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THE WAY**

Following the Savior's example,
BYU-Pathway students are pioneering
change that will bless generations

2025 FACTS AND STATISTICS

88,937

 STUDENTS SERVED

180+ Countries

Highest enrolling countries

- United States (21,841 students)
- Nigeria (19,011 students)
- Ghana (4,999 students)
- Philippines (3,891 students)
- Uganda (2,965 students)

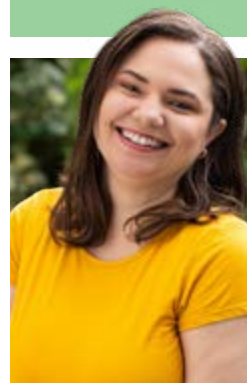
50 States

Highest enrolling U.S. states

- Utah (8,495 students)
- California (1,626 students)
- Idaho (1,617 students)
- Arizona (1,514 students)
- Texas (1,425 students)



- U.S. & Canada**
22,925 (26%)
- Africa**
43,980 (49%)
- Other countries**
22,032 (25%)



140,368 distinct tuition discounts awarded



19,862 friends of the Church served



78%
members

22%
friends

Students have connected with an estimated **15,000** remote jobs



TOTAL FACTS AND STATISTICS (2009–2025)

288,268 students served

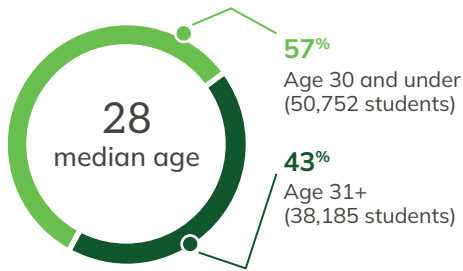
87,334 certificates and degrees awarded



97% increased their testimony of the Savior

94% increased confidence

DEMOGRAPHICS



Total

51% male

49% female

Worldwide

Male: 56%

Female: 44%

U.S. & Canada

Male: 35%

Female: 65%



Top bachelor's degrees

1. Applied business management
2. Applied health
3. Software development



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On the cover: Ebibas Bongali Christ-né, BYU-Pathway student

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Preparing a Way

Following the Savior's example, BYU-Pathway students are modern-day pioneers building foundations of faith and opportunity for generations to come

BY LAUREN CONRAD

God has always called His children to faithfully forge new paths as they follow His commandments. Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. Many early Saints of the Church of Jesus Christ traveled in harsh conditions to find and build Zion.

The Savior Jesus Christ established His Church, which transcended the traditions and beliefs of the day. Above all, He lived a perfect mortal life, atoned for our sins, and was resurrected, pioneering an eternal plan for our happiness.

Being a pioneer means courageously stepping into the unknown to prepare a way for others. [BYU-Pathway Worldwide](#) pioneers across the globe connect online each day and work toward educational goals that bless their families and communities. Through BYU-Pathway's unique approach to higher education, students are creating a global ripple effect of faith, opportunity, and generational change.



Alina and her daughter, Anamaria (left);
Ale (middle);
Jimmy (right)

The first in their families

In 2025, BYU-Pathway served nearly 89,000 students in 180 countries, many of whom are the first in their family to pursue higher education. Alina Ambariani, a first-generation university student from the country of Georgia, never believed she could earn a degree. Finding BYU-Pathway was an educational, professional, and spiritual turning point.

“Education changed my life,” she said. “It opened doors and opportunities for me and my family.”

