ALONG THE PATHWAY

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MONTHLY UPDATE

This month, the Teacher Pathway team hosted a series of Reset Sessions to ensure that all who have answered the call to become a teacher in CCSD have a complete understanding of the foundation of support they will receive, as well as the program expectations. Mentee Evan Hairston said, “I feel like I have received the support I need from the team and the team does a great job responding quickly to all correspondences."

To support our mentees as they work towards their goal of being accepted into UNLV’s Paraprofessional Pathways Project (PPP), we also introduced an interactive Academic Planner that allows mentees and their mentors to collaborate to develop academic and professional development goals so mentees are set up for a successful start to their cohort.

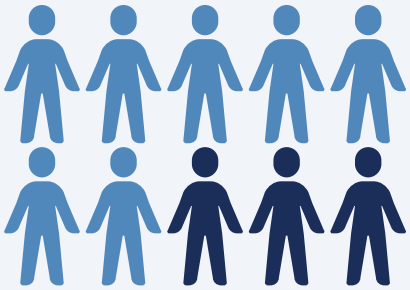
Current Mentoring Connections:	Positive Participant Experience:	Messages Exchanged:	Meetings Scheduled:
102	80%	482	91

Sign up to be featured in our Mentee/Mentor Spotlight!

We want to spotlight YOU! All of our mentees and mentors have inspiring stories to share about their path to the teaching profession and their progress through the Teacher Pathway program. Every month, we will feature one participant in our Spotlight section. All you need to do is answer a few questions, provide a photo, and we'll do the rest!

Share your interest in being featured by emailing teacher.pathway@thepef.org.

Path to PPP



70% of Teacher Pathway applicants were accepted into the program.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Many mentees struggle with the financial barriers on their path to becoming teachers. Some common concerns mentees have include paying for pre-requisite courses, with mentees needing to complete five courses on average, and Praxis Core exam fees. We are grateful to the many community donors who have stepped up to support our mentees, including Caesars Foundation, Canarelli Family Foundation, Foundation XNL, Nevada Gold Mines, and NV Energy.

EVENTS RECAP

- PEF hosted the 3rd **African American School Namesake Event** on 2/24/23 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Senior Center. 24 prominent African Americans with deep legacies in our community were honored as family members, friends, and the community celebrated their impact.
- The Teacher Pathway Team joined the PEF Scholarships Plus Team on 2/25/23 for the **Family Academy** at Cimarron-Memorial High School. This event was an opportunity for students and their families to learn more about available programming at PEF.

PEF Teacher PATHWAY

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Teacher Pathway *recruits, supports, and retains diverse, qualified individuals committed to a teaching career in CCSD. This "grow your own" teacher training program helps current paraprofessionals become licensed teachers to address Clark County's chronic teacher shortage.*

Anyone with an eye on education in Southern Nevada has heard the name, Dr. Beverly Sue Mathis. Rooted in a passion for education stemming back to her youth, Dr. Beverly Mathis is one of 24 prominent African American citizens of Southern Nevada to have the incredible honor of having a school in the Clark County School District named after them. To Dr. Bev, as she is endearingly called, education is the epitome of life and keeps one balanced. She also firmly believes that everyone has the ability to be an educator, they just need the opportunity to do so. It is this shared belief that propels so much of the work that both the Teacher Pathway Team and the Teacher Engagement and Early Learning Team do. Dr. Bev has been an educator for over 50 years, yet she never really feels like she's worked a day in her life. As she eloquently puts it, "when you love what you do, it doesn't feel like work at all." Read the full story and get to know Dr. Bev here.

PREPARING FOR PRAXIS

- The Praxis tests measure a teacher candidate's knowledge and subject-specific content knowledge needed for teaching. Each Praxis assessment reflects what educators across the United States believe to be important for new teachers.
- *Praxis*® Core Academic Skills for Educators (Core) covers the following subjects: Math, Writing, and Reading.
- All educators seeking licensure are required to pass *Praxis*® Core.
- PEF has partnered with Study.com to provide free online Praxis tutorial programming for mentees in the Teacher Pathway program.
- All mentees are eligible for free online Praxis tutorial programming through Study.com.
- Mentees can register for Praxis here.
- All Praxis fees incurred after 1/31/23 are eligible for reimbursement.
- Information on how to register for Praxis can be found here.

MENTORING RESOURCES

- Did you know that in addition to **Black History Month**, February is also **Ethnic Equality Month**? We encourage you to take a moment to think of how you can bring the motto of "All the same, yet different" to life in your classroom, not only this month, but every month.
- The **Teacher Pathway Team hosts Office Hours** every Monday from 3:30 - 4:30 PM. Stop by to connect with your peers, learn more about the support services and resources available to all Teacher Pathway participants, and ask Grant and Ashlie any questions you may have regarding your program experience.

The first cohort of graduates from the UNLV PPP program.

PATHWAY PARTNERS

UNLV PARAPROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS PROJECT (PPP)

PEF is excited to continue to partner with UNLV in a joint effort to provide an innovative solution to the current teacher shortage crisis that is having a tremendous impact on the students of Southern Nevada. In June, 40 current Teacher Pathway participants will transition from mentees in the Teacher Pathway program to full-time teacher candidates in UNLV's Paraprofessional Pathways Project. Between now and then, these mentees will be working with their mentors to ensure they have achieved critical goals that will prepare them for the program and their future careers in the classroom. The Teacher Pathway Team looks forward to cheering these educators-in-training on as they continue on their journey to making a difference in campuses throughout the district.

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