BYU PATHWAY WORLDWIDE

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Generations of Disciple Leaders

A DECADE OF BYU-PATHWAY WORLDWIDE





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Message from the President

THE PIONEER'S HEART

Remarks adapted from a devotional address, "The Pioneer's Heart: BYU-Pathway at Year 10," given to BYU-Pathway students on September 24, 2019.

"I'm especially grateful for the hand of the Lord guiding us with every step, much like He guided the pioneers as they made their way through uncharted territory...."



In September 2009, 50 students and six missionaries took the first steps on a unique educational journey, not knowing exactly where it would lead. Most of us never imagined that, within a decade, those small gatherings in three locations in the United States would grow to become a worldwide organization, serving tens of thousands of students annually.

BYU-Pathway students carry the Pioneer's Heart. I love the painting by Minerva Teichert entitled *Handcart Pioneers*. As this pioneer sister looks forward, she sees the goal she has so long been pursuing. As she looks back, she is almost beckoning others to follow her and to come and see what the Lord has in store.

Those early pioneers brought a spirit of humility and frugality, a faith and optimism for the unknown, a longing for prophetic direction, and a spirit of personal sacrifice to their trek west.[1] This is how we approached the beginnings of BYU-Pathway. The Pioneer's Heart definitively shaped the development of this organization.

The earliest concepts for Pathway were focused on building a bridge to college through life skills courses and job-focused certificates. Elder Kim B. Clark, then president of BYU-Idaho, sought counsel on those early impressions (see pages 26–27). The Church Board of Education granted BYU-Idaho the approval to run limited pilots in Manhattan, New York; Mesa, Arizona; and Nampa, Idaho (see pages 22–25).

The Board's decision to limit the early pilot sites proved providential because our early assumptions were a little bit right and a little bit wrong, and we needed the time — and the humility — to learn and adapt.

As we promoted the pilot and talked to more people, it became clear there was an unmet need for adult learners across the Church. In June 2011, the Board approved PathwayConnect for students age 31 and up.

Similarly, the lower cost and online structure of BYU-Pathway opened the possibility to expand beyond the United States. Following Board approval, BYU-Pathway launched its first international location in Accra, Ghana, in January 2011.

Eventually, the number of students in PathwayConnect and in BYU-Idaho online degree programs would exceed the number of students on the BYU-Idaho campus. On February 7, 2017, the First Presidency announced the creation of BYU-Pathway Worldwide, with the responsibility for PathwayConnect and the coordination of online degree programs across the Church Educational System.

We continue to see the Lord's hand in our efforts. This year alone, Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf encouraged all of us to invite others to "come and see" what BYU-Pathway has to offer (see pages 34–35). We added virtual gatherings and announced that all returning missionaries are pre-approved for admission to PathwayConnect (see pages 12–15).

As BYU-Pathway Worldwide celebrated its 10-year anniversary in 2019 (see pages 20–21), I have had the opportunity to reflect on its humble beginnings and its tremendous growth. I'm thankful for the dedicated missionary force we've had; for the significant impact we've seen throughout the Church; and for the roughly 116,000 students who have participated in our programs since 2009. I'm especially grateful for the hand of the Lord guiding us with every step, much like He guided the pioneers as they made their way through uncharted territory to the Salt Lake Valley.

It is my prayer that, as we celebrate year 10, we look back with appreciation for the great things that have happened and move forward with more dedication than ever before. I know the Lord is laboring alongside us to bring the blessings of education to even more of His children.[2] This is His work, and I'm grateful for all who are a part of it.

All my best,



CLARK G. GILBERT

President of BYU-Pathway Worldwide

1. See Clark G. Gilbert, "Inaugural Response" (Brigham Young University-Idaho Inauguration, Sept. 15, 2015), www.byui.edu/foundational-addresses/inaugural-response-clark-g-gilbert
2. See Doctrine and Covenants 88:52



Handcart Pioneers, by Minerva Teichert © by Intellectual Reserve, Inc.

KEY MILESTONES

In 2019, BYU-Pathway Worldwide provided higher education through the following advancements:

EnglishConnect Enrollment
February 2019

EnglishConnect is a collaboration between BYU-Pathway, Welfare and Self-Reliance, and the Missionary Department to help individuals develop English proficiency in a gospel-centered environment. Learning English can increase educational and employment opportunities. Enrollment in EnglishConnect 1 & 2 increased to 72,000 students, 13% of which are not members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. EnglishConnect 3 piloted in 14 locations in Asia, Asia North, Brazil, Central America, Mexico, Philippines, South America South, and the United States, with additional locations being added in 2020.



Returned Missionary Preapproval
May 2019

BYU-Pathway began pre-approving all young returning missionaries, including early-release and service missionaries, for admission to PathwayConnect. This opportunity makes affordable higher education more accessible to returned missionaries, provides them with a gospel-centered learning environment, and eases their transition from life as a missionary.



Partnership with Welfare and Self-Reliance
March 2019

BYU-Pathway partnered with Welfare and Self-Reliance to increase worldwide awareness of educational opportunities available through BYU-Pathway by working closely with local priesthood leadership. Training materials were created for local leaders worldwide, and several new PathwayConnect locations were launched by Welfare and Self-Reliance managers under the direction of BYU-Pathway area managers.

Returned Missionary Scholarships
May 2019

BYU-Pathway expanded its scholarship program for returned missionaries. Missionaries in select areas who have returned in the past five years are eligible to receive a 25% or 50% tuition discount for PathwayConnect. These scholarships are currently available in nine areas and will expand to additional areas throughout 2020.

As a result of missionary preapproval and scholarships, the number of returned missionaries enrolled in PathwayConnect has increased 78% from September 2018 to September 2019.

Media Visibility
May–October 2019

BYU-Pathway received significant media coverage during 2019, including a feature article in the *Ensign*, several *Church News* articles, as well as coverage in *LDS Living*, *Deseret News*, and a variety of other media outlets.

PathwayConnect Student Portal
September 2019

BYU-Pathway launched an enhanced version of the PathwayConnect student portal, where students can access and register for courses, see information about their gathering, pay tuition, and more. The personal assistant within the portal was also enhanced to send messages based on student demographics.

Increased Retention through Predictive Analytics
November 2019

Throughout 2019, BYU-Pathway used predictive analytics personalized at the student level to help mentors proactively reach out to students. BYU-Pathway tested interventions on randomized student groups to evaluate how receiving automated help, support calls, or mentor outreach impacted them. They also interviewed employees, missionaries, instructors, and mentors to learn how predictive analytics can be improved to increase student success and retention rates.

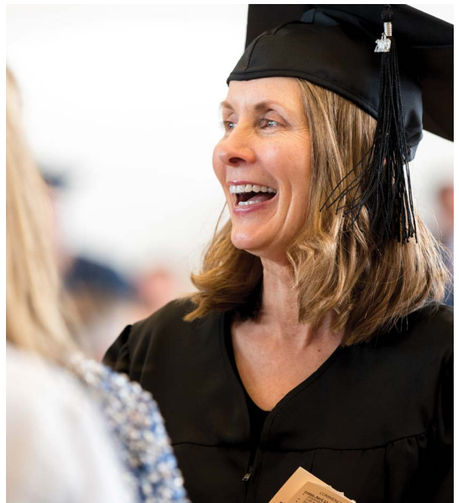


A Special Invitation from Elder Uchtdorf
July 2019

In a message to BYU-Pathway students, Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf, of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, encouraged students to invite their friends and family to enroll in BYU-Pathway. He promised students that the people they invite to "come and see" what BYU-Pathway has to offer will feel the Savior's love and experience spiritual and academic progress.

