

# UNCOMMON SCHOOLS ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

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Our graduate, Jelia Chatman: Camden Prep HS  
CO 2024

Welcome to our August Monthly Alumni Newsletter!

We are so excited to welcome our most recent graduating class.

*\*HUGE round of applause\**

This months newsletter is going to look a little bit different, in an effort to show our new alumni around. It may even be helpful for some of you that have been here a while to

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If you want to see who is new here or if you would like to connect with some veteran alumni, to learn about careers and build your network, join [PeopleGrove](#).

We can't wait to continue engaging with you!

Best,  
The Alumni Impact and Alumni Success Teams

## UNCOMMON TODAY

*This section highlights new things happening at your alma mater!*



This season, [Uncommon Schools](#) launched Summer Teaching Fellows which is a hands on internship opportunity in New York City and Newark, hosting college students that are interested in teaching! Click above to learn more about our fellows' impactful work.

## COLLEGE CORNER

*This section is for alumni in college, to receive tips, reminders, and announcements from one of our expert coaches. Meet our coaches down below.*

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**Meet MiMi!**

MiMi graduated from the 1st HBCU, Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. She is the Alumni Success Coach for Queens NY, Western & Southern Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island & Greater Boston! She also works with students that graduated from ULC.

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**Meet Sabrina!**

Sabrina is an alumni from George Mason University in Virginia and a Brooklyn Native! Sabrina works with students that attend college in Pennsylvania and students that graduated from UPC in Brooklyn.

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**Meet Naliaka!**

Naliaka is a proud Miami native who graduated from Northwestern University and attended graduate school at NYU! Naliaka supports alumni attending college in Manhattan, Bronx, Southern Tier NY, Mid-Hudson NY, Mohawk Valley NY, Capital District of NY, and anyone that graduated from UCC!

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**Meet Alex!**

Alex is from California and graduated from UCLA. She works directly with alumni that have graduated from UCHS, attend school in Brooklyn NY, on the West Coast or in the Midwest.

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**Meet Amethyst!**

Amethyst graduated from Syracuse University! She will be your Alumni Success Coach if you attend college in the South or graduated from North Star WPHS.

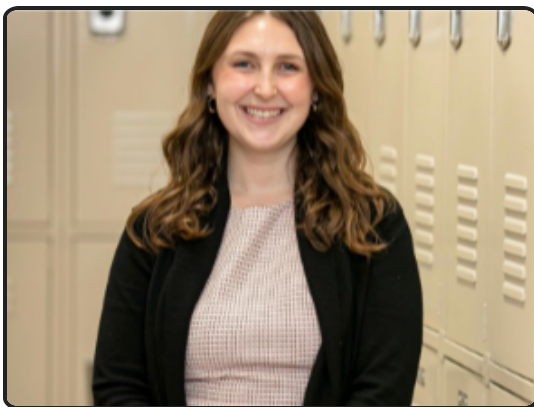
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**Meet Roy!**

Roy is from Brooklyn, NY and he graduated from Bloomfield College with a degree in Music Technology. Roy will be working with you if you graduated from LPHS or are attending schools in North & Central NJ or Newark!

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**Meet Lydia!**

Lydia earned her undergraduate degree at Ohio Wesleyan University and her master's from The Ohio State University. Lydia works with students attending college in Boston, Maine, New Hampshire & Vermont. She also works with students that graduated from Roxbury Prep.

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**Meet Britani!**

Britani is an alumna of Keuka College! Brit will be your Success Coach if you graduated from Rochester Prep, or attend schools in Western & Central NY, Finger Lakes, Rochester or North Country NY.

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## **PROGRESSIVE PATHWAYS**

*This section is for progressive pathways which are opportunities outside of traditional college that can offer economic stability and upward mobility through training, apprenticeship, accelerated associate degree programs, and more.*

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### **Meet Joe Frick aka Frick!**

Joe got his BA at Mary Washington College and his Masters at Hunter College. He works with all Uncommon alumni who are interested in career and workforce-development programs—everything from construction skills to computer programming to culinary arts!

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- Applicants should have a strong interest in Carpentry and commit to completing the 4-year apprenticeship leading to a career as a Union Carpenter.
- Applicants must be willing and able to work on job sites anywhere in New York City and vicinity.
- Applicants must pass a drug screen.
- Full-Day Sessions are held Mon. to Fri. 7:00 am - 4:00 pm. (start/end times may vary)
- Sessions will be held in person at the Carpenters Training Center in lower Manhattan. There is a strict attendance policy. No excused absences or lateness for any reason.

