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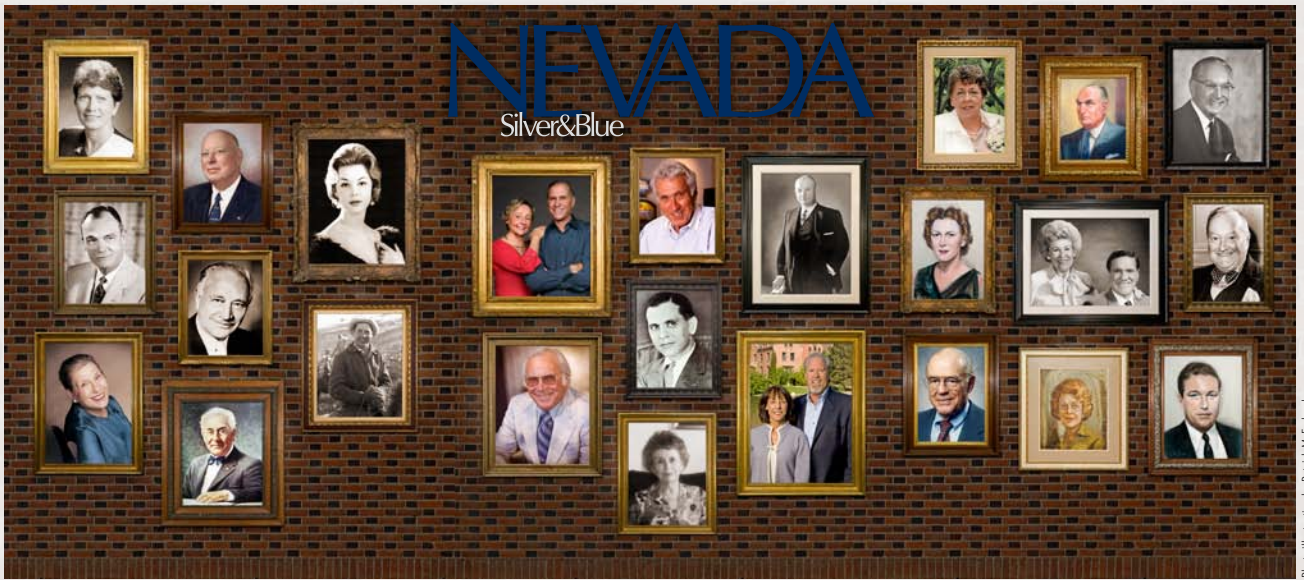


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## Gallery of Benefactors: The Faces of Private Foundations

### Back Cover:



#### Carol Franc Buck

Carol Franc Buck is a philanthropist and avid supporter of opera and the arts. In addition to supporting the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, she supports many of northern Nevada's major cultural institutions, including the Reno Philharmonic, the Nevada Museum of Art, Nevada Opera, Sierra Nevada Chorale and the Nevada Ballet Theatre, among others. Buck serves as president of the Carol Franc Buck Foundation, is an original director of the Frank and Eva Buck Foundation, and has served as a director of the Buck Center on Aging in Marin County, Calif. and as a board member of the San Francisco Opera since 1981. In 2006, she received the Nevada Governor's Art Award for "her outstanding and enduring contributions to Nevada through artistic achievement, commitment, and service to the arts."



#### Fritz B. Burns

Fritz B. Burns was a community developer and philanthropist in Los Angeles. He pioneered mass-produced private housing for defense workers in Southern California in the late 1930s, and later created one of the nation's first shopping malls, some of Hawaii's first tourist hotels, ground-breaking apartment complexes in Los Angeles, industrial parks and shopping centers throughout Southern Calif.



#### Dorothy Lemelson

Dorothy Lemelson is chair of the Lemelson Foundation, which she founded with her husband, Jerry, one of the world's most prolific inventors. Lemelson is fostering the couple's dream of encouraging and supporting the next generation of inventors, innovators and entrepreneurs. In forming new avenues of opportunity for tomorrow's creators, the Lemelson Foundation focuses on understanding, documenting, and promoting invention and innovation as significant contributors to the strength and sustainability of social and economic life. In addition to her work with the Lemelson Foundation, she also leads and funds the Lemelson Education and Assistance Program (LEAP), which works to improve children's lives primarily through the support of public education. She was awarded the University's President's Medal in 2001.



