ALONG THE PATHWAY

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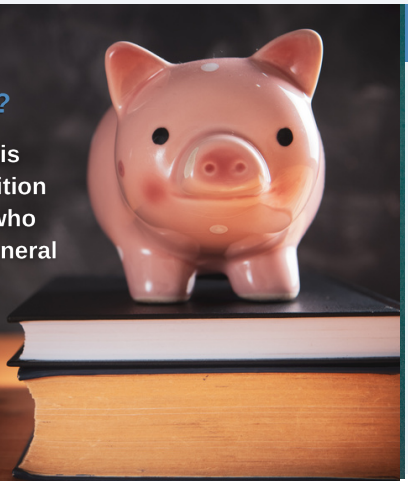
MONTHLY UPDATE

In honor of mentees in our current cohort who will be transitioning to UNLV's Paraprofessional Pathways Project, *Along the Pathway* celebrates Giselle Lowe and her peers and the successful completion of their participation in the Teacher Pathway program. As we wish them continued success on their journey toward licensure, we share the following words of wisdom from renowned educator Dr. Yong Zhao: "Each of us needs to believe that we can make that difference we believe in…Students need to believe that making a difference is possible and I can make that difference."

Here's to our mentees making the difference they seek to as educators!

Mentees Progressing to PPP:	Mentees for Upcoming Cohort:	Mentors for Upcoming Cohort:	Total Scholarships Awarded:
52	120	30	$66,198.84

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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Percent of Mentees/Mentors from Rural/Washoe/Charter Nevada

120 mentees
30 mentors

Diversity Targets:
70% mentee, 60% mentor

COMMUNITY CORNER

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude to all the mentors, mentees, and sponsors who played a significant role in making the first year of our Teacher Pathway program a tremendous success.

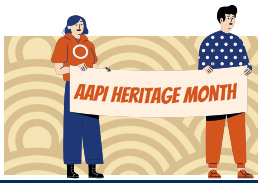
To all the mentors who selflessly shared their time, knowledge, and experiences, I extend my heartfelt appreciation. Your commitment to guiding and nurturing these future teachers has been truly inspiring. To our mentees, I want to express my admiration for your enthusiasm, determination, and willingness to learn. Your openness to guidance and your eagerness to embrace new opportunities have been commendable. The progress you have made throughout the program is a testament to your dedication and hard work. I would also like to express my gratitude to our sponsors and partners who generously supported this program. Your financial contributions and resources played a crucial role in making this mentoring initiative possible.

Together, we have achieved remarkable success; however, this is just the beginning. As we reflect on the positive outcomes and accomplishments, we will forge a path next year to achieve even greater success.

Grant Hanevold, **Chief Education Officer**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/13/2023 PEF will be hosting our inaugural Black Girl Magic Juneteenth Jubilee Luncheon! This event will be a celebration of the impact educators have on our community and of the powerful African-American women who have rooted themselves as sources of encouragement and inspiration.
- The Teacher Pathway Team Office Hours will resume in August 2023. Stay tuned for an invite.
- Visit our online event calendar for more events.



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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.*

Southern Nevadan transplant Giselle Lowe is a prime example that it is never too late to go after your passions! After a full career in Aviation as an attendant, Giselle made a shift to education and has worked as an Instructional Assistant for the past four years. Upon learning about PEF's Teacher Pathway program, she realized that she could inspire and motivate her students by completing her Bachelor's degree and receiving her teaching license. Giselle quickly dove into the program, regularly connecting with her mentor and taking full advantage of the resources provided to her as a mentee. She believes so strongly in the program that she recently testified in support of its work to the Nevada State Senate Committee on Education! We celebrate Mrs. Giselle Lowe as she prepares to participate in UNLV's Paraprofessional Pathways Project and look forward to seeing her future success. Read the full 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

- May is Latino Books Month. During this month, we celebrate and explore books written by Latino and Latina authors. Check out a list of recommendations here.
- Did you know that May 31 is National Meditation Day? Teachers may encounter a variety of stressors throughout their careers. Meditation can provide a great way to navigate these challenges while providing additional benefits such as an increase in: self-confidence, empathy, emotional resilience, patience, focus, and thoughtful communication. We encourage you to take a moment to explore free meditation resources here.
- The Teacher Pathway Team Office Hours will resume in August 2023. Stay tuned for an invite.
- Visit our Virtual Mentoring Resource Center to access helpful tools on your mentoring journey!

PATHWAY PARTNERS - NEVADA GOLD MINES

Nevada Gold Mines (NGM) is investing in Nevada's future educators through the Public Education Foundation's Teacher Pathway program. NGM builds on its past support of public schools by providing financial support to current paraprofessionals and guest teachers working towards becoming licensed educators. This investment by NGM will support candidates as they work to complete courses to prepare them for UNLV's PPP program. On average, participants in the Teacher Pathway program have an additional five college courses to complete before they can enter the program. Through NGM's support, 41 candidates have received financial support to complete their courses and apply for their teacher training program. An additional group of candidates will receive financial support for summer 2023.

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