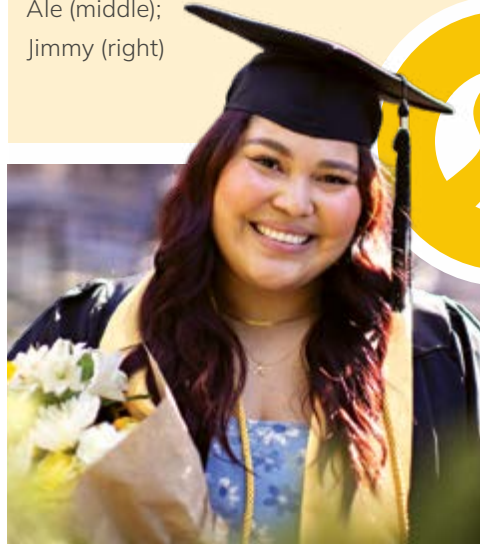
When Alina’s husband unexpectedly passed away, her remote job allowed her to care for her young daughter, Anamaria, while continuing her bachelor’s degree in [applied business management](#). Today, she helps others in her country access the opportunities that changed her life.

Through Alina’s hard work and BYU-Pathway, Anamaria is growing up with the blessings and opportunities of a Church education.

“I am providing for my family, and I can be a good example for my daughter — to show her that education is important,” Alina said.

Ale Angulo, a Costa Rican native who moved to New Jersey, USA, when she was 12, has also seen blessings from being the first graduate in her family.

“A lot of people told me I would never go to college,” she said. “[BYU-Pathway] gave me the opportunity. It not only



equipped me with the knowledge and skills necessary for professional advancement but also fostered a deep connection to my faith.”

Strengthening spiritual foundations

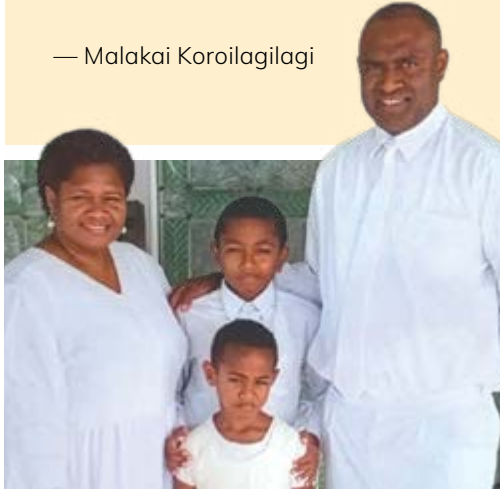
Jimmy Abwao from Kenya was not a member of the Church when a friend invited him to enroll in BYU-Pathway, in which students take both academic and religion courses centered on the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jimmy was deeply touched by what he was learning and chose to be baptized and receive his temple endowment. He never dreamed of the impact education would have on him.

“My life today is a new chapter,” he said. “Making covenants with our Heavenly Father is a great blessing.”



BYU-Pathway fed my soul. It deepened my understanding of gospel principles and helped me see how education can be a tool for service, leadership, and eternal progress.”

— Malakai Koroilagilagi



For Malakai Koroilagilagi, a branch president, husband, and father of two from Fiji, BYU-Pathway became a source of spiritual strength: “BYU-Pathway fed my soul. The spiritual foundation made all the difference.”

In June 2025, Malakai and his family were sealed in the Suva Fiji Temple (pictured right) — an experience he says he will cherish for the rest of his life. He also serves as a career coach for youth and a part-time service missionary and never misses an opportunity to share BYU-Pathway with others.

“BYU-Pathway changed everything,” Malakai said. “It can lift you higher than you ever imagined. You don’t just leave with a [degree]; you leave with purpose.”

Higher education with a higher purpose

Inspired by its pioneering students, BYU-Pathway continues to develop ways for more people to receive the blessings of higher education, starting with an educational model that’s innovative, globally scalable, and rooted in the gospel.

BYU-Pathway in Portuguese

In October 2025, BYU-Pathway launched a limited release of two bachelor’s degrees — [applied business management](#) and [software development](#) — in [Portuguese](#) in Brazil. Enrollment is anticipated to open to all interested students in Brazil later in 2026. This historic multi-language offering is making a gospel-centered education possible for many who otherwise wouldn’t have the opportunity.

Dalila da Silva Miguel from São Paulo, one of the first students to take

software development courses in Portuguese, said, “I have always wanted to study at [a Church school], but I do not speak English fluently and cannot afford to live in another country. With BYU-Pathway, I will have access to find more job opportunities, increase my salary, and become better prepared for the job market.”

