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A photograph of two people, a man and a woman, standing side-by-side. Both are wearing large, colorful floral leis. The man on the left is wearing a dark suit, a light blue shirt, and a red patterned tie. The woman on the right is wearing a dark blue graduation gown. They are both smiling at the camera.

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NZ North Welfare
& Self-reliance
Services

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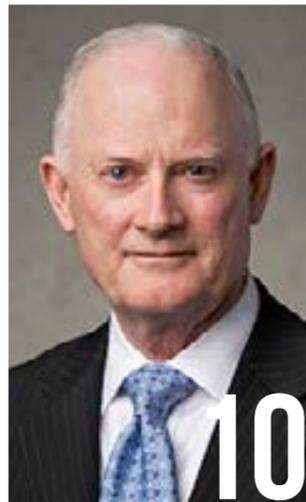
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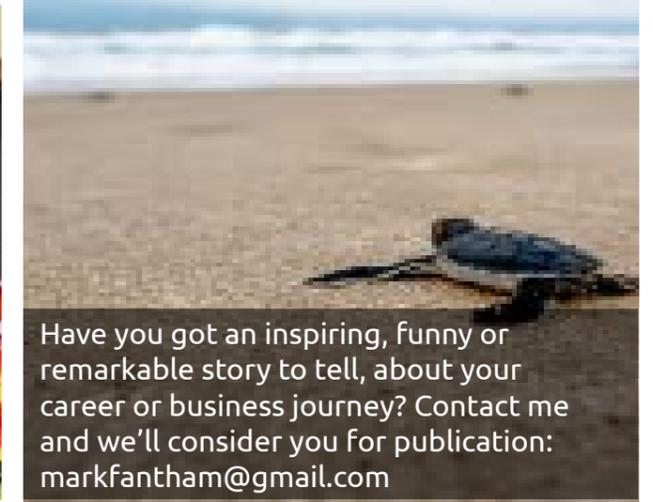
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LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN

"CES Global Education Initiative will provide educational opportunities to students around the globe through coordinating between different Church programs at an accessible cost."



Elder Kim B. Clark, General Authority Seventy

4 Guiding Principles

(Seminaries and Institutes June 2016 annual training broadcast):

1. The inclusion of religious instruction, gathering experiences, and a spiritual focus to online learning, will be essential.
2. We will partner with Self-Reliance Services, the Missionary Department, and other Church departments as appropriate and will build as much as possible on resources, courses, and programs that already exist.
3. Instruction will include local educational providers, local technical schools, colleges, and universities, combined with religious education at a local institute. This is an important part of this initiative.
4. Students will access programs through their local Church units, guided by priesthood leaders, supported by CES and Self-Reliance Services.

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EDITORS NOTE



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BYU-Pathway Worldwide offers online higher education opportunities to students throughout the world, serving more than 70,000 people since 2009. BYU-Pathway offers two main paths — PathwayConnect, and online certificates & degrees from BYU-Idaho.

PathwayConnect

PathwayConnect is a one-year, low-cost educational program that mixes the flexibility of online academic courses, religious education, and the benefits of weekly face-to-face gatherings with other students. The program helps students develop confidence, become self-reliant, and build leadership experience — all of which enhance students' prospects for further education, employment, church service, and/or leading and supporting families. Two program versions are available: Standard (for native English speakers) and L (for non-native English speakers). PathwayConnect is currently available in more than 450 locations and 70 countries.

BYU-Idaho Online Certificates & Degrees

Online certificates and degrees are granted by Brigham Young University-Idaho. Students can earn an online certificate and/or degree in two ways. 1) Complete PathwayConnect with a minimum B average (3.0 GPA), or 2) Complete a minimum of 15 on-campus credits at BYU, BYU-Idaho, BYU-Hawaii, or LDS Business College. There are currently more than 30 online programs to choose from.

Learn more about PathwayConnect, visit byupathway.lds.org



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of a university
education?