Expanded Eligibility
October 2019

Applicants previously had to earn a minimum of 15 credits at a Church-sponsored university to be eligible to earn a BYU-Idaho degree online, presented and coordinated by BYU-Pathway. The residency requirement was lifted, allowing more people to enroll directly in a BYU-Idaho online degree program. Tuition for this path was also reduced to just $125 USD per credit. (PathwayConnect remains as an alternate path for students to begin a degree at an even lower tuition rate.)



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

BYU-Pathway Worldwide's first decade has been a season of rapid growth and continuous innovation. In 2020, BYU-Pathway will focus on three strategic priorities to simplify, sharpen, and scale its existing efforts.

"For BYU-Pathway to have the impact it needs to have, we have to review everything we do and see if it could be simplified. We are building an institution that needs to be much larger and extremely efficient, but still be personal to the student."

— CLARK G. GILBERT, PRESIDENT, BYU-PATHWAY WORLDWIDE

1 Strengthen Retention

A key focus of BYU-Pathway Worldwide is helping students overcome obstacles to completing their education. In 2019, BYU-Pathway fully launched its mentoring program, and approximately 5,400 first-semester PathwayConnect students received assistance. The organization also introduced retention software and worked closely with missionaries, instructors, and mentors to help students succeed. Efforts to improve retention in 2020 will include focusing on second-semester student retention; simplifying the mentoring model; formalizing the Success Network of missionaries, instructors, and mentors; and leveraging student financial support.

Increase second-semester student retention

Students who stay enrolled after the first semester of PathwayConnect are more likely to complete PathwayConnect. For that reason, a concerted effort will be made to increase retention in this audience group five percentage points above the predicted forecast.

In addition, many students who withdraw from PathwayConnect indicate that they want to reenroll at some point. BYU-Pathway has a goal to increase reenrollments (reups) by five percentage points.

Simplify mentoring model

The mentoring program will be enhanced to better match students to mentors. Additionally, BYU-Pathway will develop simplified processes and formalize the use of nudges and templated scripts to reach even more students.

Expand reach of Success Network

Missionaries and instructors will receive additional resources and training to understand the unique role they play in student retention. Additionally, the mentoring program will become available to students pursuing an online degree program, whereas before, mentoring efforts only focused on PathwayConnect students.

Leverage student financial support to increase enrollment and retention

Generous donations allow BYU-Pathway to help many students who would not otherwise be able to enroll due to financial constraints. To impact more students, scholarships will be expanded for young returned missionaries, and BYU-Pathway will pilot a needs-based scholarship program.

2 Improve Student Experience

BYU-Pathway Worldwide aims to provide students with a streamlined and impactful experience in PathwayConnect and throughout their online degree. After launching a full-feature student portal, rolling out revised PathwayConnect courses, and implementing a new certificate-first degree structure in 2019, efforts for the upcoming year will focus on simplifying the process to apply to and enroll in PathwayConnect, strengthening the efficacy of existing student tools, and refining the curriculum.

Simplify PathwayConnect application, registration, and matriculation processes

Several teams are working to streamline the experience of students as they apply to PathwayConnect, enroll, and then matriculate to an online degree program. Advancements will include opening applications a semester prior, accelerating transcript evaluation, and automating returning enrollment in PathwayConnect.

Strengthen user experience and efficacy of student tools

The BYU-Pathway student portal will be improved with extensive user testing, enhancing the personal assistant using artificial intelligence (AI), and strengthening its integration with BYU-Idaho services. To further improve the student experience, the organization plans to create a new student orientation.

The new graduation planning tool aligns with the BYU-Pathway certificate-first degree structure, automatically enrolling students in the courses required for their chosen certificate. Additionally, the tool gives students the ability to plan their schedule and register for classes in the same place.







3 Increase Scalability

As BYU-Pathway Worldwide continues to grow and expand to an increasing number of students, the ability to manage and provide an impactful experience to these students is ever-important. As the organization established a scalable priesthood model and expanded virtual gatherings in 2019, efforts this year will focus on expanding the impact of EnglishConnect, building scalable messaging and student support models, and increasing the scalability of the current field structure.

Expand the impact of EnglishConnect

Efforts will be made to scale EnglishConnect by establishing internal and infield processes, launching a new website, rolling out an English-language learning program for full-time proselyting missionaries, and expanding locations for EnglishConnect 3. BYU-Pathway also has a goal to help at least one-third of EnglishConnect 3 completers continue to PathwayConnect.



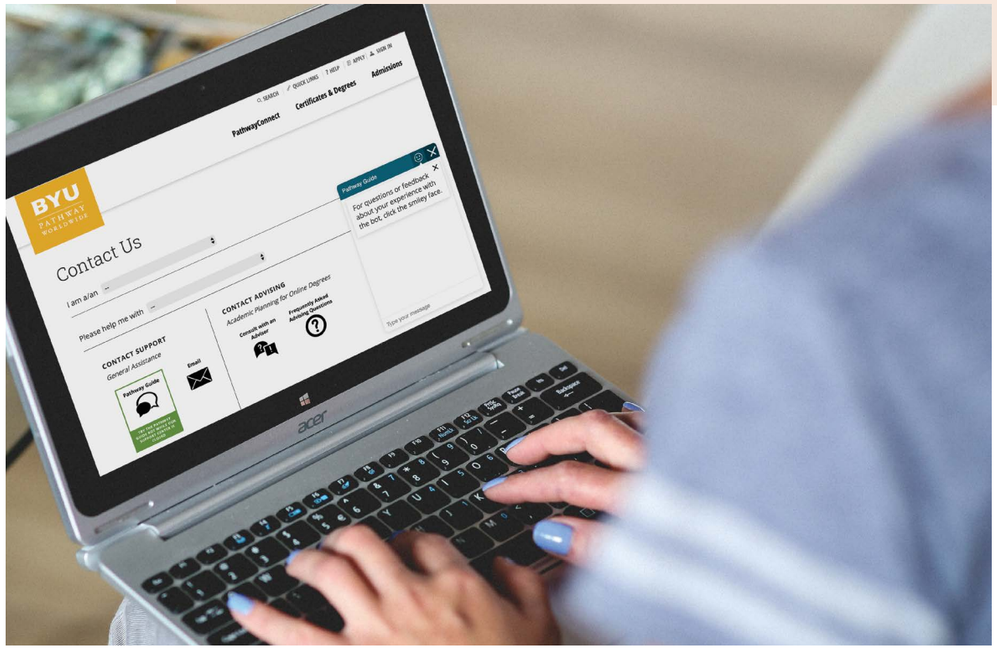


Improve satisfaction for PathwayConnect and online-degree students

Goals for 2020 include increasing overall student satisfaction to 80%, as well as increasing student satisfaction to 75% in the areas of degree planning, academic advising, and student support.

Simplify curriculum and increase pacing

Curriculum for PathwayConnect and online degree programs will be further reviewed in order to identify and reduce unnecessary assignments and establish baseline measures for improvement.



Build scalable messaging model

Messaging systems will be automated to accommodate enrollment growth and better reach individual student types through multiple communication channels. From application to graduation, students will receive messaging that is personalized to their circumstances and targeted at helping them succeed.

Build scalable student support model

BYU-Pathway will implement artificial intelligence and bot technology to better serve a growing worldwide student population. Automated chat services will allow students to quickly get answers to basic questions, and more complicated questions will be escalated to a support representative.

Increase scalability of field structure

In 2020, BYU-Pathway will continue to build relationships with strategic partners, with an emphasis on working more with Welfare and Self-Reliance in the United States and Canada, as well as standardizing how each area operates worldwide. Additionally, online-degree students will participate in a new course designed to significantly improve job placement.



