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# PATHWAYS



## Pathways Program kicks off Fall semester

The College of Education is proud to announce the first semester of the Pathways Program designed to identify future teachers early and provide support for them. Community schools and districts have collaborated with EMU to help students who are interested in becoming professional educators work to achieve their goal. The program is designed to assist students academically, socially, and personally before and during their studies at EMU. Once they graduate with a teaching credential, they are guaranteed an interview in their home district for open positions for which they're qualified.

### Pathways Partner Schools

Detroit Leadership Academy  
Detroit Public Schools Community District  
River Rouge School District  
Wayne-Westland Community Schools  
Ypsilanti Community Schools

### Principal Pettway

Isaiah Pettway is the current Educational Leader of Detroit Public Safety Academy, which is chartered by EMU.

As a high school senior in Detroit, he had already made the decision that he would become a lawyer. But one of his teachers assigned a project where he would teach a class to his peers. The result of this experience and the feedback he received had a memorable impact on him as he prepared to study at the university level.

His first year of college he changed his major from pre-law to education. Isaiah's commitment to teaching and devotion to community led him back to Detroit. As the educational leader, he has grown enrollment from 30 to 350 students and loves his choice of career.





**Kayla Broyles**

Kayla is an Early Childhood Education Major with high hopes of teaching pre-school through elementary aged children. The value of education as it pertains to social development is a significant motivator for this Pathways student. Kayla graduated from Communication & Media Arts High School in the Detroit Public Schools Community District.



**Arianna McElmeel**

Arianna states her main inspiration for pursuing a career in education is teaching a younger generation the tools they need to succeed and earning the success they deserve. She is pursuing a major in Secondary Education Social Studies and has a goal of becoming a history teacher. Arianna graduated from John Glen High School in Wayne-Westland Community School District.

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## Pathways Student Profiles

**Meet three of our Pathways students who started at Eastern Michigan University this fall. As future teachers, they hope to challenge and inspire the students with whom they work. These students believe in the personal rewards of teaching and they understand the positive impact the profession has on children, families, and communities. The College of Education celebrates these dedicated students in their first semester of the Pathways Program.**



**Christina O'Harris**

Christina's story is one of realizing her own desire to teach because of the inspiration of her Health instructor at Wayne Memorial High School in the Wayne-Westland District. Her decision to pursue a career in education was the result of mentorship provided by her teacher. Christina's decision to become an educator was made before she even graduated high school. Her goal is to complete her certification in Elementary Education.