Consider...

Pathway
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9wuiGdFQzqE>

How BYU Pathway
can work for you,
even if you live in
New Zealand

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnUUEKkUqEU>



BUY Pathway's
**Certificate-First
Degree Programs**
with President Clark Gilbert

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OiqVzJL7iTw&t=1s>

A Global BYU Degree could be worth more than a Local NZ Degree

Marco asks Elder Kaka all the
questions you want answers to:

- 1) Is NZQA less relevant in a global community?
- 2) Is the 'Global BYU Degree Brand' stronger than a 'NZ Degree Brand'?
- 3) How does the 'fast track to skills certification work'?
- 4) Please explain how 'No Student Debt works'?
- 5) How can you help, if I feel like I missed my chance?
- 6) How can you help, if I feel like I don't have the time?
- 7) How can you help, if I feel like I can't afford it?

<https://youtu.be/lucrdEE9RhU>

"BYU-Pathway Worldwide: A School in Zion"



Elder Kim B. Clark
Commissioner, Church
Educational System October 11,
2018

It is a privilege and a blessing to share a few remarks with you tonight. I begin with two stories about the beginnings of what is now BYU-Pathway Worldwide.

The first took place in Mesa Arizona, one of the first three Pathway Connect sites. After the program had been running for a year or so, the missionaries at the site declared, "This program will never work. There is little interest in it, and the priesthood leaders don't support it." And in fact, the priesthood leaders did not support it because they saw little need for it. There seemed to be many opportunities for education of their young people right there in the valley and of course there was BYU.

Now, hold that thought as I tell you the second story. This one I experienced personally. It took place in Washington DC, a couple of years later. One of the Area Seventies there said to me, "We don't need Pathway here. We have a great scholarship program with Southern Virginia University that works fine." I asked him, "How many students are involved in that program?" His answer: about 25. I then asked, "Do you have any young adults in your area who are struggling in their lives, who are not making progress." He said,

"Oh yes, there are thousands of them."

My response: Pathway is for them.

He looked at me in surprise, and said, "Oh, I didn't see it that way."

In both of these cases and in many others we encountered in the early days, the people we sought to reach with Pathway were simply invisible to the leaders, at least as far as higher education was concerned. We were after those who had never been to college, or who had been but were no longer attending. Many, many of them were struggling in their lives both spiritually and temporally.

One of the wonderful things BYU-Pathway has done is to open the opportunity for education to those who have been invisible; who believed that education, especially a Church education, was for someone else, not for them; who had little hope for a better future.

Brothers and sisters, we live in a day of miracles, when our Heavenly Father and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ are moving with power in the earth to build up the Kingdom of God and establish Zion in preparation for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. 1 I believe BYU-Pathway is one of those miracles. It has a role to play in strengthening the Kingdom of God and establishing Zion. □

"I wanted to be a good example to my kids & my stake and I almost quit!"



President Sione Pulu, left.

As a Stake President, my time is precious looking after my family, my job and the stake, so when I was challenged to also become more self-reliant and "Would I consider higher learning, I decided to be a good example to my family and the stake and I enrolled with BYU Pathway."

It was really tough. The level I needed to achieve was way harder than I thought. The language was a barrier at times. So when it was hard I had to dig deep and be an example to myself. I learned these things:

- More Hope
- More Faith
- More Courage
- More Endurance
- More Sacrifice
- More Hard Work
- Life skills - like "How to invest my time wisely instead of spending it unwisely"
- Power nap when I could □

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KsuplK7eVvE&feature=youtu.be>

BYU Pathway gave me confidence in my future



Billie Dell studied with the Pacific Area Virtual group

I already had a Bachelor of Teaching and initially didn't see the benefit of studying PathwayConnect.

Heavenly Father in a very direct way counseled me to enroll and so here I am. This course has changed my life. It has opened my mind and heart in ways I never thought possible.