#### W. M. Keck

The W. M. Keck Foundation was established in 1954 in Los Angeles by William Myron Keck, founder of the Superior Oil Company. The foundation is one of the nation's largest philanthropic organizations and provided funds in 1983 for the Keck Mine Ventilation Laboratory, and additional equipment within the Paul Laxalt Mineral Engineering Building. In 1988, the foundation provided funds for the renovation of the Mackay School of Mines Building. One grandson, Robert Day, is chairman, president and CEO of the Keck Foundation, along with his brothers, Howard M. "Matt," '68 (agriculture), who is vice chairman, and T. J., who is a director.

**Conrad Hilton**

Conrad Hilton founded the international chain of business hotels that bear his name. He bought his first hotel in 1919 and founded the first so-

named Hilton Hotel in 1925 in Dallas, Texas. Hilton Hotels grew into the first coast-to-coast hotel chain, placing a special emphasis on the business traveler. Hilton also purchased other prestigious inns, including the Sir Francis Drake in San Francisco, New York's Waldorf-Astoria and the Palmer House in Chicago. Hilton's son Barron followed him as head of the company, which by the year 2000 had nearly 500 hotels around the world. Conrad Hilton died in 1979, leaving the bulk of his estate to his philanthropic organization, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. The foundation supports programs for safe water, the blind and the homeless as well as education initiatives.

**John Ben Snow**

John Ben Snow amassed fortunes on two continents: in Europe, as a competitive and innovative executive with F. W. Woolworth, and in

his native America as the dynamic publisher of the Speidel Newspapers. After retiring from Woolworth's in 1939, Snow devoted the remainder of his life to building the Speidel chain and publishing the *Western Horseman*. Throughout his life, John Ben Snow shared his wealth with relatives, friends and business associates. He gave generously and freely to those persons and causes he cherished. He preferred to "invest" in people, especially the young, by making financial assistance available.

**Jean Mallory**

Jean Mallory was the last surviving heir of Marion Mallory Sr., the founder of the Mallory Corporation and inventor of the "Mallory ignition." Marion Mallory held over

200 automotive patents in the United States and Europe. Jean Mallory founded the Mallory Foundation in Carson City in 1991.

**Marshall R. Matley**

Marshall Reno Matley was a rancher and prominent businessman from a pioneer Reno family. Marshall and his brothers owned and operated

ranches throughout Nevada and California. Like so many early settlers of the Truckee Meadows, their ranches were developed into commercial properties. The old Matley home ranch is now part of Reno-Tahoe International Airport. Despite his business skills, he was always most at home in the saddle, and would want to be remembered as a good cowboy. Marshall was a generous man who gave to many charities and helped many people during his lifetime.

**Front Cover:****Bob and Jan Davidson**

Bob and Jan Davidson are educational entrepreneurs and philanthropists who developed the "Blaster series" of educational software, including Math Blaster and Reading Blaster.

They sold their software company in the early 1990s and founded the Davidson Institute for Talent Development—a national nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting gifted young people. The Davidsons have contributed major gifts to establish the Davidson Academy of Nevada, a free public school for profoundly gifted middle and high school students, on the University's campus and the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, currently under construction on the southeast side of campus.

**William N. Pennington**

William N. Pennington built four successful businesses in Nevada. Immediately after serving as an Army pilot in World War II, he became a prominent home-builder in the Reno

area. In the 1960s, he pioneered electronic gaming equipment. In 1974, he acquired Circus Circus, and soon turned the business into Nevada's leading employer and one of the most successful gaming companies in the world. He also engaged in wildcat oil exploration simultaneously with his other business interests, becoming Nevada's largest oil producer for a number of years. He established the William N. Pennington Foundation in 1989 to provide grants to Nevada-based organizations in the areas of education, community services, health care and medical research. He has given significantly to the Nevada School of Medicine. Pennington was bestowed the Distinguished Nevadan award by the Nevada Board of Regents in 1997 and awarded the University's President's Medal in 2007. He received an honorary degree from the University in 2008.

**Charles N. Mathewson**

Charles N. Mathewson is an investor and chairman emeritus of International Game Technology. Mathewson received his bachelor of finance

degree from the University of Southern California in 1953 and graduated from the University of California Management Program in 1960. He is the director of the Charles N. Mathewson Foundation, which provided the lead gift for construction of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. He was awarded the University's President's Medal in 2004.

