**SOE Be A Teacher Pathway Community:** *“Supporting undergraduates to successfully navigate the requirements for getting into CSUSM teaching credential programs”*

**What is a “First Responder”?**

A First Responder is an SOE faculty member who plays a role in welcoming individuals who have just registered to become a member of the Be A Teacher Pathway Community. When an individual registers, the First Responder receives the name and information from Melinda Jones. Within one week, the First Responder sends a welcome email to the new pathway community member using the suggested email template. The First Responder takes on the First Responder role for one semester at a time. A First Responder role is not a fulltime mentorship role.

**First Responder EMAIL Template**

Dear …

You are receiving this welcome email because you have recently registered to become a new member of the Be A Teacher Pathway Community. By becoming a member, you have demonstrated your commitment to pursuing a teaching credential. My name is ….(**faculty name**) and I am a professor in the School of Education at Cal State San Marcos.

From the information that I received, I see that you are currently a …. (**Year of College** - freshman, sophomore, junior, senior) at (**College Name** - CSUSM, Palomar, Mira Costa). It looks like you want to pursue a teaching credential in… (**Type of Credential** - Elementary, Middle Level, High School). **(Credential Specialization- if applicable)**  I see that you are also thinking about specializing in…. (Bilingual Ed, ED Specialists, Other).

I want to personally welcome you to the Be A Teacher Pathway Community! I invite you to take full advantage of the many resources available to you as a member of the Be A Teacher Pathway Community. I encourage you to start your journey on the pathway now. You can start by returning to the website for the Be A Teacher Pathway Community.

(http://www.csusm.edu/soe/prospectivestudents/pathway.html)

Please download the following documents from the website: 1) Steps to Becoming A Teacher Flyer, 2) The Pathway Progress Checklist, 3) The Pathway Goals Form First, familiarize yourself with the many requirements to becoming a teacher in the state of California by skimming through the “Steps to Becoming a Teacher Flyer”. Second, read “The Pathway Progress Checklist” and fill out the section corresponding to your current year in college. It is organized year-by-year with recommendations for what to work on completing each year. This can help you to keep track of what you need to do. Third, read The Pathway Goals Form and write a current goal of what to work on and also a goal for the near future.

Now that you are a member of the Be A Teacher Pathway Community, you will periodically receive announcements via email that go out to all pathway community members. These announcements will let you know about upcoming events and activities to which you are invited.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

(**Professor’s name & email**)