The content of the course has a very spiritual element where Heavenly Father is a part of every learning, every assignment and every change.

All of the assignments were designed to make necessary changes in my life:

- To be self reliant
- A good steward
- Set goals
- Be more use in the Kingdom of God on the earth

I love involving Heavenly Father in my learning. At university I really only called on Him to help with exams. Asking for help with each part is the best way for me to learn. He helps me understand and remember.

This course is giving me confidence in my future, it is giving me a renewed purpose in my life and I have made wonderful friends through our weekly gatherings.

This course has reignited my love of learning. I know it's purpose is divine, to help us become more like Heavenly Father and be able to serve more fully. □

Ka pai to ra
Billie Jo-anne Dell

New virtual classrooms for BYU-Pathway connect students anytime, anywhere



BYU-Pathway Worldwide gives an opportunity for students from nearly anywhere in the world to enroll in the PathwayConnect program.

With more than 550 locations in more than 100 countries, BYU-Pathway is changing the way people receive education. In many locations around the world, PathwayConnect was previously unavailable because of the requirement for student cohorts to gather in-person for weekly discussions.

The gatherings, traditionally held each Thursday at designated locations and overseen by Church service missionaries, are a key collaborative part of the PathwayConnect program and were previously available only in locations where enrollment demand was high enough and could accommodate the travel of students involved.

But a few months ago, after extensive pilot testing, the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, granted approval for worldwide virtual gatherings as a permanent part of the BYU-Pathway programs.

The implication of this is that PathwayConnect can now be taken by basically anyone in the world, any time they want.



*“Seek Learning,
Even by Study and by Faith”*

WELFARE AND SELF-RELIANCE

EDUCATION WEEK

NZ HAMILTON 2019

- **SUN 27 OCT:**
Opening Devotional (live-streamed)
- **MON 28 OCT - THU 31 OCT:**
Presentations (streamed only)
- **FRI 1 NOV - SAT 2 NOV:**
In-person Presentations and Workshops
- **SUN 3 NOV:**
Closing Devotional (live-streamed)

6pm Sun 27 Oct – Sun 3 Nov
David O. McKay Centre,
Temple View, Hamilton

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*When I saw the poster hanging outside the chapel
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Pictured: Luanne Butler with her huge family

After raising 12 children for most of my adult life, and with less than half of them still at home, I decided, after seeing a poster about the Pathway program on the wall at the chapel, to give it ago.

I had only recently moved into the area so I thought this would be a great way to meet new people too.

In 2014, as a recent convert, I had never been to seminary or institute as I joined the Church in my late 30's. As a student with Pathway I was able to enjoy the blessings of attending institute with some amazing teachers. The knowledge about the Gospel in those classes helped build my testimony on how amazing this program is. Both my temporal and spiritual life has improved ever since. I have become an active member of the church and enjoy my calling as a Ward Missionary.

I am so grateful for the knowledge I gained from attending the Pathway program. It has helped to inspire me to continue on into further education.

I enrolled onto the Associate of Applied Science for Family History research the following year. I completed two semesters before leaving and continuing studies here in New Zealand. And, I have been in study ever since.

Now, I am studying towards a Post Graduate Diploma in Kaitiakitanga Bi-cultural Professional Supervision. 'Life long learning', is one of most memorable statements that has kept me on this journey of education. Kia ora, **Luanne Butler** ☐