President D. Todd Christofferson, Second Counselor in the First Presidency, shared the following with Church members in Brazil: “The Lord is hastening His work in this wonderful country, and education will play an important role. ... You can study in Brazil, establish Zion where you are, and receive the same education you would have obtained if you had traveled.”¹

Three-year degrees leading to jobs

In August 2025, *Forbes* featured BYU-Pathway as a pioneer in the “three-year degree revolution,” capturing national attention around its innovative educational model and efforts to “reimagin[e] more affordable education in a global, digital age.”²

BYU-Pathway provides access to cost-effective and time-saving degrees through its partnerships with BYU-Idaho and Ensign College, the first accredited institutions in the United States to offer [three-year bachelor’s degrees](#).

Brian K. Ashton, president of BYU-Pathway, said, “Our goal was simple: to open doors of opportunity. This isn’t just about graduating faster; it’s about helping our [students] build better lives for themselves and their families. This is higher education with a higher purpose.”³

Additionally, BYU-Pathway continued partnering with a variety of [employers](#) in 2025 to connect students with local and remote jobs. Interstride, a specialized global career platform, also significantly



expanded students' access to job and internship postings in more than 150 countries.

Hazel Gomez from the Philippines is one of the first BYU-Pathway students to complete a three-year bachelor's degree, which helped her land a job as a senior marketing supervisor.

"My education has made a huge difference in my career," she said. "My studies not only gave me the skills I needed but also the confidence and courage to take on new challenges."

A future marked by opportunity

BYU-Pathway students are preparing a way for future generations as they follow the example of the Savior Jesus Christ, the ultimate pioneer.⁴

Jeffrey R. Holland, who served as Acting President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, once met an expecting couple in Nigeria who named their new baby after him. Jeffrey Holland Oti, now in eighth grade, has grown up taking advantage of educational opportunities provided by the Church in Nigeria and has a path to affordable higher education because of BYU-Pathway.

"We're beginning to have thousands of stories come in from Church programs like [BYU-Pathway],"⁵ President Holland said — an answer to his "50-year prayer that the Church could provide spiritually based educational opportunities everywhere in the world."⁶

Dalila and her sons (left); Hazel (right)

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Into All the **World**

Four ways
BYU-Pathway is
making education
accessible everywhere
the Church is organized

BY SARAH EXCELL

The Savior gave His disciples the charge to take the gospel “into all the world.”¹ Today, [BYU-Pathway Worldwide](#) honors that divine commission by increasing access to faith-based higher education.

Its students are often the first in their families to pursue degrees. They balance work and family responsibilities. Some live in areas where universities are exclusive or unaffordable. Others lack internet access, technology, or financial resources.

BYU-Pathway’s unique approach meets students where they are — making higher education accessible for them so they can become capable leaders and empowered disciples of Jesus Christ.

Elder Ronald A. Rasband of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles said, “[BYU-]Pathway is all about access to education. Completing the courses means access to employment, and access to employment means a better life for families and more opportunities to serve the Lord.”²





President Brian K. Ashton speaks at the announcement of BYU-Pathway in Portuguese in Brazil.

Expanding language offerings

Matheus Galvão from São Paulo had discovered BYU-Pathway years earlier but couldn't enroll without knowing English. Everything changed when BYU-Pathway began offering courses in [Portuguese](#) — starting with 548 students in Brazil in October 2025 — creating new higher education options for Portuguese-speaking students like Matheus.

“Having access to quality education in my own language means not only overcoming a barrier but also maximizing my learning,” Matheus said. “It gives me greater confidence to dedicate myself to my studies.”



BYU-Pathway students from around the world gathered in Utah, USA



Creating centers of strength

In high-enrolling areas with limited local resources, BYU-Pathway is sponsoring learning centers that provide technology and reliable internet to support students. These centers also give students the opportunity to build friendships, participate in institute classes, and encourage each other as they learn.

