



# THE GOLDEN APPLE FOUNDATION

## A MATERIAL SOLUTION TO THE TEACHER SHORTAGE

The Problem: There were nearly 2,000 teacher vacancies in Illinois that remained unfilled at the beginning of the 2021 school year and more than 1,000 in New Mexico.

The Solution: The Golden Apple Foundation is expanding the pipeline of highly effective educators in Illinois and New Mexico to total more than 2,000, and has long term goals to expand into other states. With the data to substantiate our results, we inspire, develop, and support teacher and school leader excellence, especially in schools-of-need, through the following programs:

### Golden Apple Scholars Program

The Golden Apple Scholars Program recruits high school seniors through college sophomores to prepare them to teach by providing intensive instruction, tuition assistance, placement services, and mentoring services to become highly-effective teachers. Scholars receive:

- Financial assistance and paid professional development while in undergrad
- Extensive classroom teaching experience
- Instruction from award-winning educators and expert partners
- Job placement assistance upon graduation from college
- Mentoring in the first years of teaching



### Golden Apple Accelerators Program

The Golden Apple Accelerators Program provides career-changers a path to teaching in targeted school districts in southern, central, and western Illinois. Accelerators receive:

- A stipend for coursework to apply towards a teaching license and/or housing
- A one-year residency and training program
- Coursework and credit through a partner university
- Job placement in a southern, western, or central Illinois school district
- Instruction from award-winning educators
- Mentoring in the first years of teaching