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David
Taylorsville, Utah

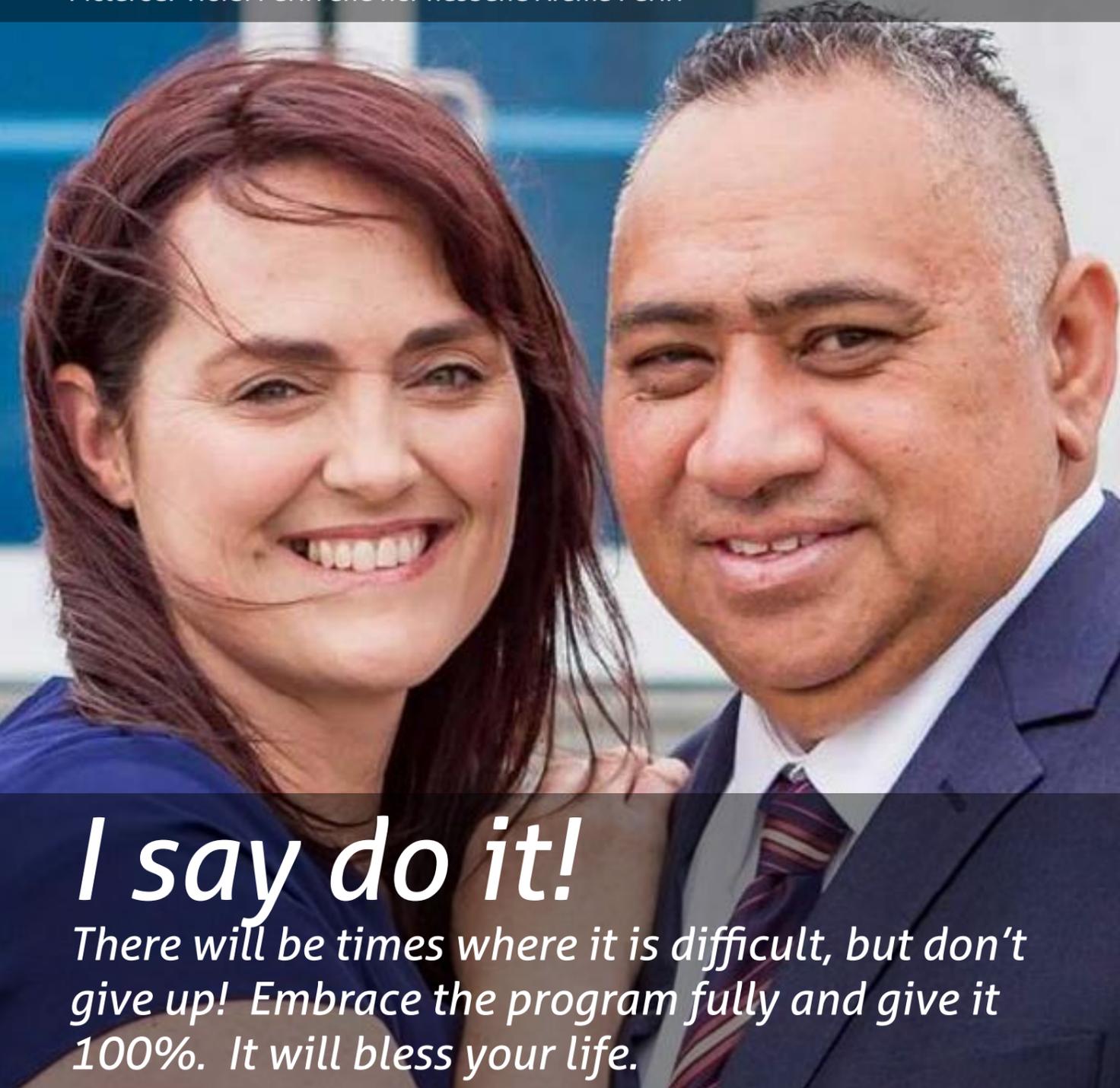
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I say do it!

There will be times where it is difficult, but don't give up! Embrace the program fully and give it 100%. It will bless your life.

I am a mother of 6 children and work full time 40+ hours a week. My initial thoughts on the Pathway program was 'I did not need it' because I had already been through high school and completed a foundation semester through Massey University.

I had longed for a university degree for so long, but had focused on growing my family instead. I finally took the plunge and gave 'Pathway' my all.