Providing flexibility

BYU-Pathway makes it possible for more people to fit education into their lives through its partnerships with BYU-Idaho and Ensign College, the first accredited institutions in the United States to offer innovative [three-year bachelor's degrees](#). [Scholarships and reduced tuition](#) provide financial support, and online coursework accommodates students' work and family commitments.

BYU-Pathway students at a learning center in Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo



Opening doors to employment

Jeannot Akondi Njoke from South Africa had a demanding work schedule at a tire shop when he enrolled in BYU-Pathway. Within months of quitting his job to focus on education, BYU-Pathway connected him with a remote job opportunity as a data entry specialist.

“This has given me more peace of mind and has been a huge boost to continuously performing better in my studies, knowing my next job upgrade might be a few skills away,” Jeannot said.

Students have connected with an estimated 15,000 [remote job opportunities](#) — a 400% increase over the last two years. The impact of these connections compounds as individuals gain self-reliance, families achieve financial stability, and quality education and meaningful career options become attainable for future generations.



As the Lord hastens His work and the Church continues to grow, Elder Rasband reminds us that we are witnessing “the majesty of this moment.”³ BYU-Pathway’s expansion is part of that divine hastening as it brings education to students around the world — helping them become capable learners and leaders in their homes, the Church, and their communities. 🙏

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Leaders in Their Homes

See how BYU-Pathway is strengthening families and future generations

BY ABBY ASHTON

BYU-Pathway Worldwide's mission is to develop disciples of Jesus Christ who are leaders, starting in their own homes. Learning and faith are shaping families and leading them to increased opportunity and to the Savior.

Leading the way to education

When [Ani Harutyunya](#) from Armenia completed an associate degree, her two teenage children were inspired to learn English through the Church's [EnglishConnect](#) program and to follow their mother's example of prioritizing education.

"I want to improve my English so I can continue to BYU-Pathway like my mom," said Ani's 13-year-old daughter, Anahit. "Whenever I have questions about my homework, I go to my mom, and she responds in English. It's great to have someone at home to learn from."

BYU-Pathway and EnglishConnect have "really helped our family," Ani said. "It's building our family bond."



Ani with her children, Anahit (left) and Artashes (right)

Leading the way to service

"BYU-Pathway is blessing my family," said Julia Fiabane, a [service missionary](#) assigned to BYU-Pathway in Argentina with her husband, Pablo Páez.

Seeing an opportunity to involve their children, they invited their young son, Román, to help babysit while they facilitated a weekly gathering. Excited to serve like his parents, Román put on the name badge his father had worn as a young full-time missionary.

Julia said, "Our service has brought more harmony, patience, and respect to our home. My children are inspired to progress in their own lives."

Leading the way to the Savior

Tadeu Rego stopped attending church when he started traveling for work, but the spirit he felt in his BYU-Pathway gatherings inspired him to return. His family began attending church with him; his wife, Izabela, chose to be baptized; and they were sealed as a family with their two sons in the Rio de Janeiro Brazil Temple.

"BYU-Pathway was the tool the Lord used to bring me back to the Church," he said. "Not only did it bless my education but it blessed my faith and brought my family to the temple. It truly changed my life." 🙏

Tadeu and Izabela with family on their sealing day



The Páez family



Faith in Every Footstep

*Those marvelous Saints who embraced this great work and shared it in lands far and near;... Now stand as examples of virtue and faith, of souls prepared to hear.*¹

BY BREANNE SU'A

When Venezuelan student Eva Marina Orozco Umana enrolled in [BYU-Pathway Worldwide](#), she hoped education would open new opportunities while living in Hong Kong. She did not expect it to lead her to Jesus Christ.

As Eva studied, attended weekly gatherings, and prayed for help with her first course, she discovered greater peace, happiness, and faith in the Savior. Just one month later, she chose to be baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



Eva with Bishop Yu, who baptized her

“My life has changed,” Eva said. “Since my baptism, everything has been going well, especially at work. I feel happier. BYU-Pathway has helped me connect with Jesus Christ.”