Apply by August 12th:

[Click here to learn more and apply.](#)

## CAREER CORNER

*This section provides job and internship opportunities for alumni, including Uncommon alumni employee highlights*

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### Meet Joemi!

Joemi is an alum of Uncommon Charter High School and received her BA at the University of Rochester. She is the Associate Manager of Alumni Impact and is available to support all your career development needs throughout college and beyond.

## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

### Finance Management Summer 2025 Analyst

The Finance Management Summer Analyst Program is a 10-week internship experience that focuses on financial and management accounting, corporate finance, strategic finance, and internal treasury functions within the CFO Group. Summer Analysts have an opportunity to participate in a variety of activities designed to foster teamwork, encourage networking, and engage with senior leadership.

[Click here to learn more and apply.](#)

### Fall 2024 Graphic Design Internship

Are you a budding graphic designer with a passion for creativity and a hunger for real-world experience? Look no further! Mindful Kreative, Inc. is seeking a graphic design intern to contribute their talents and skills to our clients' needs.

At Mindful Kreative, we believe that real-world experience makes for the *best* experience as students prepare to enter the industry post-graduation. That's why we challenge our interns with real, meaningful client work— not mock projects or coffee runs. We also want you to have FUN and enjoy your time with us!

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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

### Associate Instructional Designer at Optum

### New York Criminal Justice Agency

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energy, passion and commitment to learning and development. You will assess, develop, deliver and measure training to meet organizational development needs. You're expected and empowered to be your best, to grow and to develop your skills.

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decreasing pretrial detention. CJA is located in Queens, NY and works with individuals that have are/ have been justice impacted. CJA is committed to working with justice impacted individuals to ensure they make their court appearances and connect them to community based organizations such as housing, food stamps, psychotherapy, employment and more.

**You can view the current openings [here](#) and apply now!**

**For more information or questions feel free to contact Uncommon alumni, [Nicolette Francisco UCHS '13](#)**

**Are you in a professional field and know of any open roles in your company? Let us know of any opportunities so we can share it with our alumni community!**

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### **Open Roles at Uncommon:**

Looking to make an impact? Read about Natalie's impact on our schools & learn more about why she came back to work at Uncommon.



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**Natalie's Why:**

"I chose Uncommon because Uncommon chose me and giving back is the only way I saw fit to say thank you."

Natalie is a UCHS alumni, class of 2015. Upon graduating, Natalie continued her education at Brooklyn College studying Business Administration and Marketing. In 2019, she joined Uncommon Schools and is currently working as the Operations Associate on the K-12 Content Development Team.

**Make an Impact.**

**Full Time Roles:** Impact the lives of the next generation of Uncommon alums.

**Featured Uncommon Role: Office Coordinator, Office of College Access and Success- Newark, NJ**

The College Access & Success Office Coordinator is responsible for excellent educational programming and support that achieves the North Star mission of preparing its students for success at competitive four-year colleges and universities.

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## STAFF LISTING

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### Alumni Impact

Alumni Impact supports the Uncommon alumni network by connecting alumni with each other and Uncommon through events, communications, and career resources.

**Joemi Espinal**

*Associate Manager*

### Alumni Success

We empower our alumni with the support and resources necessary to persist in and graduate from college.

**Anna Taylor**

*Director of College Access and Success – Alumni Support*

**Joe Frick**

*Manager of Progressive Pathways  
Career & Technical Education*

**Alexandria Stephenson**

*Alumni Success Coach*

Uncommon Charter High School (UCHS)

**Naliaka Wakhisi**

*Alumni Success Coach*

Uncommon Collegiate Charter High School  
(UCC)

**Amethyst Charette**

*Alumni Success Coach*

North Star Academy Washington Park High  
School (NSAWPHS)

**Lydia Cleaver Bartholomew**

*Alumni Success Coach*

Roxbury Prep High School (RPHS)

**Britani Abraham**

*Alumni Success Coach*

Rochester Prep High School (TNRPHS)

**Miriam Boyd**

*Alumni Success Coach*

Uncommon Leadership Charter High School  
(ULC)

**Sabrina Michel**

*Alumni Success Coach*

Uncommon Preparatory Charter High School

**Roydon Pellew**

*Alumni Success Coach*

North Star Academy Lincoln Park High School  
(NSALPHS)

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