A BEACON OF HOPE

Learn about the announcement — approved by the First Presidency — that has young returning missionaries excited for higher education

BY BREANNE SU'A

Brooklyn Peters had just completed the first week of her full-time mission in Rome, Italy, for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints when she learned that her father had lost his job.

"I was terrified! I started realizing how expensive life is," Brooklyn said. "I'd woven this intricate rug that was my five-year plan for after my mission. It was like someone had pulled it out from under me."



Brooklyn Peters on her mission in Rome, Italy

Twelve weeks before she would return home to California, USA, Brooklyn fasted and prayed that, even with money as tight as it was for her family, Heavenly Father would help her start school when she returned home. Less than a week later, she received an email from BYU-Pathway Worldwide, informing her that she was pre-approved to participate in PathwayConnect.

"It was the most immediate answer to a prayer I had ever gotten — and the most obvious," she said. "The Lord takes care of His servants."

Brooklyn is just one of 100,000 missionaries who have felt hope because of this announcement.

An announcement for all young returning missionaries

In May 2019, BYU-Pathway Worldwide received permission from the First Presidency to notify returning missionaries in the Church, including early-release and service missionaries, that they are pre-approved for admission to PathwayConnect. Knowing that they have an affordable option for education when they return home can help alleviate some of the uncertainty missionaries experience.

Like in Brooklyn's case, returning home from a mission often presents significant changes, challenges, and choices. Missionaries want to keep the sense of purpose and progress they had on their mission. Preapproval for BYU-Pathway's PathwayConnect program makes higher education more accessible and affordable for returned missionaries, providing them with a gospel-centered learning environment and an easier transition from mission life.

Clark G. Gilbert, BYU-Pathway Worldwide president, said, "Our returned missionaries sacrifice up to two years of their lives to serve the Lord, and all too often they come home without any concrete direction or opportunities for what lies ahead. By making it easier for them to enroll in BYU-Pathway Worldwide, we are giving many of them hope and ultimately blessing their families for generations to come."[1]

How it works

As part of this preapproval, young elders and sisters from 145 approved countries are notified through the Church's Missionary Department via email in 11 languages regarding the opportunity to join PathwayConnect. They are notified 12 weeks into their missions, and non-native English-speakers are encouraged to learn English, since that's the language courses are offered in. Twelve weeks before they come home, missionaries are reminded that they are pre-approved for admission to PathwayConnect.

Additionally, local priesthood leaders are notified and encouraged to share this option with missionaries preparing to return home.

Brian K. Ashton, vice president of field operations for BYU-Pathway, said, "[F]or those who need a less expensive option, who need flexibility, who don't have another option, or who need to gain confidence, this is perfect for them."[2]

The impact

In September 2019, out of 15,777 total PathwayConnect students, 3,900 returned missionaries (who came home in the last five years) enrolled compared to 2,835 in September 2018 — a 37.6% increase year over year.

When the emails began, they had an immediate impact — a 78.1% increase in recently returned missionaries who enrolled in PathwayConnect. From May to September 2019, 764 returned missionaries enrolled, while only 429 returned missionaries enrolled between May and September 2018.

Some of this impact may also be attributed to BYU-Pathway's returned missionary scholarships, which are offered as 25% or 50% tuition discounts in select areas of the world to missionaries who have returned

When I first got the news that Pathway was coming to Liberia, I immediately enrolled. We will do everything we can to encourage our returned missionaries to participate in this great opportunity.
– Mustapha K., Bishop, Liberia

It was as if something heavy had been lifted. PathwayConnect has helped me stay close to my Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. It has given me proof of the possibility of success.
– Bright A., student, Ghana



I am excited to join BYU-Pathway as soon as I return. I know that Heavenly Father wants the best for us and that He loves me!
– Jonas M., missionary, Brazil

BYU-Pathway has taught me to have faith and sacrifice my time to learn and improve. This program makes all the difference.
– Tevita T., student, New Zealand



PathwayConnect has changed my life. It has given me the confidence and faith necessary to start on this new path towards self-reliance.

- Daniel M., Student, Portugal

This was one of the biggest blessings of my mission. This opportunity testifies to me that God really loves us and wants us to be educated and prepared for a brighter future.

-Tania I., Student, American Samoa



PathwayConnect was the direction Heavenly Father wanted me to go to start my education. That was something I had been praying about for a long time.

- Summer F., Student, USA

I am very grateful. This program encourages me to continue my academic studies and to be connected with spiritual knowledge. I know that Heavenly Father blesses us if we are faithful and obedient.

- Cintia C., Missionary, Ecuador

in the past five years (see pages 32–33). This preapproval and these scholarships are opening doors for missionaries to earn higher education, prepare to provide for future families, and become strong leaders in the Church.



Preparing future leaders in the Church

BYU-Pathway's mission is "to develop disciples of Jesus Christ who are leaders in their homes, the Church, and their communities." At a dinner for BYU-Pathway supporters in October 2019, President M. Russell Ballard, of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, testified that BYU-Pathway keeps returned missionaries active and prepares great leaders for the Church. He encouraged BYU-Pathway to measure in the future how many students become bishops, elders quorum and Relief Society presidents, stake presidents, and so on.

"And hopefully," he said, "all of them will rise up to hold the most precious, important calling in the Church, and that would be to be a husband, and a wife, and a father, and a mother."

In a recent visit to BYU-Pathway headquarters, Philippines Area President Evan A. Schmutz said, "Education is the key to self-reliance. The Church has created BYU-Pathway Worldwide to build self-reliance and develop the attributes of disciple leadership in its members."[3]

Church leaders throughout the world understand the affordable, life-changing opportunity that BYU-Pathway is for returned missionaries and how it can strengthen leadership in their area.

Richard Rosado, a stake president from the Galápagos Islands, said, "In the last five years, we have sent 14 missionaries to the field with the objective to strengthen leadership. However, even though eight have returned, we haven't seen what we hoped; on our islands, there are no universities and, when people leave to study abroad, we have been left without that leadership contribution. This is precisely why we want to implement [BYU-Pathway programs] in our branch."

Returned missionaries gain exceptional leadership skills on their mission. As they participate in PathwayConnect, the hope is that they not only grow academically but continue to grow spiritually as they prepare to become disciple leaders in the Church, their homes, and their communities.

PathwayConnect made all the difference

For Brooklyn Peters and many other returned missionaries, PathwayConnect is more than just school. Transitioning home from a mission hasn't been easy, but BYU-Pathway has given Brooklyn direction for her future. She's learned to budget so she can become financially self-reliant. While searching for a job, her PathwayConnect gathering group prayed for her and she found work that she loves just two weeks later.

Brooklyn said, "BYU-Pathway is divinely inspired. It's thought out in such a way that anyone can do it, regardless of circumstance."

Brooklyn will complete PathwayConnect in July 2020 and plans to study social media marketing and earn a bachelor's degree online through BYU-Idaho.

"God has priorities — perfect priorities," Brooklyn continued. "PathwayConnect has helped me match my priorities with His. It has not only given me more experience but more time to decide — to figure myself out and realize what I want to be, who I want to be, and what I want to do with my life."



BYU-Pathway gives young returning missionaries direction for the future.