Learning that leads to Christ

Knowing there are many “souls prepared to hear,”² as the hymn says, BYU-Pathway helps students and their families come closer to the Savior. Along with faith-based academic courses, students study scripture and discuss the gospel during religion courses and gatherings, in partnership with Seminaries and Institutes of Religion.

Cassandra and Paul Price enrolled to support their two adult children. While this family of four from Oregon, USA, are pursuing different degrees, they complete their religious studies together, even attending the temple for ancestors Cassandra finds through her [family history research degree](#).

“BYU-Pathway has changed my life and the life of my family,” she said. “We don’t have to choose between what we do with our lives and what we believe.”

“BYU-Pathway is one of the resources the Lord has prepared for His great gathering ... by helping students deepen their discipleship so they can in turn build others and build the Church.”³

— Elder Clark G. Gilbert

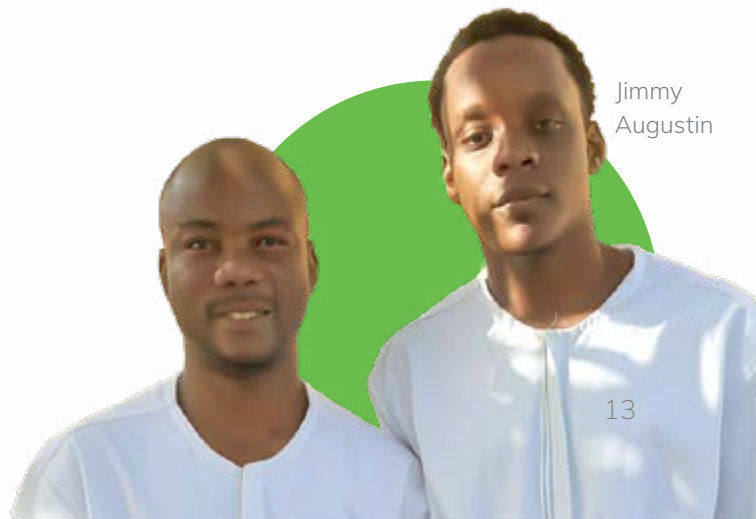
The first steps of faith

Faith-based courses also introduced Jimmy Augustin, an entrepreneur in Haiti, to the Church of Jesus Christ. His service missionaries encouraged him to read the Book of Mormon, and Jimmy’s decision to follow their invitation changed everything. As he learned about the gospel through his courses, Jimmy felt God’s love and chose to be baptized.

“Before BYU-Pathway, I would pray to find an affordable school, to have a business, and to be baptized,” he said. “Everything I asked God for, He always made a way.”

From Hong Kong to Haiti, one step at a time, student pioneers like Jimmy are forging a new path of faithful discipleship that all began at BYU-Pathway. 🙏

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Jimmy Augustin

The Promise of BYU-Pathway

BY KRISTA TRIPODI

“I could not get these students out of my mind.”

Throughout her career, Emmy-winning journalist and author Jane Clayson Johnson has traveled the globe covering major news events and interviewing influential public figures. But, as she heard [BYU-Pathway Worldwide](#) students in Africa humbly share their sacrifices for education, she knew these were stories she *had* to tell.

“As a journalist, I wanted the world to see the remarkable ways that the Church is blessing so many lives across the globe [through BYU-Pathway],” said Jane.¹

Jane and a film crew traveled to Kenya and Uganda to produce [Pathway to Hope](#), a BYUtv documentary sharing the determination and resilience of BYU-Pathway students in Africa. Students like Grace Ninsiima, who, since fleeing an abusive marriage with her four daughters, has seized every educational and employment opportunity afforded her, turning her degree into a fulfilling career. And Junior Kanyanya, who returned from his mission to no family support and very few job or educational prospects — until he found BYU-Pathway.

