ALONG THE PATHWAY

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MONTHLY UPDATE

In honor of National School Library Month, this month's issue of *Along the Pathway* is celebrating this vital aspect of our local learning environments that provide essential academic resources to both our educators and students. Celebrated every April by many school library programs, children and adults gather to demonstrate their love and appreciation for literature as well as the work of librarians who deeply to the learning and development of children. Dr. Beverly S. Mathis, Vice President of Family Engagement and Early Learning at the Public Education Foundation, strongly feels that libraries play a vital role in the success of every Clark County School District student. “Reading is the foundation of life! Nothing replaces books,” says Dr. Mathis.

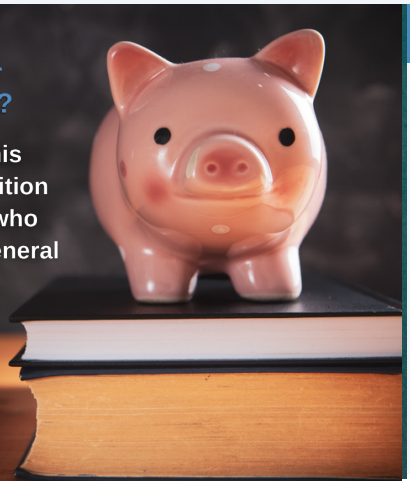
Current Mentoring Connections:	Positive Participant Experience:	Messages Exchanged:	Meetings Scheduled:
102	92%	317	131

*All data represents last 30 days

Have you applied for the Teacher Pathway Summer Semester Scholarship yet?

We are excited to announce this scholarship which will fund tuition costs for all current mentees who are enrolled in prerequisite General Education courses during the summer 2023 semester.

For additional information, please contact teacher.pathway@thepef.org



Path to PPP

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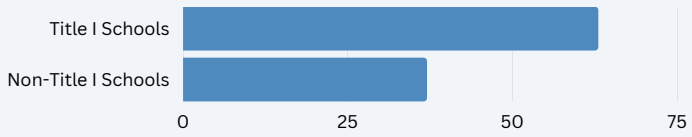
# of schools represented by mentees accepted into PPP 23 Cohort

49% of current Teacher Pathway mentees will be moving on to PPP



COMMUNITY CORNER

UNLV College of Education’s Paraprofessional Pathways Project (PPP) provides a fast-track, high-quality pathway for paraprofessionals and school support professionals to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in education and complete qualifications for teacher licensure in a single academic year. PEF's Teacher Pathway helps current paraprofessionals become licensed teachers by aiming to ensure mentees are prepared for and accepted into PPP at the end of their mentorship. "One of the most valuable aspects of the PPP program is that it provides an opportunity for those dedicated school support professionals to move into a teaching role," says Program Manager Morgan Jackson. For additional information regarding this dynamic partnership, please contact teacher.pathway@thepef.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/28/23 is Global Pay It Forward Day! Don't forget to take time on this day to reinvest the good deeds you've received and make someone's day a little brighter
- The Teacher Pathway Team is excited to celebrate cohort 2.0's upcoming graduation from the Paraprofessional Pathways Project on May 10, 2023.
- Visit our online event calendar for more events.

PEF Teacher PATHWAY

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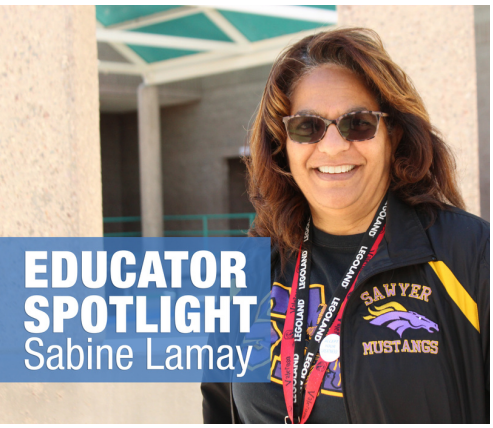
Teacher Pathway *recruits, supports, and retains diverse, qualified individuals committed to a teaching career in CCSD. This "grow your own" teacher training program helps current paraprofessionals become licensed teachers to address Clark County's chronic teacher shortage.*



Sabine Lamay credits her love for reading and the sanctuary libraries provided for developing her passion for education and exploration that she now shares with her students at Grant Sawyer Middle School. Following the earlier part of her life being spent abroad, Sabine and her family established roots in Las Vegas. While working in real estate, she found herself becoming familiar with the needs of our students in southern Nevada, primarily those of her grandson, through volunteerism both she and her mother participated in at Frank Kim Elementary School. After joining CCSD as a Self-Contained Aide, Sabine became an advocate and champion for her students' right to access resources and experiences that ultimately allowed them to improve their literacy skills. She is proud to be on the path to becoming a licensed teacher through Teacher Pathway, sharing "I believe helping young people succeed in life is my calling. I have always been a teacher in every part of my life, the classroom is where I should have been all along." Read more of Sabine's story on our website.

TP RECRUITMENT:

DO YOU KNOW A FUTURE EDUCATOR IN THE MAKING?

Teacher Pathway recruits, supports, and retains diverse, qualified paraprofessionals currently working in Nevada schools who are committed to advancing their careers to become licensed educators. Our upcoming cohort will feature 30 mentors and 120 mentees and we invite local educators to join us!

- Mentees will have an opportunity to develop career-based skills and cultivate their professional network while receiving support from a dedicated mentor. Additionally, support services like scholarship opportunities, a stipend of $250 per semester to assist in educational expenses, Praxis preparation materials, exam fee reimbursement, and more are available to mentees.
- Mentors will participate in training coordinated by PEF and spend at least 1-3 hours per month supporting mentees as they develop and work toward professional goals while seeking ways to achieve objectives and contribute ideas for solving particular problems.

If there is an educator you know who would make a great mentor or mentee, please contact teacher.pathway@thepef.org

MENTORING RESOURCES

- Did you know that April is ***School Library Month***? The Teacher Pathway Team encourages you to visit this center of learning with your students this month to rediscover the magic within the pages of the books on the shelves! Children that take part in reading for 20+ minutes a day have a greater chance of doing better on tests than 90% of their classmates.
- 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 - FOUNDATION XNL

PEF is excited to partner with Foundation XNL and appreciates the generous donations made to the Teacher Pathway initiative during its inaugural year. Funding was utilized, in part, to provide stipends for both mentor teachers and mentee paraprofessionals. The mission of Foundation XNL is to support the children in our community with a focus on education and overall health and wellness. Foundation XNL has been donating to many local nonprofits over the past year and believes that money given to programming goes much further when supported by strong leadership. They are currently working to support local school leaders in some of our most vulnerable schools. We sincerely appreciate their commitment to public education and their willingness to help PEF provide an innovative solution to the current teacher shortage crisis that is having a tremendous impact on the students of Southern Nevada. PEF looks forward to the continued partnership and deeply appreciates the support of Foundation XNL.

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