

APPRENTICESHIP

Remembering Paul Pidoux

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Although few in the Apprenticeship world have ever met Paul Pidoux personally, the impact of his work will live on for generations. He worked for the Local Education Agency (LEA) side of Apprenticeship for the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) for nearly 20 years.

Paul's accomplishments are monumental; he wrote over 600 Apprenticeship curriculums over the years. He also acted as the LAUSD apprenticeship office manager where he wrote more than 30 grants for the program and helped manage them.

Paul worked and led on the Abram Friedman Occupational Center's (AFOC) accreditation teams and committees, and he must have helped over a thousand new teachers through the state of California credentialing process. He also kept up correspondence with our current 412 instructors on credentialing and other professional development requirements. In addition, Paul tutored many Teacher Assistants in their college courses at AFOC.

Paul was the ROCK of LAUSD's apprenticeship staff and helped so often to balance each of our lives. He always had extra time to help staff, teachers and students in their moment of need, often helping in teacher research projects, student applications for scholarships, fund-raising activities, letters of recommendation, resume writing and directions as to how to apply for employment.

Paul was currently working on his master's degree in history. He finished high school in Glendale, California in 1990, and completed a Bachelor of Science in history from Cal State Los Angeles in 2006.



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Lastly, all this was accomplished by a man with childhood pulmonary disease that often caused hard days for Paul as an adult. Paul was blind in one eye and had to use a magnifying glass in front of his glasses and computer screen to read. Yet Paul never requested any special accommodations for his difficulties nor did he make an issue of his maladies which were numerous beyond the ones listed above.

Over 50 e-mails were received in condolences to his wife and family from his apprenticeship and LAUSD family who considered Paul a friend, colleague and teammate. One LAUSD administrator wrote the following: "Tragic! Paul was a one-of-a-kind in several ways. We had the pleasure of working together with him for so many years. He was the master of writing curriculum, no matter the topic including some outside of Apprenticeship to help Division of Adult Education (DACE). His work ethic was second to none and I can't think of a time he requested additional time to complete a project. Paul will be missed so much!"

Surely, this world is a better place because of Paul's graciousness and we will see Paul in the Glorious Morning. Rest in Peace.

Paul is survived by his wife Tracy, parents Angelica and Rene, and older brothers Alain and Marcel.