1. "Missionaries Preapproved for BYU-Pathway Worldwide" (May 6, 2019), newsroom.churchofjesuschrist.org
2. Aubrey Eyre, "All returned missionaries now preapproved for enrollment in BYU-Pathway Worldwide's PathwayConnect" (May 6, 2019), www.thechurchnews.com
3. "Education and the Gathering of Israel," (Philippines Area Presidency broadcast, Oct. 12, 2019)

IN THE NEWS

BYU-Pathway Worldwide continues to grow and capture the world's attention with its innovative approach to higher education

Expanding Church Education



BYU-Pathway Worldwide: "A monumental moment in Church education"

***Ensign* | August 2019**

The *Ensign* featured BYU-Pathway's mission, programs, and several student success stories to show how the organization brings affordable gospel-centered higher education to students in all circumstances. In a special worldwide broadcast with the Church Board of Education Executive Committee, Elder Jeffrey R. Holland called BYU-Pathway's growth a "monumental moment in Church education."

Extending Our Reach

New virtual classrooms for PathwayConnect students

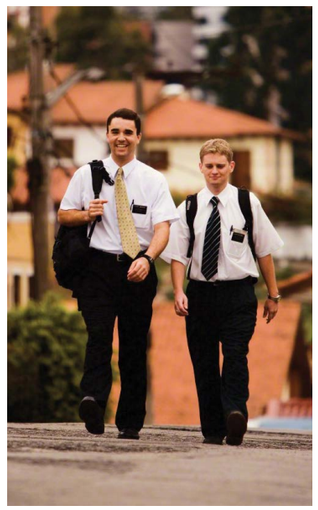
***Church News* | April 2, 2019**

BYU-Pathway extended its reach by offering virtual gatherings worldwide, bringing affordable higher education to individuals previously too distant to attend PathwayConnect gatherings in person, while maintaining a focus on helping students connect with one another and learn collaboratively.

Returned missionaries now pre-approved for enrollment in PathwayConnect

***Church News* | May 6, 2019**

BYU-Pathway announced that all young returning missionaries are pre-approved for admission to PathwayConnect in an effort to provide greater opportunities for affordable higher education and to ease their transition from mission life.



Elder Uchtdorf invites people to "come and see" what BYU-Pathway Worldwide is all about

***Church News* | July 18, 2019**

Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf, of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, encouraged students to invite friends and family to enroll in BYU-Pathway: "I promise you that you will feel the love, gratitude, and blessings of the Savior — in their lives and yours."





BYU-Pathway and Self-Reliance team up to provide educational opportunities

***Church News* | Aug. 11, 2019**

BYU-Pathway partnered with Welfare and Self-Reliance to work more closely with local priesthood leadership and to increase worldwide awareness of the educational opportunities BYU-Pathway provides.

Transforming Higher Education



Ensuring the success of at-risk students entering college

***Boston Globe* | May 28, 2019**

This article from President Clark G. Gilbert explains how BYU-Pathway helps students at risk of not completing their degree succeed in higher education through a certificate-first approach that provides meaningful academic milestones and motivates students to remain enrolled at each stage of their academic journey.



A private college degree for less than $9,000: How BYU-Pathway Worldwide is disrupting higher education

***Deseret News* | Aug. 19, 2019**

BYU-Pathway is disrupting traditional higher education through its remarkably low tuition rates and by providing educational access to a worldwide student body.



A certificate, then a degree

***Education Next* | Oct. 2019**

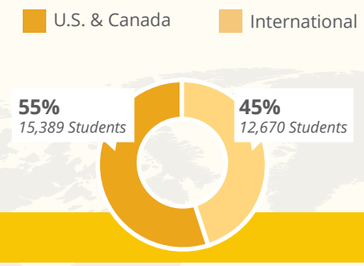
President Gilbert and co-author Michael B. Horn explain how implementing a certificate-first degree approach helps combat student debt and dropout rates by providing marketable skills and credentials that encourage students to remain enrolled. This article was selected as one of the most impactful articles for *Education Next* in 2019.

FACTS & STATISTICS | *2019 Annual Data*

PathwayConnect

28,059
PathwayConnect Students

2.87
Average GPA

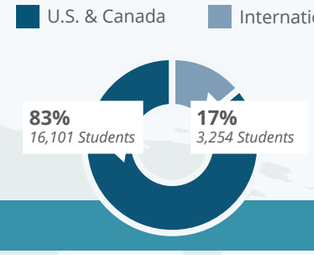


44,482
Total Students Served Through BYU-Pathway Worldwide in 2019*

Certificates & Degrees
OFFERED FROM BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY-IDAHO

19,355
Online-degree Students

3.45
Average GPA



PATHWAYCONNECT LOCATIONS

500+ LOCATIONS

50 U.S. STATES

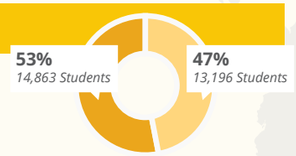
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Largest Student Populations

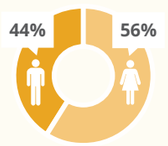
U.S. STATES		INTERNATIONAL	
Utah	*(5,132 students)*	Philippines	*(1,464 students)*
California	*(1,454 students)*	Brazil	*(1,145 students)*
Arizona	*(1,173 students)*	Mexico	*(1,131 students)*

2,584 Service Missionaries

AGE & GENDER



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Median Age



U.S. & Canada
37% | 63%

International
54% | 46%

*Total unduplicated students are comprised of 28,059 PathwayConnect students and 19,355 BYU-Idaho online degree-seeking students.

ACADEMICS

PathwayConnect Completers

9,524 2019

49,883 Cumulative Since 2009

Retention

1st to 2nd Semester: 72%

Completion Rate: 57%

42% Degree Matriculation**

**Average percentage of PathwayConnect completers who enroll in a certificate or degree.

WORLDWIDE ONLINE DEGREE-SEEKERS

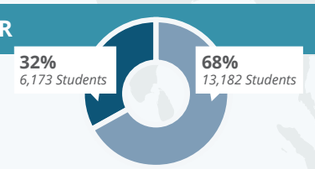
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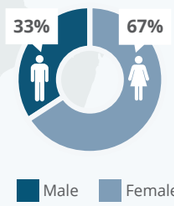
Largest Student Populations

U.S. STATES		INTERNATIONAL	
Utah	*(4,646 students)*	Mexico	*(322 students)*
California	*(1,896 students)*	Brazil	*(293 students)*
Idaho	*(1,460 students)*	Peru	*(211 students)*

AGE & GENDER



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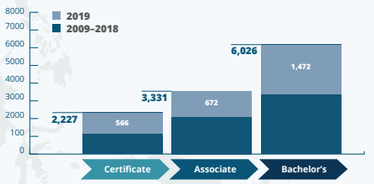


U.S. & Canada
29% | 71%

International
55% | 45%

ACADEMICS

Certificates & Degrees Awarded

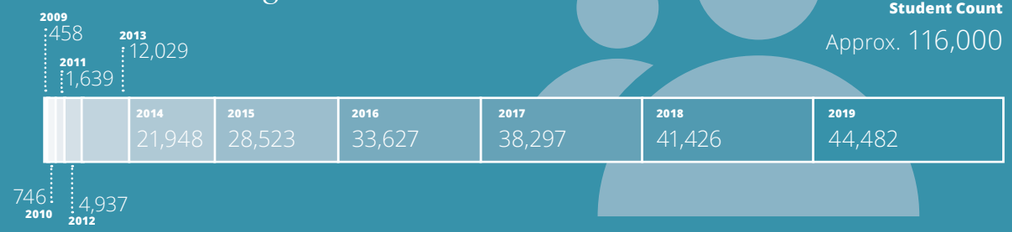


Most Popular Certificates & Degrees

	CERTIFICATES	DEGREES
1	Administrative Assistant	Applied Business Management
2	Family History Research	Professional Studies
3	Basic Accounting	Marriage and Family Studies

A Decade Serving Students

Total Unduplicated Student Count
Approx. 116,000



10 YEARS OF BYU-PATHWAY

*BYU-Pathway Worldwide is celebrating its **10-year anniversary**! Take a look at some significant events and milestones from the past decade to see how the organization has grown.*

2009

The Pathway pilot program was approved. The first three locations opened in Manhattan, New York; Mesa, Arizona; and Nampa, Idaho, with just 50 total students.

