



**A K-12 Education site visit for Donors**  
**University Preparatory Academy**  
March 31, 2010 ■ Detroit, MI

Detroit's schools are infamous for poor student performance and high per-pupil spending, but some schools are defying the odds and achieving outstanding results. University Preparatory Academy is one such: a charter school known for taking responsibility for student achievement and operating on a stable financial model. Although University Prep's pupils come from the very pool of Detroit students that had a 60 percent graduation rate in 2008, University Prep graduated 100 percent of its students and sent 94 percent of them class on to college—71 percent to four-year degree programs. Furthermore, the school is one of the only charter schools in the city that has successfully engaged the philanthropic community. Through the generosity of road builder Bob Thompson, University Prep has been able to grow from a church basement with 112 sixth graders in 2000 to a world-class campus of four schools serving combined 1,651 students in grades K–12, 72 percent from low-income Detroit families.

- 7:00 a.m. Registration in lobby of Detroit Athletic Club
- 7:30 Bus departs promptly from:  
**Detroit Athletic Club**  
241 Madison Street  
Detroit, MI 48226-2192  
(313) 963-5993
- 7:40 Arrive at:  
**University Preparatory Academy**  
600 Antoinette St.  
Detroit, MI 48202  
(313) 874-4340
- Continental Breakfast at the school*
- Introductory remarks by **Doug Ross**, school founder
- 7:55 *Conversation with School Stakeholders*
- 8:30 Break
- 8:35 Student-led tour with classroom visits
- 9:00 Bus departs promptly
- 9:10 Arrive at Detroit Athletic Club