

Princeton University Preparatory Program

The Princeton University Preparatory Program is a highly engaged, holistic college preparation and success initiative that fosters development of students who have been historically marginalized. Our multi-year, tuition-free program prepares participants for admission to and success within selective colleges and universities, and beyond.

http://pupp.princeton.edu



- Founded in 2001 following an internal University review of the flow of applicants from first-generation and lowincome backgrounds to Princeton
- Modeled, in part, after long-standing college preparation programs that address educational inequities like Upward Bound which began in 1965 and is funded through the Federal Government's <u>TRIO programs</u>
- Designed to provide students (PUPP Scholars) with academic opportunities on campus at Princeton as well personal development, cultural engagement, college tours, family support, and individualized guidance through the college admissions and financial aid process – and to alter the college-going patterns of targeted students (and peers)

Local and "highly engaged"



USA map





New Jersey map

Mercer County Map

City/Town	School	Characteristics
Trenton	Trenton Central High School	Among the poorest cities in NJ, over 60% of students qualify for free or reduced price lunch; divers population with significant influx of Hispanic immigrants; about 16 km from University
Ewing	Ewing High School	Borders Trenton, almost 50% eligible for free or reduced lunch (F/R)
Hamilton	Nottingham High School	Borders Trenton, diverse student population, 50% eligible for F/R lunch
Lawrence	Lawrence High School	Borders Trenton, not as diverse student population, 30% eligible for F/R lunch
Princeton	Princeton High School	Among the top performing high schools in the state/nation; 8% eligible for free/reduced lunch; mostly white; about 1 km from University

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- Leadership is sensitive to the nuances and complexities of each school and community context
- Three team members are PUPP Alumni
- Nurturing partnerships with area schools for over two decades
 - Program in Teacher Preparation
 - Memoranda of Understanding with District Leadership
 - PUPP Summer Instructors also teach at partner schools
 - Provide additional supports through Greater Trenton College Access Network
 - Coordinate with University units that also engage with schools
 - Strive to be good colleagues



Race/Ethnicity

Recruitment

- in partnership with school counselors, teachers

Parents' Level of Education

Socioeconomic **Status**

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The PUPP Experience



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Many continuing to graduate program: MA, MBA, JD, MD, PhD Majority in the top 15% of high school class

18 ranked #1 in high school class

Key Scholar Outcomes

75% degree attainment vs. 11% for lowincome peers

100% admission to 4-year college or university

75% attend or have graduated from selective or highly selective college/ university

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* = schools with 3 - 4
PUPP alumni;
= schools with 5-9
PUPP alumni;
! = schools with 10 or
more PUPP scholars

Allegheny College Amherst College Barnard College * **Bates College Brown University** Bryn Mawr College* Carnegie Mellon University * Colgate University # **Columbia University Cornell University** Dartmouth College **Davidson College** Dickinson College # Drew University **Drexel University Duke University Emory University** Franklin and Marshall College * Georgetown University* Gettysburg College # Harvard University **Haverford College** Howard University * Johns Hopkins University **Kean University Kenyon College**

Lafayette College Lehigh University Loyola University of Maryland Mercer County Community College # Middlebury College # Montclair State University **Morehouse College** Mt. Holyoke College * Muhlenberg College # New York University North Carolina A&T University Occidental College # Pennsylvania State University Pitzer College Pomona College Princeton University ! **Rice University Rider University** Rowan University * **Rutgers University !** Seton Hall University Smith College Stevens Institute of Technology * Stockton University (NJ) ! Swarthmore College

PUPP Alumni attend or have graduated from the following institutions:

Syracuse University * Texas A&M University The College of New Jersey ! The George Washington University* Trinity College* Tufts University **Tulane University** Union College University of Notre Dame University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill University of North Carolina at Greensboro University of Pennsylvania # University of Richmond ! University of Rochester **Ursinus** College Vassar College Villanova University Washington University, St. Louis Wake Forest University Wellesley College Wesleyan University # West Virginia University Yale University

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PUPP Class of 2021 at their PUPP graduation ceremony, June 2021





Members of the PUPP Class of 2019 wearing college t-shirts at their final cultural excursions



Marian O. PUPP '21; Middlebury '25

Eric V. PUPP '21; Harvard '25

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The Greater Trenton College Access Network

Greater Trenton College Access Network

- PUPP Alumni Associate
 - Alumni support through college and beyond
- New national collaboration with University-based college access programs





Anna as a PUPP Scholar in 2003 **Family Engagement**

First-Gen College Experience

Scholar Experience Experience as a mother and in the community Assistant Director of Family Engagement

Anna with the PUPP team, June 2021

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More about PUPP

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