ALONG THE PATHWAY

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MONTHLY UPDATE

As the weather starts to cool down and we look forward to celebrating Nevada Day, the Teacher Pathway Team hopes you're finding ways to stay cozy and comfortable. A great way to embrace the Autumn season is by celebrating National Book Month. So, why not curl up with a good book or two? In this issue, we are thrilled to feature Zivon Sewell, a mentee who has taken an unconventional approach to pursuing her dream of becoming a licensed educator. With support from her family and Principal at Sandy Searles Miller Academy, Zivon is making incredible strides toward her goals. And if you're looking to follow in her footsteps, you're in luck! The Teacher Pathway Team is excited to announce that applications are now open for the 5th Paraprofessional Pathways Project cohort, which is set to begin this December. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to kickstart your career in education!

Messages Exchanged:	Meetings Scheduled:	Tasks Completed:
664	182	183

*All data represents last 30 days

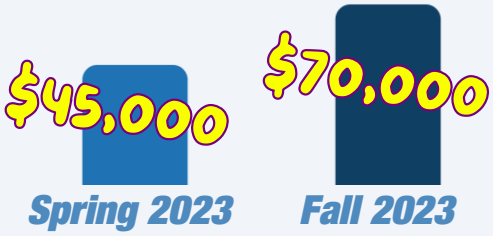
Do You Have a Plan for Academic Success?

The Teacher Pathway Team has created an Academic Plan to assist mentees in identifying which General Education Prerequisite requirements they have fulfilled and which ones they still need to meet. It is crucial that mentees review their Academic Plan with their mentor to ensure that they are on track to complete the requirements in time to enroll in UNLV's PPP June 2024 cohort.

Path to PPP

Teacher Pathway Scholarships

Mentees received almost $70,000 in scholarships this fall compared to $45,000 last spring



COMMUNITY CORNER

The Paraprofessional Pathway Project (PPP) offers an innovative and empowering opportunity for paraprofessionals and guest teachers to advance their careers in education. By addressing the critical need for qualified educators, the PPP aims to produce highly skilled teachers who will improve the quality of education in Nevada's schools, particularly in high-need areas. The program seeks to harness the existing expertise and experience of these educators while providing them with the necessary training and support to transition into teaching roles. The PEF Teacher Pathway program's primary mission is to prepare its participants to enroll in the PPP, and every Teacher Pathway mentee is encouraged and expected to apply for the next PPP cohort by November 12, 2023. Together, we can inspire and empower paraprofessionals to pursue rewarding careers in education, while positively impacting the educational landscape in Nevada.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Upcoming Book Bus appearances:
- Las Vegas Book Festival
- Nevada Day Celebrations
- Visit our online event calendar for more events.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOOK BUS HERE

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.*

Zivon Sewell is an inspiring Teacher Pathway mentee who has found her true calling in teaching. She is passionate about helping her students reach their full potential and achieve success in life. With her unwavering commitment to lifelong learning and dedication to her students, Zivon embodies the spirit of an exceptional educator. Despite the challenges she has faced on her journey to licensure, Zivon remains motivated by the positive impact she can make in her students' lives. Her experience with Teacher Pathway has been a source of guidance and support, enabling her to grow and thrive as an educator. Zivon's story is a testament to the power of perseverance, hard work, and the unwavering belief in the transformative power of education.

Read more of Zivon's story on our website.

TP RECRUITMENT:

DO YOU KNOW A FUTURE EDUCATOR IN THE MAKING?

The Teacher Pathway program is designed to recruit, support, and retain qualified paraprofessionals who are currently working in Nevada schools and are committed to advancing their careers by becoming licensed educators. We recently invited local educators to join our current cohort, which will consist of 38 mentors and up to 150 mentees. This year, the program aims to ensure that 20% of mentees are from rural or charter school districts and that over 70% of program participants (mentors and mentees) come from diverse backgrounds.

- 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 with 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 October is National Book Month?
- The Book Bus will connect Clark County students with free books to increase reading at home and encourage students to enjoy reading. Learn about the Book Bus and how to bring it to your school at https://engage.ccsd.net/bookbus/.
- As we prepare to celebrate Nevada Day on 10/27, we encourage you to take inspiration from famous Nevadan educators Sarah Winnemucca and Pat Nixon who dedicated their lives to the success of all students through access and literacy respectively.
- Join Grant and Ashlie for The Teacher Pathway Team hosts Office Hours Every Monday from 3:30 - 4:30 PM.
- October is National Learning and Development Month! Take some time to review your goals with your mentor during this month.

INVESTING IN THE HUMAN NEED OF EDUCATION

PEF is incredibly grateful for MGM Resorts International's contribution to the Teacher Pathway program, which has had a significant and far-reaching impact on our mission of fostering a highly qualified and diverse teaching workforce. With their support, we have been able to reach a broader audience of prospective educators, including individuals from underrepresented backgrounds and those seeking to transition into the teaching profession. This expanded outreach aligns with our commitment to diversity and inclusion in the field of education. By investing in the development of highly qualified educators, MGM has also demonstrated its commitment to the educational success and future prospects of our students. Their support has provided critical financial stability to our program, ensuring that we can continue to offer scholarships, mentorship, and support to aspiring educators. Their generosity underscores the significance of public-private partnerships in advancing education and creating opportunities for future generations. They have not only transformed the lives of individual participants, but have ahad a lasting impact on the quality of education in our community.

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