**E. L. Cord**

Errett Lobban "E. L." Cord was a builder, creator and innovator remembered most often for his car-building enterprises, which include the Duesenberg,

the Auburn and the Cord automobiles. Cord founded the Cord Corporation in 1929 as a holding company for more than 150 companies he controlled, mostly in the field of transportation. He also owned several of the first radio and television stations in California and later Nevada, where he moved in the 1940s. During that decade, he filled in for a Nevada state legislator who had died in the middle of his term and again rose to fame as a politician in his later life. Established in 1962, the E. L. Cord Foundation has distributed major funding to virtually every area of campus.

**Nell J. Redfield**

Nell Jones Redfield was born and raised in Idaho. She worked for and married LaVere Redfield, who was active in the stock market and became very

successful. The Redfields moved to Reno in the 1930s and started to buy land in Washoe County. Redfield created the Nell J. Redfield Foundation in 1974. She had many connections with people on the University campus, particularly the medical school. The Nell J. Redfield Foundation has been a major benefactor to the University of Nevada, Reno, community college education, primary and secondary education, as well as general community projects in the Truckee Meadows. The foundation is the primary backer of the Redfield Campus, a unique, ambitious plan to provide higher education alternatives to students throughout northern Nevada.



**Donald W. Reynolds**  
Donald Worthington Reynolds was an American businessman, media owner and philanthropist. He was best known for his involvement in the

Donrey Media Group. During World War II, he was the officer in charge of the Pacific and London editions of the "soldiers" newspaper *YANK*. He attained the rank of major, received the Legion of Merit, Purple Heart and Bronze Star during his military service. The Reynolds School of Journalism was named in his honor. The Reynolds Foundation has had a major impact on the development of the School of Journalism, by providing funds for the school's building and technological advancements, as well as endowments for academic chairs. The foundation continues his legacy of charitable giving by funding programs for capital grants, aging and quality of life, cardiovascular clinical research, and journalism throughout the nation.



**Annette and Harvey Whittemore**

Annette '74 (elementary education/special education) and Harvey Whittemore '74 (prelegal) are Reno philanthropists who

head the Whittemore Family Foundation. Their foundation has provided major gifts to the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, the Whittemore Peterson Institute for Neuro-Immune Disease, the Robert and Leslie Whittemore Athletics Scholarship Endowment and many other campus projects. Annette was awarded the University of Nevada, Reno Alumni Association's Alumna of the Year Award in 2008 and Harvey received the Alumnus of the Year Award in 2001. Harvey is a trustee and past chair of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation.

## Inside Cover:



**Marguerite Wattis Petersen**

Marguerite Wattis Petersen was born in Las Vegas in 1934. Her family's company, Utah Construction, part

of Six Companies, was involved in the construction of the Hoover Dam. Petersen was a homemaker, mother of three children,

and was devoted to her family and her community. She was always volunteering, and loved to help anyone, especially children. The mission of the Marguerite Wattis Petersen Foundation is to "create opportunities for a positive day, a promising tomorrow and a confident future for all."



**Hazel and Herbert Bretzlaff**

The Bretzlaff Foundation was established by Hazel Bretzlaff Van Allen as a memorial to her

husband, W. Herbert Bretzlaff, who left an estate built from his office furniture and equipment business in Detroit. Numerous northern Nevada educational, health, arts and youth organizations have benefitted from the generous philanthropy of the Bretzlaff Foundation.



**Edward W. Scripps II**

Edward W. Scripps II '52 (journalism) was a journalist, teacher and the son of newspaper pioneer E. W. Scripps. While attending the University, he was a member of

Coffin and Keys and Sigma Delta Chi. In 1982, the Nevada Board of Regents honored him with the award of Distinguished Nevadan and in 1987, he received the distinction of President's Medalist. The Scripps Howard Foundation is a nonprofit organization created by Scripps, his brother Charles and the Howard Family in 1962 to promote excellence in journalism through endowments, scholarships and grants. The foundation strives to advance the cause of a free press through support of excellence in journalism, quality journalism education and professional development.



**Arthur and Mae Orvis**

Reno resident, financier and philanthropist Arthur Emerton

Orvis was a graduate of Cornell University who served as a captain in the Army Air Corps during World War I and also as a captain in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was awarded an honorary degree by the University in 1955. Arthur's wife, Mae, was

a skilled opera singer who carried on her husband's philanthropy after his passing in 1965. The Orvis' generosity helped establish the Orvis School of Nursing in 1957.



**Leon and Jacqueline Nightingale**

Leon Nightingale was president and principal owner of

the Club Cal Neva and co-owner of the Comstock Hotel-Casino. They were awarded the University's President's Medal in 1985 and bestowed the Distinguished Nevadan award by the Nevada Board of Regents in 1986. The Nightingale Family Foundation, which provides scholarships for Nevada students, and helped construct the Nightingale Concert Hall in the Church Fine Arts Building, was established in 1994.