My days started at 4 am, studying for two hours each day, Monday to Friday. So when my children woke up, I would be present for them. This

routine also allowed me to be free on weekends, to complete my family and church commitments.

Each week there was something in the course content that I could apply in my life. I am so grateful for the pathway program. It is a unique and supportive environment to learn and grow, combining spiritual and secular learning which helped me on my journey of self-reliance.

There were so many skills taught that helped me on my educational journey and my promotions at work. I learned how to change my thought process. I learned how to study and evaluate my life as I implemented the teachings and life skills. The life skills set me up for good habits to use in my studies and life.

The 'English writing skills' learned at Pathway have helped significantly at work, at home with my children, and academically in tertiary education. The 'math skills' also, have helped me in my personal life and at work.

"Online tutors and service missionaries supported and encouraged me to succeed."

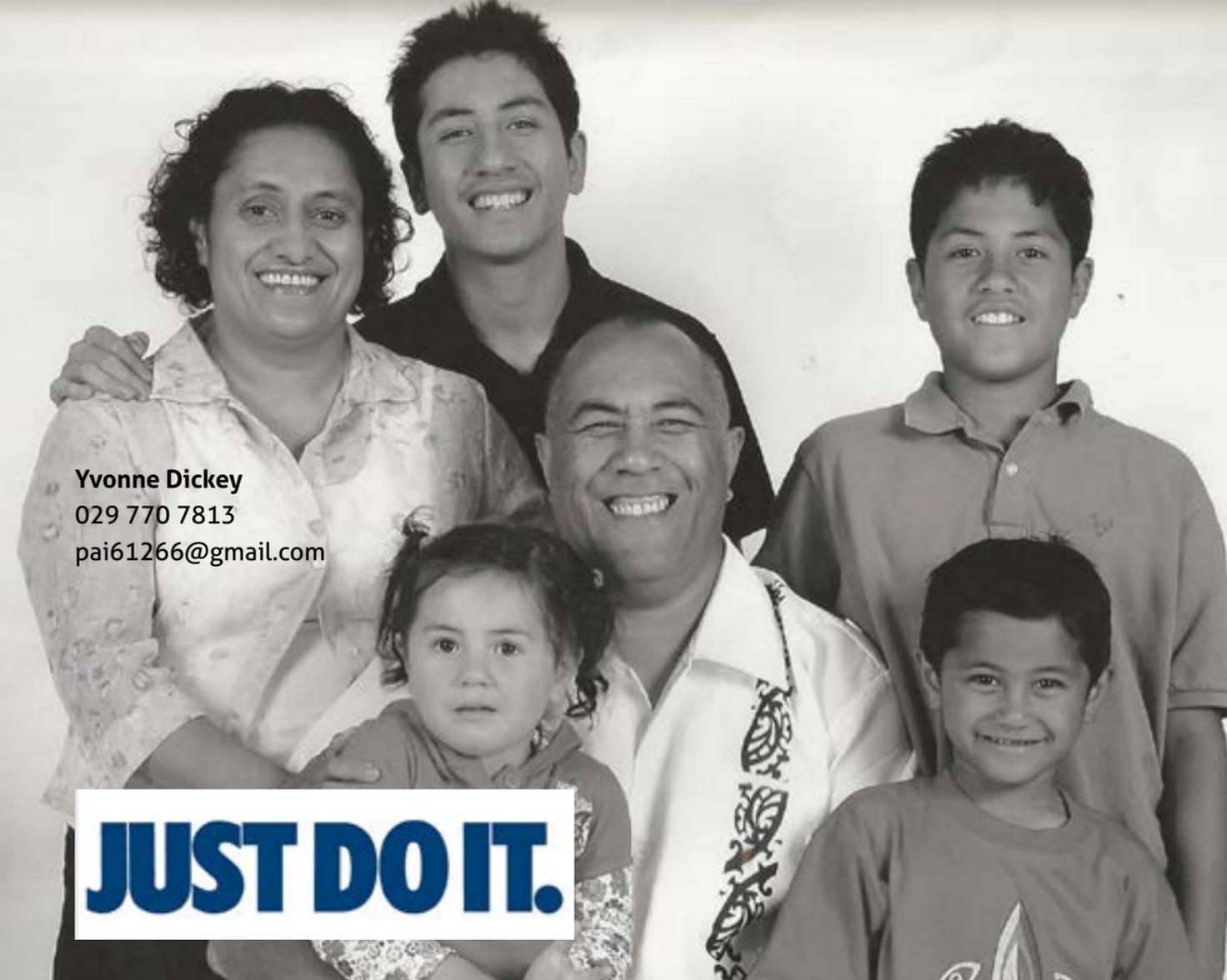
I have a strong testimony that my journey in learning is not complete or as successful unless I have Heavenly Father at my side. It is a partnership with him, and he has my back, if I do my part. My testimony and relationship with him have grown so much.

