



Chanel Brown
Heritage Preparatory School
Orlando, FL

Chanel Brown is an eighth grade student at Heritage Preparatory School in Orlando, a school that she has attended since fifth grade on the Step Up For Students Scholarship Program. The scholarship program gave her the ability to rise as a shining star at her parent-selected school. Additionally, Chanel is not the only one who has been given the opportunity to succeed through the scholarship program. Her brother Joshua and sister Tamar also attend Heritage Preparatory School on Step Up For Students Scholarships.

Prior to receiving the scholarship, Chanel attended a local public school. For the first few years, she performed well in school. However, she started to have some difficulties with math and English in the fourth grade. She also developed an overwhelming fear of taking tests, which paralyzed her from reaching her full potential. The anxiety was affecting her performance in school and her grades started to dwindle.

Chanel's parents, Paul and Aquanas Brown, knew that Chanel had the potential to be a stellar student; she just needed the right academic environment to help her overcome her difficulties. However, as a family of six living on a fixed income, their options were limited. Determined to find a solution for Chanel, the Browns discovered the Step Up For Students Scholarship program, which would allow them to choose the school that could best address their daughter's learning needs. After researching several area schools, they found the perfect academic setting at Heritage Preparatory School.

Chanel began attending Heritage Prep in fifth grade on the scholarship program. With the one-on-one help from her teachers, Chanel's anxiety about test taking improved by 100 percent. With improved confidence in her academic abilities, Chanel's grades also went up.

"My grades got a lot better and I actually started to enjoy going to school," Chanel says. "I am now making A's and B's and I've stopped getting so nervous about taking tests because I am more confident in myself." Now an eighth grader at Heritage Prep, Chanel is continuing to make A's and B's in her classes – including math, which is now her favorite class. She also joined the school choir. Additionally, when Chanel does encounter any difficulties with her classes, she knows that she has a strong support system both in school and at home. The teachers and administrators at the school are always there to help her with her studies and keep an open line of communication with Chanel's parents.

No longer worried about her test-taking abilities, Chanel has begun to think about her future and hopes to one day become a doctor. The excellent college preparatory programs at Heritage Prep are helping to provide Chanel with the foundation she needs to accomplish this goal.

Chanel is not the only success story in her family. Chanel's brother, Joshua, and sister, Tamar, are also Step Up For Students scholarship recipients at Heritage Prep. Both Joshua and Tamar are also excelling at the school.

Paul and Aquanas Brown are very proud of their children and thankful to Step Up For Students and its generous donors for making it possible for their children to succeed at a school that can meet their learning needs.

About Heritage Preparatory School

Located in Orlando Fla., Heritage Preparatory School is a private school with college preparatory curriculum for students in pre-school through 12th grade. The school currently serves 230 children, 116 of which are Step Up For Students scholarship recipients. The school annually administers the Stanford Achievement Test. The annual tuition for grades K-12 is \$5,050, not including books, registration fees or uniforms.