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Text, What is the value of passing on education to the next generation. Relonda McGhee, McClymonds High School Teacher. Relonda sits in a classroom wearing a shirt that says, Ambitious.

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One of the things that we've learned even when I was a student here is McClymonds, you have to come back. You have to give back to your community. And it comes off of the inequities that we know that we don't get. So once we get educated in doing our thing, we come back and pass it on so the kids can see that you don't have to live in the projects all your life. You can go to college, and they can change your whole life.

And we teach our young people to give back, come back. Even if a college student walked by right now, I would pull them in, and you have to talk to these students. And just to let them see because otherwise, they wouldn't see it. They wouldn't see it at all. And we pride ourselves on that. This community has-- the first Black mayor was a McClymonds. Bill Russell, the great Bill Russell. So we've always seen these examples come back and feed into us. And so now, we're feeding into our students. And they know when they go, they come back and show the young people that you can make it out of here.

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How can one generation positively impact the next?

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We expose them to opportunities, and we let students know that education is your way to get out of your circumstance. With education, you could go many places. You could travel the world. You could do a lot of things and be exposed to a lot of opportunities. We have like-- this week, our students are going on a lot of field trips to the colleges. Last week, we have a partnership-- student leadership, we have a partnership with Netflix where they teach legal life skills and part of it is financial literacy.

How to read your contracts when you're getting an apartment. All your legal rights that you need to be successful. And know how to read your dorm contract when you go to college. Simple things like that I know in my day, we didn't get that. But now, our students are getting all these good opportunities and the programs that are available for them to help them get to the next level, which is college, and then go into a career and not just have a job.