2010

Ten additional U.S. locations were added to the pilot program.

2011

The first international Pathway locations opened in Ghana and Mexico. Pathway, which was originally only available to 18–30 year olds, also became available to students age 31 and up.

2012

Priesthood leaders could request locations to open in their local area.

2013

Pathway expanded to serve 9,500 students in 14 different countries.

2014

Pathway's 100th domestic location opened in Rexburg, Idaho.

2015

The certificate-first approach to earning a degree was formalized, giving students meaningful academic milestones and helping them develop marketable skills on the way to a bachelor's degree. The new degree structure was implemented organization-wide in April 2019.

2016

The total number of **BYU-Idaho online certificates and degrees** awarded to Pathway completers since the start of the program reached 1,246.

2017

The First Presidency announced the **creation of BYU-Pathway Worldwide**, giving it responsibility for the Pathway program (which was renamed "PathwayConnect") and the coordination of online degree programs across the Church Educational System. Clark G. Gilbert, then president of BYU-Idaho, was inaugurated as BYU-Pathway Worldwide's first president.

2018

BYU-Pathway headquarters moved from Rexburg to Salt Lake City, Utah, to allow the organization to work more closely with other Church departments and leaders. Nearly 50 BYU-Pathway employees and their families faithfully relocated to continue building the organization.

2019

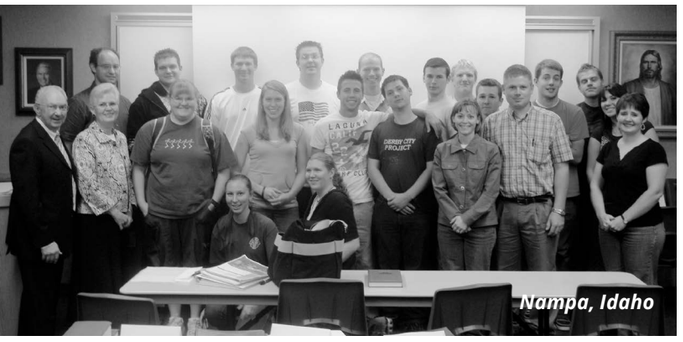
BYU-Pathway continued to expand its reach by:

- **Partnering with Welfare and Self-Reliance** to provide educational opportunities to more students worldwide
- Implementing new PathwayConnect curriculum to better prepare students to earn a bachelor's degree
- **Pre-approving all young returning missionaries** for admission to PathwayConnect
- Increasing mentoring efforts to help first-semester students navigate the difficulties of entering higher education and remain enrolled
- Awarding a milestone total of 11,584 certificates and degrees


Manhattan, New York

Where Are They Now?


Mesa, Arizona


Nampa, Idaho

BY JOSEPH KLENOTICH AND LAUREN CONRAD

Students from the initial pilot share what their lives are like now, 10 years later

When PathwayConnect started as a small pilot in 2009, there were just 50 students in three locations: Manhattan, New York; Mesa, Arizona; and Nampa, Idaho. Now — 10 years later — BYU-Pathway Worldwide's programs are offered in 145 countries and all 50 U.S. states and have served more than 116,000 total students.

The first 50 students were just the beginning of a legacy that will continue to grow for years to come, but they will always hold a special place in BYU-Pathway's history as they helped to pioneer a program that provides opportunities for higher education throughout the world. Here are just a few updates from the "Class of 2009."

The photos to the left represent the first three PathwayConnect groups formed in 2009.



FROM STUDENTS TO BUSINESS OWNERS

Chad & Kameron Lemon

Nampa, Idaho

In 2009, Kameron Lemon had dropped out of school to raise her family, and her husband, Chad, had never been to college. Now, they've earned their degrees and have started two businesses.

Kameron's number one regret in life was not finishing her education. When she heard that PathwayConnect was starting in Nampa, the Spirit confirmed that she should enroll.

Her husband, Chad, had never attended college, so he decided to enroll with his wife. "Once you're married and you have kids, it is harder to go back to school," Chad said, "but it is worth it."

After completing PathwayConnect, Kameron and Chad both earned their degrees online through BYU-Idaho. Kameron completed her bachelor's degree in university studies, and Chad completed his associate degree in business. They currently live in Nampa with their four children and have started their own trucking company and an alfalfa hay farming business. Chad and Kameron agree that the skills they learned in PathwayConnect and their BYU-Idaho courses increased their capacity to run their businesses.

"Pathway gave me the confidence and motivation to be a leader," Kameron said.

BYU-Pathway also helped the Lemons in their home. "It has helped me become a better mother and teach my children self-worth," she said.

Through their education and hard work, they have been able to provide for their family both spiritually and temporally.



INCREASING IN CONFIDENCE THROUGH EDUCATION

Meredith Foster

Mesa, Arizona

Meredith Foster's anxiety made education difficult for her. PathwayConnect helped her earn her degree, receive improved employment, and become an example to those around her.

When Meredith Foster was 16, she began taking classes online to help curb her severe anxiety, but education remained a challenge.

Meredith was introduced to PathwayConnect at an institute class. She decided to take a chance and enrolled in Mesa. "I was nervous before the first gathering because I didn't know who was going to be in my group or how many people would be there," she said. But as she started, she felt more comfortable and became friends with some of the students.

Meredith eventually earned an associate degree in university studies online through BYU-Idaho. "After I received my degree, I was given the opportunity to go from being a crossing guard to an instructional assistant, primarily helping an autistic student, which I could not have gotten without my degree," she said.

Meredith expressed that PathwayConnect strengthened her faith in Jesus Christ, encouraged her to share the gospel with others, and helped her set an example at home.

PathwayConnect also allowed her to get an education while managing her anxiety. "Pathway gave me the confidence to continue in school and follow through with my commitments," said Meredith. "It gave me confidence to help other people."



MOTHER BY DAY, STUDENT BY NIGHT

Amanda VandenAkker

Manhattan, New York

Amanda VandenAkker's acting classes were very expensive. BYU-Pathway allowed her to earn her degree quickly and at a low cost. Today, she teaches private voice lessons.

Amanda VandenAkker developed a love for theater at a young age and eventually enrolled in New York's American Musical and Dramatic Academy. She could only afford to take a couple classes each semester, but despite the time it would take, Amanda was determined to earn a college education.

Amanda married her husband, Tyson, in 2006. She put her education on hold to work while he finished his degree and to be a mother. However, she still hoped she would finish one day.

In 2009, Amanda enrolled in PathwayConnect and became one of the first students in Manhattan. "I loved Pathway," said Amanda. "I could be a mother by day and a student by night without neglecting anyone."

Amanda completed her BYU-Idaho degree online in university studies and minored in marriage and family studies. "I knew I could do it. And I wanted to — not just for me, but for my kids," she said. "I am so glad that I can tell my children that I have a university degree."

Amanda is now working as a private voice instructor and volunteers as a choir director at her children's elementary school.



FROM CLASSMATES TO HUSBAND AND WIFE

Nate & Jessica Droppo

Mesa, Arizona

Nate and Jessica Droppo were both looking for a way to begin their college education, but they got a lot more than they bargained for! They will both graduate from BYU-Idaho in December 2020.

In 2009, Jessica Edwards learned about PathwayConnect and was excited she could enroll despite not having a high school diploma at the time.

