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The Mob Museum has offered educational outreach programs, which transport the museum experience into the community, since 2016. In that time, more than 30,000 members of the community have enjoyed one of The Mob Museum's interactive presentations on history or forensic science. Museum educators travel to schools, community centers, senior centers and senior residential facilities with historical objects and activities to deliver hands-on, conversational presentations.

The Mob Museum's educational outreach programs improve historical and civic literacy as well as community pride for both student and senior populations in Southern Nevada. This is particularly important in Nevada, where just one of out every four residents was born within the state. Increasing the community's understanding and appreciation for the area's history improves community cohesiveness and pride. As community connectivity decreased during COVID, these outcomes are even more imperative to the health and vibrancy of Southern Nevada.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, The Mob Museum transitioned our hands-on, in-person presentations into virtual offerings. In April 2020, the Museum began presenting to students via Google Meet. Educators still engaged students with questions and conversation and showed the unique historical objects, which are the central feature of our outreach programs, to students via webcam. Since then, the Museum has continued to offer virtual versions of the presentations while also reviving in-person presentations in the fall of 2021. Offering these presentations virtually allowed teachers and their students to maintain an air of normalcy, even in the face of unprecedented uncertainty within the schools and community.

The feedback speaks for itself. Here is a small selection of things that teachers and community programming staff has said about our programs:

"The Mob Museum has come to my school (and this year to our Google Meet) the last five years to do a Prohibition class. I have been very pleased with the presentation and the relevance to material we have covered. My students are always engaged, and the presenters are always enthusiastic and well informed. I look forward to having the Mob Museum being a part of my class for years to come."

"The Mob Museum educational outreach program was a breath of fresh air to our curriculum. The lesson being taught related to the content of the unit and the standards of the state. Our presenter Cordia was engaging and the kids loved her, even while being completely online."

"The Mob Museum was a great addition to our curriculum about Las Vegas, and the Hoover Dam for our fifth-grade class. The facilitators came into our virtual classroom and did an exceptional job not only with stories of bygone areas but with a forensic class a hands-on project making our own fingerprints, fun! Thank you so much for making your museum available during the pandemic."

"I just wanted to tell you that your presenter Antonn is PHENOMENAL! His presentation was very informative and interesting and he was so welcoming and warm. You guys have the best

educators that we have ever been blessed to have here at Parkdale Recreation Center.
Thank you so much for this opportunity, once again!”

The Mob Museum is honored and thrilled to provide outreach presentations to the Southern Nevada community, and we look forward to the continued ability to offer these programs.

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