

## **Generational Support: A Stabilizing Influence**



The California Teaching Fellows Foundation, a collaborative of more than eight Central Valley colleges, partners the FRWDB with their “Teaching Fellows,” so seasoned professors support part-time, paid jobs for students and act as academic mentors to community college and university undergraduates who are training to become K-12 instructors.

In 2017, two FRWDB “Teaching Fellows” were hired to support elementary and high school teachers, districts, and county offices of education by serving as mentors and ‘college success’ role models for their students in after school, tutoring, and summer programs. While helping younger students achieve more academic success, “Teaching Fellows” have gained valuable hands on experience in supportive environments that have become building blocks for their own success.

Based on her success on the job, Sarah Askham, a FRWDB “Teaching Fellow,” was encouraged to take the Para Educator exam and passed it with flying colors, making her job eligible. This simple career exploration experience launched Sarah’s budding educational career and has helped support her as she is completing her teaching degree at Fresno City College.