Meanwhile, Nate Droppo had set a goal to attend BYU-Idaho someday, and PathwayConnect was the perfect first step. They both decided to enroll in Mesa.

The sparks first flew when Jessica was the lead student and Nate assisted her.

"We became good friends, and it went from there," Nate said. They even practiced filing taxes together as a "couple" for a personal finance assignment!

Nate and Jessica completed PathwayConnect, dated for several months, then both served missions. They married in the Gilbert Arizona Temple in 2015 and now have two daughters, Sierra (3) and Lily (1). They moved to Rexburg in 2015 to attend BYU-Idaho.

Nate currently works in customer service while he and Jessica pursue bachelor's degrees in interdisciplinary studies. Nate is studying architecture and physics; and Jessica studies education, music, and theater. They plan to graduate together in December 2020.



LEARNING THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

Taylor Story

Nampa, Idaho

Taylor Story never planned on going to college, but thanks to BYU-Pathway, he's earned an associate degree and is working as a product developer while he pursues a bachelor's degree in business.

Taylor Story finished high school at age 17. He wasn't sure what to do for the next year and a half until he could serve a mission.

When a friend mentioned PathwayConnect to Taylor, he decided to enroll and became one of the first students in Nampa.

"Before Pathway, I didn't think education was worth it," Taylor said. "When I did the Pathway program, it was cool. It felt like people were actually trying to learn, and I really respected the instructors."

Thanks to his positive experience in PathwayConnect, Taylor attended BYU-Idaho after his mission. He completed his associate degree and is now working toward a bachelor's degree online in business. He hopes to own a business someday.

Taylor and his wife, Jessica, had their first child — a baby girl — in July 2019. He is currently working full-time as a product developer and project manager for an electric company in Nampa.

"Pathway was one of the first steps in realizing that I cared about learning, that I cared about education, that I cared about making myself better," Taylor said.



REAL ESTATE AGENT AND FUTURE NURSE

Kat Solomon

Manhattan, New York

Kat Solomon was hesitant about taking online classes, but PathwayConnect inspired her to earn two degrees. She is currently working as a real estate agent and plans to attend nursing school.

A friend introduced Kat Solomon to the idea of PathwayConnect. Kat didn't think she would enjoy courses that were mostly online, but her friend's continual encouragement convinced her to take a chance and enroll. She became one of the first BYU-Pathway students in Manhattan.

"PathwayConnect was wonderful because I had teachers to help me through the program, and I felt supported in my goals," Kat said. "It was the first time I ever did any online classes, and it taught me how to be a really good student. I was able to study better, and I was better at disciplining myself with my time."

The skills Kat learned in PathwayConnect turned out to be invaluable for her because they helped her balance working full-time and taking online classes from Utah Valley University. She earned an associate degree in fine arts and graduated in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in emergency services.

Kat's goal is to become a surgical or emergency room nurse. She recently obtained her real estate license and is currently working as a real estate agent to earn money for nursing school.

Where Were They Then?

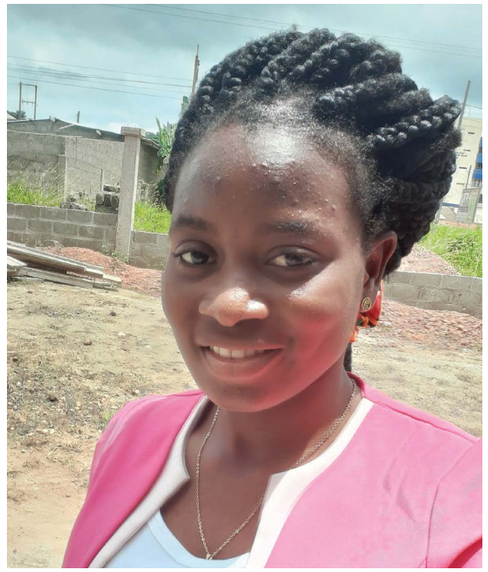
BY KRISTA TRIPODI

Over the last decade, BYU-Pathway has been helping to develop a righteous generation of disciple leaders

In 2005, Kim B. Clark took the reins as president of BYU-Idaho just five years after it became a four-year university. In his inaugural address, he spoke of three imperatives that would bless the school, one of which would be to make higher education available to many more members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — including those beyond the Rexburg, Idaho, campus.

"I see little girls and boys sitting in Primary classes in this country and, indeed, all over the world," President Clark said. "These children will make and keep sacred covenants with the Lord. I believe the Lord desires to bless them and, like the army of Helaman, raise them up as a righteous generation of disciple leaders all across the earth. … [M]ost of these young people will never come to BYU-Idaho. But they will be blessed by what we learn here about learning by faith and delivering a high-quality education at relatively low cost."[1]

Just four short years later in 2009, his vision became a reality with the pilot of the Pathway program. Fifty young adults gathered in three U.S. cities, taking BYU-Idaho courses — online — and at a significantly reduced cost from campus tuition prices. And now, 10 years later, the little boys and girls President Clark foresaw are college age, enrolled in BYU-Pathway's programs, all over the world.



Juliet Deletsu, a current PathwayConnect student in Ghana

Covenant keepers

When President Clark first shared his vision of Primary children, Juliet Deletsu, who was just eight years old at the time, was *not* sitting in a Primary class — not yet, anyway.

Missionaries visited her aunt's house in Ghana. For years, Juliet attended church with friends, was baptized as a teenager, served a mission, and then immediately enrolled in PathwayConnect upon returning home.

"I always say BYU-Pathway is a God-sent gift to answer my prayers after my mission," Juliet said. "It is really helping me know what to do in the future to become self-reliant. I am getting a high-quality education with a low cost, which I never thought would happen any time soon."

Juliet will complete PathwayConnect this year and currently serves in a Relief Society presidency and as a self-reliance specialist in her branch in Ghana. Having the opportunity to receive a gospel-centered education in her own country has strengthened her faith that Heavenly Father has a plan for her.

"The Lord is mindful of all His children," she said. "And He has plans for me."



Rey De Guzman (center) on his baptism day with Elders Etimani Muller Jr. and Christian Oneal; his mother, Myrna; and his daughter, Althea Brianna

In the Philippines, 26-year-old Rey De Guzman was experiencing health challenges and family problems that prevented him from working or physically attending school. In early 2019, he searched for "online education" on the internet and found BYU-Pathway. He knew nothing about the Church, but he thought PathwayConnect looked convenient and affordable.

> The Lord is mindful of all His children. And He has plans for me.

As Rey participated in PathwayConnect, he also learned more about the gospel. He met with the full-time missionaries and decided to get baptized.

"PathwayConnect is a really great experience for me," Rey said. "It has lifted me from a downward spiral. It opened the gate for me to excel, little by little. I have a pathway for improvement in life."

Now in his final semester of PathwayConnect, Rey has started his first certificate in computer programming. He plans to complete a BYU-Idaho online degree in applied technology. Rey hopes that his education and career improvement will enable him to support his daughter and teach her the gospel.

"I've realized that even [before I was baptized]," he said, "I had the prompting that education was what I should do to pursue growth."

Disciple leaders all across the earth

In 2018, reflecting on the impact of BYU-Pathway, Kim B. Clark, then the commissioner of the Church Educational System, said, "We live in a day of miracles. … I believe BYU-Pathway is one of those miracles. It has a role to play in strengthening the kingdom of God and establishing Zion."[2]

The increased faith and testimonies of BYU-Pathway students regularly strengthen the families, stakes, wards, and branches of the Church. Juliet and Rey are just two examples of the many righteous individuals hoping for an education and yearning to know God's plan for them. Like President Clark foresaw in 2005, a BYU-Pathway education has been and will continue to be a gateway for Heavenly Father's children all over the earth to make and keep sacred covenants with Him.

