ALONG THE PATHWAY

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MONTHLY UPDATE

In honor of **National Developmental Disabilities Month,** this month's issue of *Along the Pathway* will celebrate our educators who have found a passion for teaching within the specialty of Special Education. Currently, there are 6 mentors and 47 mentees who have experience in special education assignments in communities across Nevada. One such educator is Ms. Rosalyn Johnson who is on a Mission to Dismantle Inequities through Equitable Access to Education.

Teacher Pathway mentees who are currently working towards their ultimate goal of being accepted into UNLV's Paraprofessional Pathways Project (PPP) will have the opportunity to continue an exploration of their passion for educating students with developmental disabilities under the special education track, one of three offered by the program.

Current Mentoring Connections:	Positive Participant Experience:	Messages Exchanged:	Meetings Scheduled:
103	81%	357	135

*All data represents last 30 days

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

39 Teacher Pathway mentees have received financial support to complete pre-requisite courses at:

College of Southern Nevada — Investing in Our Future. Students First.

Nevada State College — Be bold. Be great. Be State.

TMCC — Truckee Meadows Community College

UNLV

COMMUNITY CORNER

Staffing shortages remain a chronic concern for the Clark County School District, as they still needed approximately 1,000 licensed educators at the start of the spring 2023 semester. Although CCSD has made efforts to increase the interest of potential employees, the necessity for innovation to address this challenge remains. Sharing a commitment to ensure every CCSD student has a qualified educator in their classroom, CCSD and the Teacher Pathway team have partnered to recruit and support diverse, qualified individuals on their path to a teaching career in CCSD.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Public Education Foundation's **Artists with Kids** program will be hosting our **Paint Your Path gallery** on April 13 at the **Rogers Art Loft** at 4:00 PM. For additional information, please contact ashlie.randolph@thepef.org
- Visit our online event calendar for more events.

CCSD Recruiting Fairs

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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.*

Las Vegas native Rosalyn Johnson has been on a life-long mission to make an impact on her community through education. Ms. Rosalyn began to develop her identity as an educator in her positions as both a teacher's assistant and later as a classroom teacher. When she began her career as an educator, she set a goal to ensure a practice of inclusion for every child who comes across her path, no matter their background and abilities. The importance of equitable access for all students in Southern Nevada is a matter which was close to home for Rosalyn and her family. Her son Kelvin was diagnosed with a learning disability when he was in kindergarten and she soon realized that she would need to advocate for and support him through his educational journey. When asked what motivates her to bring her best to her students and the learning environments she teaches in every day, Rosalyn shared "I want to create long-lasting and meaningful relationships in my community. The community I come from needs people like me, someone who cares about their children, their livelihood, and positive outcomes." Read more of Ms. Rosalyn's story on our website.

PLANNING FOR PPP:

ARE YOU ON TRACK?

- Last month, the Teacher Pathway Team introduced our Academic Planner. This valuable tool allows both mentees and mentors to not only identify how close they are to completing all general education prerequisites required for acceptance into Paraprofessional Pathways Project (***PPP***), but will also aid mentors and mentees in developing a timeline and plan to enroll in and complete any outstanding courses.
- This tool will also aid mentees in exploring and committing to professional development goals and provide opportunities to develop skills vital to their success as an educator.
- The Teacher Pathway Team will review all submitted Academic Plans to determine which mentees, who were not accepted into the upcoming 2023 **PPP** cohort, will continue in the Teacher Pathway Program.
- Just a friendly reminder: All mentees must submit their completed Academic Plans no later than 4/10/2023.

MENTORING RESOURCES

- Did you know that March is **National Disability Awareness** and **National Developmental Disabilities Month**? As educators, your ability to "see the able, not the label" is vital to the success of all of your students.
- Visit our Virtual Mentoring Resource Center to access helpful tools on your mentoring journey!
- 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.

PATHWAY PARTNERS

STUDY.COM

PEF is partnering with study.com to provide free online Praxis tutorial programming for mentees in the Teacher Pathway program. These resources would typically cost participants $720; however, it is being provided to all mentees at no charge. Please click here to receive access to Study.com resources. Once mentees complete the initial survey at this link, they will receive an email with an access code and a link to the tutorial materials. The Teacher Pathway team is grateful to Study.com for providing this opportunity for our mentees, as it provides mentees a strong foundation for the Praxis test. Participants who have completed this online Praxis tutorial have a 92% pass rate on the actual Praxis exam. If you have taken the Praxis exam in the past five years and did not pass, please check your email for an important update from the Teacher Pathway team!

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