In this talk Dr. Bianco and Tramane Hudson will highlight the Pathways2Teaching program, a concurrent enrollment program designed to encourage high school students of Color to become teachers. We will provide an overview of the program’s critical features, including a snapshot of major assignments created to build college readiness skills and introduce students to Scholars of Color. We will also discuss how we build a “coalition of the willing” to sustain a program without grant funding and the key stakeholders involved (college/ university administration and faculty, school district administrators, high school principals and teachers) and their important roles. Tramane will provide a student’s perspective of the program and how it helped him shape his school and career trajectory.

Informed by her own personal and professional experiences, Dr. Bianco created the Pathways2Teaching program to address the critical need to diversify the teacher workforce and provide youth of Color with college access and readiness skills.

Tramane is a Pathways2Teaching graduate (2015) from Denver Public Schools and current undergraduate at University of Colorado Denver. Like many of his peers, Tramane was unsure of his career choice while in high school. He credits the Pathways2Teaching program with providing a path and a purpose. Tramane currently works as a paraprofessional with elementary students and looks forward to working in his community and leading youth programs.