ON THE FastTrack

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MONTHLY UPDATE

Welcome to the January issue of On the FastTrack! Teacher FastTrack Team kicked of the new year by showcasing this program's remarkable achievements in 2024 at the Public Education Foundation's recent Golden Apple Gala.

We also celebrated the latest cohort of graduates from UNLV's NV Forward Apprenticeship program. These dedicated individuals have undergone rigorous training and have honed their skills, positioning them to make a significant and positive impact in the classrooms of Nevada and we look forward to seeing them thrive in their new roles.

January is also National Mentoring Month—a time to reflect on the invaluable influence of mentorship in the field of education. We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and honor the dedication of our 57 Teacher FastTrack Recruit mentors. Their unwavering support and guidance play a crucial role in shaping the next generation of educators, ensuring they are well-equipped to inspire their students.

We encourage everyone to observe January 21, 2025, as a special day to connect with a mentor who has made a difference in your educational journey. Expressing gratitude to those who have guided you can create powerful moments of appreciation and recognition. As we look ahead, let's embrace a year filled with hope, inspiration, and new possibilities. Together, we can continue to strengthen the fabric of education in our community and empower each other on this important journey.

1,300+ current CCSD Non-Licensed Employees interested in becoming licensed educators

34.6% are interested in becoming an Elementary Educator

34.6% are interested in becoming an Early Childhood Educator

30.8% are interested in becoming a Special Education Educator

*Data collected from a recent survey sent to CCSD non-licensed personnel

TOP 5 MENTORING BENEFITS FOR FUTURE EDUCATORS

- Builds Confidence
- Access to a Supportive Community
- Professional Development
- Create Career Goals
- Early Skillset Development

Path to UAP

Diversifying the Future Educator Pipeliine

Data collected from a recent survey sent to CCSD non-licensed personnel

72%

POTENTIAL FUTURE EDUCATORS OF NEVADA FROM DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

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Teacher FastTrack *addresses the teacher shortage crisis by identifying school employees who dream of becoming licensed teachers and preparing them for a fast-track preparation program at UNLV. We also mentor hundreds of new teachers through the first three years in their own classrooms.*

A Full-Circle Celebration: A Mentor's Role in Supporting Future Educators

A Passion for Teaching

Jeannine Martucci started her education career after graduating from UNLV College of Education. In grade school, a teacher recognized her talent for helping others learn to tell time and invited her to assist a fellow student. "I was hooked," she recalls. This experience inspired her to shape young minds throughout her career.

Inspiration Through Mentorship

During student teaching, Jeannine had a mentor who provided crucial support. "She helped me see the value in supporting learners, especially those in tough situations," Jeannine says. This guidance shaped her teaching philosophy. She supports the Clark County School District's mission of "Every Student A Success," knowing educators can positively impact their students.

Empowering Future Teachers

As a mentor in the Teacher Pathway program, Jeannine shares her experience with new teachers. She believes in helping paraprofessionals earn their teaching licenses. Celebrating her mentee Sabine's graduation filled her with joy and pride. Jeannine knows professional development and peer support are essential. She reminds future educators that teaching can be challenging, but it's rewarding. Her advice is, "Get started and see that you know more than you realize. Being an educator is worth it."

Jeannine's commitment to teaching and mentorship helps build a strong teaching community and a bright future for education.

Jeannine and her former mentee Sabine Lamay celebrating Sabine's graduation

Read more of Jeannine's story on our website

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO THE CAESARS FOUNDATION FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE TEACHER FASTTRACK PROGRAM

The Public Education Foundation (PEF) is incredibly grateful to the Caesars Foundation for their unwavering support of our Teacher FastTrack Program. Since the program's inception over three years ago, the Caesars Foundation has been a vital partner, providing generous funding that has enabled us to expand and strengthen our efforts to recruit, train, and retain the next generation of educators in Nevada.

Thanks to their commitment, we've been able to provide crucial resources 'that directly benefit both teachers and students across the state. Their support has made it possible for us to fund mentor stipends, mentee stipends, staffing costs, technology needs, and scholarships—all essential components that ensure the success of our participants and the growth of the program.

The Teacher FastTrack Program helps aspiring teachers earn their certification in Nevada, ensuring that every student in our state has access to qualified, passionate educators. It's only through partnerships like the one we share with the Caesars Foundation that we can make meaningful strides toward this important goal. Their dedication to the future of Nevada's students is something we deeply appreciate, and we look forward to continuing this impactful collaboration. On behalf of the teachers, mentors, and students who have benefited from this incredible partnership, thank you to the Caesars Foundation for believing in the power of education and for helping us make a lasting difference in Nevada's classrooms.

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