ALONG THE PATHWAY

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MONTHLY UPDATE

We are excited to share some news that The Teacher Pathway recently had a successful "Fund-A-Need" campaign at the Public Education Foundation's Golden Apple Gala on January 5, 2024, which ensured 40 of our mentees will be able to continue on their journey to licensure.

February is National Time Management Month (USA), and we encourage our readers to take some time to review how they are using their time to work on their goals, especially when preparing for the Praxis exams.

As February is also Black History Month, the Teacher Pathway Team celebrates the legacy of impactful African-American Educators who have paved the way for future generations. We honor the legacy of educators such as Marva Collins, Booker T. Washington, Gloria Ladson-Billings, Carter G. Woodson, and Mary McLeod Bethune, who once said, "Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom." She also said, "I never stop to plan. I take things step by step." Let's take these words to heart as we continue on our journey towards becoming successful educators.

2022-23 TP to PPP participants:	2023-24 Midyear TP to PPP participants:	2023-24 Current TP + RSA participants	2023-24 Current TP only:
54	33	118	31

* 1st semester of the 2023-24 school year

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

Participants from Rural/Northern/ Charter Nevada

- 12.8% of Mentees
- 11.9% of Mentors

Participants from Diverse Backgrounds

- 62.5% of Mentees
- 50% of Mentors

TEACHER PATHWAY PROGRAM CELEBRATED AT PEF'S GOLDEN APPLE GALA

The Public Education Foundation and the Teacher Pathway team are immensely grateful and would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to Select Health, The Alan & Christy Molasky Family Foundation, and the John C. Kish Foundation for their incredible support during our Fund A Need event at our recent Gala. The donations made by them were instrumental in inspiring others attending the event to support our cause of assisting paraprofessionals in their journey to becoming certified teachers. Their generosity has helped us raise over $70,000 for the Teacher Pathway at the Gala, which will go a long way in helping us achieve our goal of empowering aspiring teachers and enhancing the quality of education in our community.

We are incredibly thankful to Barbara Molasky and Select Health for their unwavering support and commitment to our cause. Their contributions have made a significant impact on the lives of many aspiring teachers and have helped us take a step forward in our mission to transform our education system for the better. We hope to continue working with such amazing donors and supporters to bring about a positive change in our society.

PEF Teacher PATHWAY

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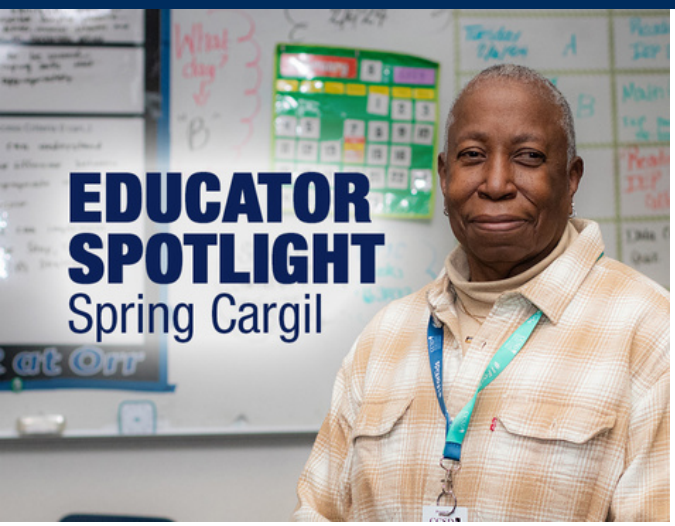
Teacher Pathway *recruits, supports, and retains diverse, qualified individuals committed to a teaching career in CCSD. This "grow your own" teacher training program helps current paraprofessionals become licensed teachers to address Clark County's chronic teacher shortage.*



Spring Cargil's passion for teaching was ignited after spending 26 years in law enforcement and witnessing something amiss in the education system. Her journey has been one of self-discovery and determination to make a difference in children's lives. Her experience with Teacher Pathway has been nothing short of amazing, and the support offered by the program has been invaluable. The guidance provided has helped her navigate her journey without encountering any significant barriers.

Cargil's mentor Lenodrus Wright has been a source of inspiration and has made her feel comfortable seeking help. Her passion for teaching and desire to make a difference keep her motivated to stay the course. Cargil's story is a testament to the transformative power of education and the importance of pursuing one's dreams. The Teacher Pathway program welcomes everyone who shares this passion and seeks to make a difference in children's lives.

Read more of Spring's story on our website.

REBEL START ACADEMY CORNER

We are thrilled to celebrate your participation in UNLV's Rebel Start Academy. RSA offers specially designed courses focusing on the needs of non-traditional students. It's an ideal program for those who wish to pursue a career in teaching and successfully apply for UNLV's Paraprofessional Pathway Project.

We remind all RSA participants that their tuition and fees are covered by the program and that they will be assigned an Academic Advisor by UNLV. Please feel free to contact RSA@unlv.edu if you have any questions. We wish all RSA participants the best for their academic journey.

MENTORING RESOURCES

- Did you know that 24 Clark County schools are named after influential African Americans, like Dr. Beverly S. Mathis. During Black History Month, these namesakes and their families will visit their respective schools on 2/9/24 for a "Special Namesake Assembly" to share their stories. Visit a namesake school to learn more about African Americans who made a difference in Nevada.
- The Teacher Pathway Team encourages you to review the updated Praxis preparation materials from Study.com. Visit our Chronus Announcements for details on how to access them.
- Don't forget to submit your Praxis Reimbursement request as soon as you register for your next Praxis exam!
- Join Grant and Ashlie for Office Hours Every Monday from 3:30 - 4:30 PM.

TEACHER PATHWAY TALES: NEVADA'S FUTURE EDUCATORS SPEAK

"I cannot express enough gratitude towards the Public Education Foundation, you, and my mentor, Amy Bonzo. Your generous support in financing my coursework and providing me with one-to-one guidance and assistance has been a true game-changer in my life. Thanks to the PEF's financial aid, I could focus on my studies without the overwhelming burden of financial stress. This allowed me to delve deeper into my academic pursuits, explore new subjects, and truly excel in my classes. The impact of the Public Education Foundation's generosity extends far beyond alleviating financial worries. It nurtured my academic confidence and provided the critical stepping stone I needed to achieve my dream of attending UNLV. Knowing that a community cared about my education and believed in my potential filled me with unwavering motivation and determination. Today, as I stand on the cusp of this exciting new chapter at UNLV, I do so with a heart brimming with gratitude. Your belief in me has pushed me further than I ever thought possible, and I carry your, Amy's, and the Public Education Foundation's unwavering support with me as I embark on this next chapter. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for making this dream a reality."

- Future Educator Sonia Grasso

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