“Most of the students we met here in Africa would never be able to afford a college education without BYU-Pathway,” said Jane. “These are first-generation college students — Pathway pioneers, breaking the cycle of poverty and changing the course of their lives. Simply put, the promise of [BYU-]Pathway brings hope in a place where it’s hard to find.”²



Junior Kanyanya

Paving the path

One of those pioneers featured is Peter Ondigo, who grew up selling vegetables on the streets of Nairobi. He became one of the very first BYU-Pathway students in Kenya and went from fighting to survive to thriving. Peter’s pursuit of his educational and career goals has provided him with stable income and helped his family see the power of education. “It has cultivated a study culture in our family and improved us,” he shared in an email.

Elder Clark G. Gilbert, General Authority Seventy and Commissioner of the Church Educational System, said, “The purpose of BYU-Pathway is to bring Christ-centered education of a high quality to people who thought they could never have access to an education. If I had to boil down the miracle of BYU-Pathway into one word, it would be *hope*.”

As the first in his family to pursue a degree, Peter feels he is setting the pace for those who follow him. In total, 10 members of his family — including his wife, Pauline — will be enrolled in BYU-Pathway.

Talent meets opportunity

Embracing affordable, high-quality education that leads to meaningful work is not unique to the Ondigo family. BYU-Pathway is seeing explosive growth across Africa, with enrollment increasing by nearly 60% in 2025. Students recognize this spiritually based education as the opportunity they’ve been waiting for.

1. Jane Clayson Johnson, “[Pathway to Hope: BYU-Pathway Worldwide in Africa](#)” (Brigham Young University forum, Sept. 30, 2025), [speeches.byu.edu](#)

2. *Pathway to Hope*, directed by Chantelle Squires; produced by Jane Clayson Johnson, Chantelle Squires, and BYUtv, in association with Kaleidoscope Pictures and Mango Media (BYUtv, 2025), [byutv.org/pathway-to-hope](#) (All quotes in this article come from the documentary, unless otherwise noted.)

3. [Alma 26:37](#)

“The distribution of capacity and capability is a normal distribution curve across all the earth,” said Brian K. Ashton, president of BYU-Pathway. “People in Kenya or in Nigeria are just as smart as people anywhere else and just as capable. Opportunity is not distributed equally across the world.”

BYU-Pathway is changing that. With 70% of its enrollment in areas without a strong local economy, linking students to remote employment is essential to them becoming self-reliant leaders in their homes, congregations, and communities. And, in Africa, BYU-Pathway is transforming education across the continent — one student at a time.

“The Lord is using BYU-Pathway to bless us,” Grace said. “It’s just a revolution that’s taking place.”

Uniting hearts

Since the premiere of *Pathway to Hope* in October 2025, BYU-Pathway has seen it connect hearts around the world. In an outpouring of support, many have contributed scholarships and laptops, volunteered their time as career mentors, practiced English with students, or hired students into remote jobs.

BYU-Pathway is also largely supported by service missionaries around the world who facilitate gatherings and shepherd students. When Lorri Cummings from Utah, USA, became a missionary for BYU-Pathway in 2021, she had no idea how profoundly working with students in Africa each week would impact her life.



“I don’t know anything more rewarding,” she said. “I’ve raised five children. I have 16 grandchildren. But this is really at the top of my joy in mortality [to] serve this way, and I hope I can do it until my dying day.”

Mindful of every people

The life-changing education delivered through BYU-Pathway is a testament that “God is mindful of every people, whatsoever land they may be in,”³ and He is inviting many more people to join His work.

When asked at the premiere of the documentary what students most need, Grace shared, “They are smart. They are hardworking. They just need an opportunity — someone to believe in them, someone to see what they can do.”

Connected through this divinely inspired educational effort, those with talent to give and those with opportunity to provide are coming together like never before. Pioneering students like Grace, Junior, Peter, and Pauline are only the beginning; tens of thousands more in the coming decade will find hope through the promise of BYU-Pathway. 🌍



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Grace Ninsiima with
Jane Clayson Johnson



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