For those learning about Pathway or contemplating signing up, I say do it! There will be times where it is difficult, but don't give up! Embrace the program fully and give it 100%.

Now I am in my third semester at BYU Idaho studying online for a Bachelor in Business Management. I still get up early to study. I still work hard. The work stretches me, but I am growing, and it's worth all the effort.

Like anything in life, there is no growth unless we step outside our comfort zones and move forward with purpose. I am blessed to have my family supporting me 100%. My Heavenly Father is always there for me. I am truly blessed to have this opportunity. □





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We learned the art of patience and endurance. We stuck to it and passed. Our relationship was stronger because of it.

I really enjoyed the content of the course and learning about the Book of Mormon was a reward.

I am now working on completing the NZ Diploma in Health and Wellness. It is still a struggle as work is now busier than last year. It is not as much fun studying on your own though and I need to be more disciplined to finish it.

Being on Pathway has opened my mind to other opportunities. I had thought about studying to become a Social Worker or an Accountant in earlier times. But now I'm looking at different options. I have a natural passion to help others in need. I am currently a Financial Mentor and enjoying the challenges and rewards that position gives.

What has been important to me is my family, testimony in Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ and having the guidance of the spirit to direct me. You cannot get very far without these things. ☐



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TOWARD WHO

I WANT

TO BECOME.

Be like the Nike Motto and 'Just do it'. It was time to make a change in my life and starting on the path to being educated was very important to me.

I needed to set an example for my family to follow. I knew that it would be a busy year working full-time, raising a family, attending to church commitments and studying.

Having faith and being disciplined with my time, helped me to overcome, many trials to complete the course. We had five deaths in the family, my sister, niece, auntie and two brother-in-laws, and family issues to deal with.

It was great to have the support from my tutor to complete assignments during this time. My son, Anfernee, who is currently serving a mission in Australia and due back in July this year was a great source of strength. He was always positive about the gospel, often sharing through his weekly emails, how Heavenly Father's plan and Jesus Christ would help the family to heal. I would always share with him my commitment to studying with Pathway. He was proud of us.

My husband was also a great source of strength and support. Studying alongside him we were able to help each other through the tough times. What I mean by that is during the Math semester, no matter what, we spent hours trying to work out the equations.

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1st NZ'er to graduate:
BYU Idaho Online Associate Degree (Honours)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKul5Hcrt1o&t=279s>

Latu Kata left school when she was nine years old to help contribute to the running of the household and looking after her sick mother.

So if anyone had 'mountains to climb and rivers to cross' to get their education back on track after 22 years, it was certainly Latu. All that and struggling with English as a second language, it felt 'up hill' for her.

