

## National Prep at a Glance

National Collegiate Preparatory Public Charter School (National Prep) is one of the only DC Public Charter schools offering the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma AND they are offering it to disadvantaged youth living in one of the poorest section of Washington, D.C. Special attention is given to the needs of disadvantaged youth at National Prep: from beginning their school year in the summer to 'jump-start' their program to extending the length of the school day allowing for more instructional time.

In 2008 Founder and Executive Director, Jenifer L. Ross, envisioned a place where inner-city children would be provided with a safe and nurturing environment to: celebrate being smart, achieve great grades and discover their value as talented, young African American men and women. In 2009 Dianne G Brown, Ed.D. joined as a founding faculty member, who came out of retirement to accept the challenge of establishing an academic program for inner city students, some of whom were entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade functioning academically at a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade level.

Together, with their dynamic leadership team they built the school known today as National Collegiate Preparatory Public Charter School (National Prep) fostering hope, dignity self-respect, value and a brighter future to over 300 disadvantaged youth in the poorest section of Washington, D.C.

What they have accomplished in just 5 short years has been nothing short of remarkable!

- National Prep's first founding graduating class in 2013 included 53 students who had a 100% college acceptance rate and received scholarship/grant monies totaling over \$700,000. This year's number is nearly 5.5 times higher, totaling an estimated \$3,749,680.
- The Class of 2014 graduated 100% of its students and included students who received the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, a two-year program that was launched at National Prep during the 2012-2013 school year. Of note, IB is predominantly found only at private schools and in high socioeconomic communities.

Located in Ward 8 in Southeast Washington, D.C., National Prep offers an exceptional experience for local high school students who want something more. With an emphasis on international studies, National Prep provides a safe, uplifting, and challenging environment designed to stimulate each student's unique skills, strengths, and learning style.

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