk as defined by the Public Education Information Management System (PIEMS)
- Students who are considered economically disadvantaged
- Students who are English language learners

Anyone who is interested in learning more about University Prep is invited to attend the parent meeting to be held at Flour Bluff High School Teaching Theater. Two informational meetings are schedule for:

- ❖ January 23, 2017 **or** January 24, 2017
(only need to attend one of these meeting dates)
- ❖ High School Teaching Theater
- ❖ Time: 6 - 7pm

Respectfully,
Dr. Allison Schaum
Director
University Preparatory High School Program