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BYU-Pathway has helped me grow spiritually, emotionally, and academically. I've learned how to be a leader and have direction.
Dane W. | *USA, BYU-Idaho Online-degree Student*



Because of BYU-Pathway, I have hope knowing the future is bright and I can achieve any goal I set my mind to.
Krissel C. | *Mexico, PathwayConnect Completer*



I know that opportunities will come. I am so grateful for what PathwayConnect has done in my heart, mind, and soul.
Omar C. | *Ecuador, PathwayConnect Completer*



BYU-Pathway helped to repurpose my pattern in learning. "Thank you" isn't enough to express how grateful and overjoyed I am.
Eloise T. | *Brazil, Bachelor's in Public Health*

BYU-Pathway students are from different corners of the world, but we share the same desire. My testimony has been strengthened.
Puje N. | *Mongolia, PathwayConnect Completer*





BYU-Pathway significantly improved my English ... and I noticed a change in my attitude, vision, daily commitment, and family relationships.
Angelo M. | *Italy, Bachelor's in Business Management*

PathwayConnect helps me enhance my skills and value education more. It's a great blessing for me to have this kind of program.
Karen B. | *Philippines, PathwayConnect Student*





BYU-Pathway has helped me have a much brighter future. It is a strong foundation for your career and spiritual growth.
Malvin K. | *South Africa, BYU-Idaho Online-degree Student*

It's a privilege for me to be able to do PathwayConnect. It feels like another chance for me to refocus on what I want to do in life and to find my purpose.
Jacelen M. | *Australia, PathwayConnect Student*



EVERYWHERE THE CHURCH IS ORGANIZED

BY LAUREN CONRAD

BYU-Pathway Worldwide provides access to affordable higher education in 145 countries and all 50 U.S. states. And since April 2017, when PathwayConnect opened in India and Japan, BYU-Pathway Worldwide has been available in all 21 areas of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

PARTNERSHIPS MAKE IT POSSIBLE

How can BYU-Pathway serve so many students in so many countries? It's thanks to several key partnerships with other Church organizations, including Welfare and Self-Reliance, the Missionary Department, and Seminaries and Institutes. Team members from these great organizations help BYU-Pathway to scale in order to bless many more people.



President Gilbert trains Welfare and Self-Reliance managers at BYU-Pathway headquarters.



Service missionaries throughout the world support students and facilitate PathwayConnect gatherings.



Seminaries and Institutes provides buildings and courses that help create a gospel-centered learning environment for students.

Welfare and Self-Reliance

Welfare and Self-Reliance helps BYU-Pathway extend its reach and work more closely with local priesthood leadership, as well as help students to become more temporally and spiritually self-reliant.

"We have 13 BYU-Pathway area managers and, acting alone, we can't reach millions of people," said John Wilson, BYU-Pathway area director for the United States and Canada. "That is why the partnership with Welfare and Self-Reliance is so essential. They are already integrated into the fabric of the Church and can represent us, support the work, and train leaders about this vital resource."

Missionary Department

Service missionaries throughout the world support students by facilitating weekly PathwayConnect gatherings, assisting recruitment efforts, and visiting students in their homes.

"The missionaries have a very tight, close connection to the students," said Erik Hjorten, missionary services manager for BYU-Pathway. "They absolutely love them — not because they're paid to, but because they have an absolute love for our Savior Jesus Christ."

The Missionary Department also sends emails to young returning missionaries, on behalf of BYU-Pathway, informing them of their preapproval for admission to PathwayConnect. In 2019 alone, this effort has helped provide hundreds of returned missionaries with access to affordable higher education and an easier transition from mission life.

Seminaries and Institutes

BYU-Pathway also partners with Seminaries and Institutes to provide weekly institute courses for PathwayConnect students and buildings for them to gather in. PathwayConnect gives students the opportunity to earn an education in a gospel-centered learning environment as they build lifelong friendships and deepen their testimonies of Jesus Christ. Seminaries and Institutes helps make that special learning environment possible.



Reaching Big Goals

Gloria Cornelio | *Peru*

These partnerships enable BYU-Pathway to reach more students worldwide, like Gloria Cornelio from Lima, Peru.

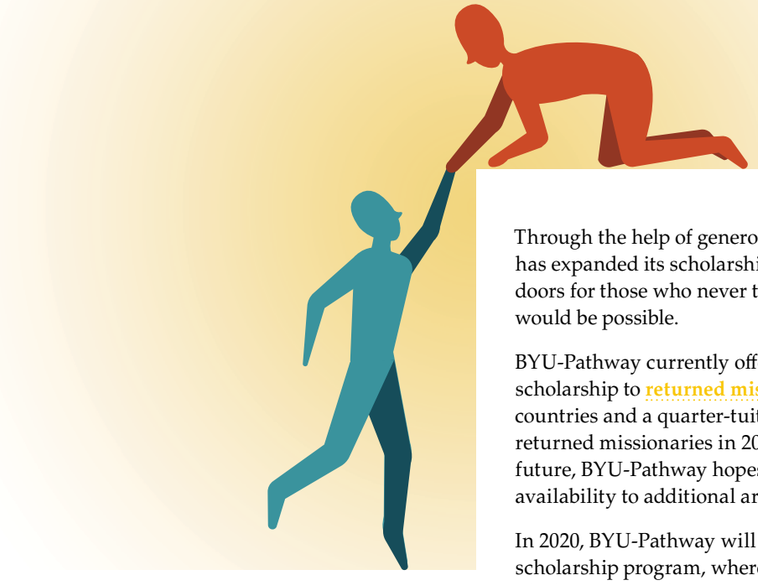
When Gloria lost her scholarship to a local university after taking time off to serve a mission, she didn't know how she could pay for an education.

Gloria heard that PathwayConnect was opening in Peru and knew it was an answer to her prayers. She excitedly enrolled and completed the program in 2011. After PathwayConnect, she entered a BYU-Idaho online degree program and graduated in April 2017 with a bachelor's degree in business management.

"Zion is wherever you are, right?" Gloria said. "We don't need to travel to have the classes that we need. This is available here, and we need to take advantage of this opportunity."

Gloria now works for Welfare and Self-Reliance, overseeing programs in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela. She is also a service missionary for PathwayConnect in Peru, giving back to the organization and programs that helped her.

"BYU-Pathway is a blessing for everybody in the world," Gloria said. "It allowed me to be a better person and disciple of Jesus Christ. It helps you develop many skills and realize who you are and your potential."



LIFTING STUDENTS ONE SCHOLARSHIP AT A TIME

BY JOSEPH KLENOTICH

Even with BYU-Pathway's extremely low tuition cost, it can be challenging — sometimes even impossible — for students to pay for their schooling. President Clark Gilbert said, "Many of us know someone — a family member, friend, or ward member — whose life situation would improve by receiving additional education, but because of financial reasons or a lack of confidence, they remain stuck where they are."

BYU-Pathway Worldwide strives to serve those who want to pursue higher education but cannot because of time, travel, financial, or other constraints.

Through the help of generous donors, BYU-Pathway has expanded its scholarship offerings, opening doors for those who never thought earning a degree would be possible.

BYU-Pathway currently offers a half-tuition scholarship to returned missionaries in 30 countries and a quarter-tuition scholarship to returned missionaries in 20 countries. In the future, BYU-Pathway hopes to expand scholarship availability to additional areas to help more students.

In 2020, BYU-Pathway will pilot its first needs-based scholarship program, where students, regardless of where they're from, can indicate if they need financial assistance.