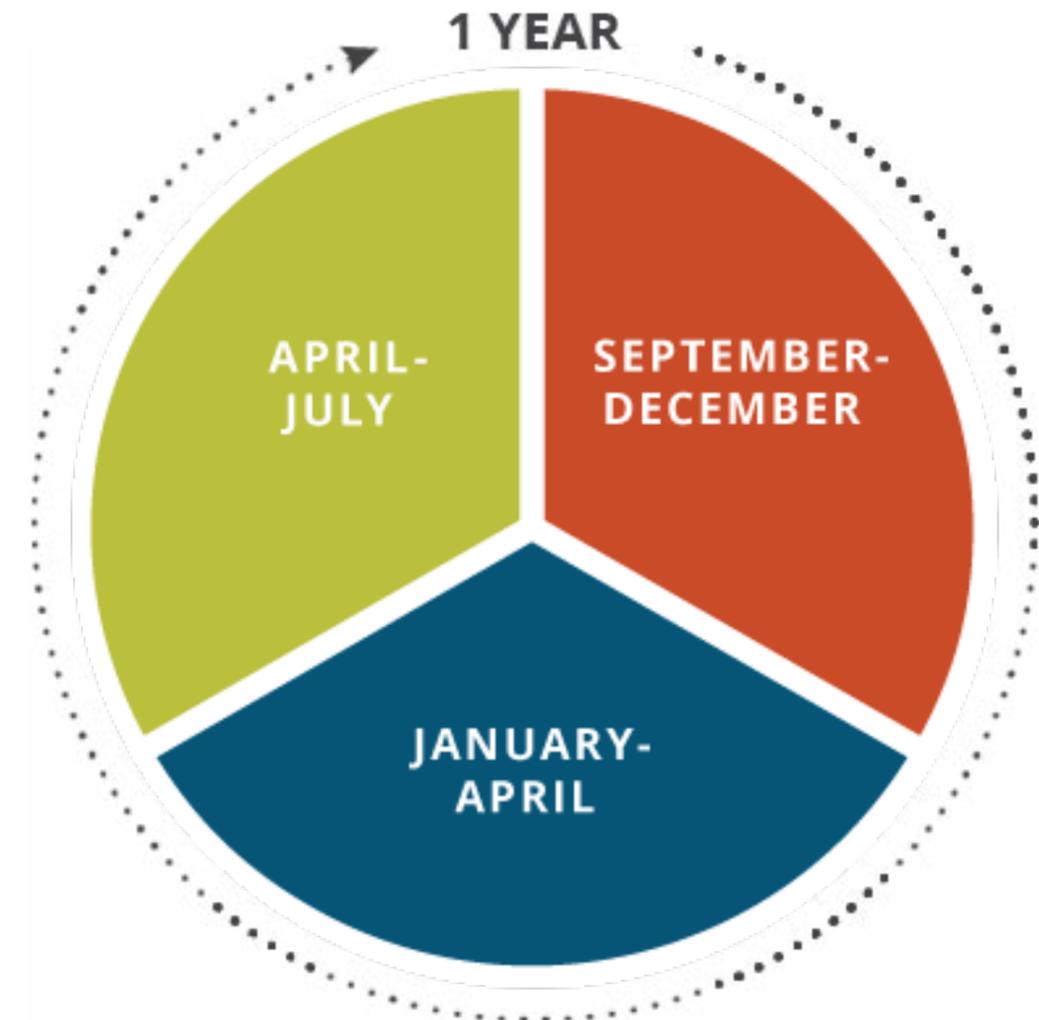
Latu graduated from PathwayConnect with a 4GPA and went on to become (in July 2019), the first New Zealander to graduate with a BYU Idaho Online Associate Degree. Latu now has her sites set on ultimately becoming a judge and owning her own business. She plans on a Ph.D in Law or business.

"I have planned to finish my Prelaw next semester along with my Bachelor Applied Science in Applied Management next year. Also, love and thanks to my husband Seteone for all his support," she adds. ☐



Pictured: Left with Latu is her mum Senila Vaea Vailahi happy that she lived to see the day. On right, pictured with husband Seteone "thank you to my family for their support".

3 SEMESTERS FOR BYU PATHWAY



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