> For many students, studying through BYU-Pathway Worldwide provides hope where it previously didn't exist.

"For many students, studying through BYU-Pathway Worldwide provides hope where it previously didn't exist," said J.D. Griffith, vice president of administration for BYU-Pathway. "An investment in BYU-Pathway does so much more than provide education — it helps develop disciples of Jesus Christ. Even a small contribution can make a significant impact on whether students can continue their education."



Winston Tjong-Ayong

Tammenga, Suriname

Returned Missionary Scholarship Recipient

Winston Tjong-Ayong had to decide between serving a two-year mission or continuing his education in mechanical engineering. His school advisor told him that if he left to serve a mission, he wouldn't be able to return. But Winston had already prayed and received an answer.

"I went on my mission and had a wonderful experience," he said. "It changed me forever." However, when he returned home and tried to reenroll in school, he was rejected and lost all hope for getting an education.

Then Winston heard about BYU-Pathway Worldwide. At first, he thought he couldn't afford it, but he soon learned about the scholarship for returned missionaries.

"I'm so grateful to the donors for their help and all that they do. I want to be able to help my family when I graduate and also help others grow closer to Christ," he said. Because of donors' generous contributions, Winston now has a path to finish his education.

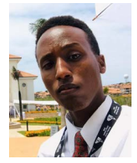


Carolina Delvaux

São Paulo, Brazil

Returned Missionary Scholarship Recipient

"I went to law school before my mission, but I felt I should change what I was studying. Right before I ended my mission, BYU-Pathway announced that returned missionaries were pre-approved for PathwayConnect. I started praying a lot, and I had the impression that I should enroll. Without the donors, it wouldn't be as possible as it is. It's helping me fulfill my goals, and it's helping me to be better prepared for my future. I really thank those who made this possible."



Diego Birasa

KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Returned Missionary Scholarship Recipient

"My PathwayConnect experience has been life changing. I have never seen so many blessings come out of one program! If it would not have been for the donors, many people in countries all over the world would not be enjoying the blessings of PathwayConnect. I want to express my deepest gratitude for your amazing generosity that is indeed Christlike. Because of your efforts, we can become who the Lord wants us to become."



Anna Capcelea

Balti, Moldova

Returned Missionary Scholarship Recipient

"My experience with PathwayConnect has been the best period in my life. I decided to enroll in PathwayConnect because I wanted to improve my English skills. My salary is little, so it is difficult for me to pay off my studies. For me, it's a blessing to not have to pay the entire tuition because I can save more money."



Cassie Williamson

Utah, USA

Scholarship Recipient

"You taking the opportunity to serve someone you don't even know is allowing me to continue on my journey in PathwayConnect. I am now one step closer to achieving my goals. Words cannot express my gratitude, but they are all I have right now. Thank you again!"



COME & SEE

Elder Uchtdorf invites BYU-Pathway students to encourage their friends and family to enroll

BY BREANNE SU'A

In his April 2019 general conference message, Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf invited members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to invite others to "come and see"[1] what the Church has to offer. Soon after, in a video to BYU-Pathway students, he shared, "One of the easiest and most effective ways to invite your friends and family to come and see is to encourage them to enroll in the programs of BYU-Pathway."[2]

BYU-Pathway Worldwide provides a unique path for those who need access to higher education, including those seeking to learn about the Church and strengthen their faith. Elder Uchtdorf said, "Inviting friends and family members who are not members of the Church, who are struggling spiritually or are not active in the Church, or who just need access to better educational opportunities, will bless a multitude of lives."[3]

So how do Elder Uchtdorf's tips for sharing the gospel from his conference message apply to inviting others to come and see BYU-Pathway?[4]

Draw close to God

> Elder Uchtdorf said, "Others will notice that there is something unique and special about you. And they will ask about it." Ninety-four percent of PathwayConnect students report experiencing an increased testimony of their Savior. As students draw closer to God during BYU-Pathway, those who join will see their love for the gospel and want to learn more.

Fill your heart with love for others

> "Try to truly see everyone around you as a child of God," Elder Uchtdorf said. BYU-Pathway students have unique ethnicities, cultures, ages, and religions. All are children of God, and all are welcome at BYU-Pathway. Students, missionaries, and instructors have an opportunity to see each individual's divine potential.

Strive to walk the path of discipleship

> Elder Uchtdorf promised that as Church members learn of Christ by feasting on the scriptures, following the Prophet, and praying, "… the gospel will be such an essential, precious part of your lives that it would feel unnatural *not* to talk about it with others." BYU-Pathway students participate in gospel-centered courses and strive to live by the Church Educational System honor code. Their education and lifestyle stand out, and others will want to know more.

Share what is in your heart

> "… [A]lways look for opportunities to bring up your faith in natural and normal ways with people — both in person as well as online," Elder Uchtdorf said. Students can share on social media or with family what they're experiencing in their gathering and online courses. All can pray to know whom to invite to come and see what BYU-Pathway has to offer and how to do so.

Trust the Lord to work His miracles

> Each individual has a unique journey of education and faith. Regardless of whether or not someone accepts the invitation to participate in BYU-Pathway or join the Church now, the Lord will guide them on their path. Elder Uchtdorf said, "God will work miracles through you to bless His precious children."

Following Elder Uchtdorf's five tips will open powerful opportunities for education and the gospel to spread throughout the world. He ended his video message to students with this promise: "My dear friends, take advantage of this opportunity to prayerfully invite someone you know to come and see by joining BYU-Pathway Worldwide for this coming semester. As you do so, you will not only help others to see more clearly what the Church is all about, but I promise you that you will feel the love, gratitude, and blessings of the Savior in their lives and yours."[5]

How will you invite others to come and see?

1. Dieter F. Uchtdorf, "Missionary Work: Sharing What Is in Your Heart," *Ensign or Liahona*, May 2019, 15
2. Dieter F. Uchtdorf, "Come and See BYU-Pathway Worldwide" (Message to BYU-Pathway Worldwide, July 31, 2019), byupathway.org/invite
3. IBID
4. See Uchtdorf, "Missionary Work"
5. Uchtdorf, "Come and See BYU-Pathway"



BYU-PATHWAY *IN 30 SECONDS*

What is BYU-Pathway Worldwide?

Here are a few simple things you could say to share it with others:

BYU-Pathway Worldwide provides access to higher education wherever The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is organized. It is:

LOW COST

Tuition is **significantly less** than at other schools and is determined by country.

ONLINE

BYU-Pathway is available **completely online**. All you need is access to a computer and the internet!

SPIRITUAL

BYU-Pathway combines academic and religious learning to inspire **increased faith and hope**.

PathwayConnect

PathwayConnect is a one-year, low-cost program that prepares students to start or finish a degree. Students take a lighter courseload online and gather once a week (in person or virtually) with other students. Plus, students who continue to a BYU-Idaho online degree program keep the reduced tuition rate!

Certificates & Degrees

Whether students start with PathwayConnect or jump right into a degree, through BYU-Pathway's certificate-first approach, students can earn three job-ready certificates, an associate degree, and a bachelor's degree for the same cost and time it would have taken to earn only a bachelor's degree.

Learn more about inviting others at byupathway.org/invite.



ASHLEY OSTHEIMER, USA

"When PathwayConnect opened in my town, I quickly registered and encouraged others to do the same. I was reminded of how precious my testimony and my desire to learn is to me. It changed my heart to become more of the woman I am meant to be." (Read her story.)



LEONE MATAVESI, FIJI

"I started sharing with my friends so they could join PathwayConnect. My faith started to build up. I started to see and know more about Jesus Christ. BYU-Pathway is a place where you can find peace and happiness."

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