**Robert Z. Hawkins**

Robert Z. Hawkins was a lawyer and investor. He attended Reno High School, Stanford University and Harvard Law School. At one time, he was the dominant

shareholder of Security National Bank of Nevada, where he served as a member of the board. He also became interested in and acquired, several large ranches in the Marysville, Calif. area where he grew the first commercially successful wild rice grown in California. Prior to his death in 1979, he decided to leave the bulk of his estate in trust for charitable purposes.



**Jack R. Howard**

Jack Howard was the son of United Press founder, Roy Howard, and served as president of the E. W. Scripps Company from 1953 to 1976. After his

retirement, Howard helped found and served as president of the Scripps Howard Foundation, which distributes journalism awards and scholarships.



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## From the President

# Strong University = value added for state of Nevada

*"The presence of a major research university is a basic infrastructure component of (our modern economy)—more important than the canals, railroads and freeway systems of past epochs—and a huge potential source of competitive advantage"* —Richard Florida, author of *The Rise of the Creative Class*.

The simple fact, particularly during these days of recession and economic uncertainty, is indisputable: smart places must constantly strive to get smarter. If they don't, the communities, regions and states they serve may never recover.

Richard Florida, a best-selling author and professor of public policy, has described in his many writings that research universities like ours lead to the creation of "meaningful new forms"—a super-talented, super-creative core of a community's citizens who are the underpinning of a modern, high-tech, knowledge-intensive economy.

The so-called "Creative Class" that Dr. Florida enumerates has considerable economic power, usually earning \$20,000 to \$25,000 more than the typical member of the middle class. They are drawn to dynamic areas of the country almost always anchored by a strong research university. "The university," writes Florida, "(is) a transmitter sending out a signal" to these individuals. Once the signal is received, local economies modernize and diversify.

Recently, thanks to a timely economic impact study led by Tom Harris, professor of resource economics at our University, this lesson was driven home in ways that reinforced a key belief on our campus: that even during a time of budget shortfalls and budget cuts, our University is playing a greater role than ever before as a prime economic engine for our community and our state.

Among the findings of this study, our University has a profound "multiplier effect" on the statewide economy, whether it is in student and faculty earnings, which are reinvested in household income, or ongoing construction projects on our campus. The study found that the gross economic impact of the University on the state totals more than \$871 million—or nearly four times the state-funded investment in our institution. This includes the creation of more than 7,934 jobs, either directly or indirectly associated with our campus.

Our University's economic activity and level of employment place us among some of the largest corporations headquartered in the state of Nevada. Our institution provides a multitude of key statewide services, from instruction to research to medical care to entertainment—all of which augment and provide critical diversification for the in-state economy.

Because we are a research University, there is a "value added" element to this calculus. Due to our ability to attract federal and foundation research grants, future growth opportunities for the statewide economy can greatly multiply even a modest amount of money. Breakthrough discoveries lead to new industries, companies and organizations for Nevada, which in turn create more jobs and more dollars for our state. Our University helps the state bring in more revenue, with small cost, making our campus one of the most productive economic engines in Nevada.

Going beyond these numbers, our University further enriches the life of our state through arts and culture events that are held on our campus, or when members of our faculty step off our campus and bring their considerable talents to community and statewide assets such as the Reno Philharmonic, the Nevada Opera, and other creative endeavors. Just as there are economic multipliers, there are many artistic multipliers that bring an intellectual and creative vitality to our community, our region and our state.

Putting all of these pieces together tells an important story. The knowledge infrastructure we supply is of the greatest consequence to Nevada's future. With each college graduate we produce, the rate of return for our state increases dramatically.

Let's keep getting smarter. It is required work if we wish to create a prosperous Nevada state economy powered by the full development of human potential.

Sincerely,

**Milton D. Glick**  
President

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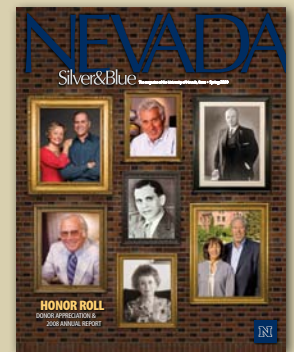
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This issue's cover depicts a gallery of the original founders of many of the private foundations whose contributions have made possible the University's greatest strengths today, and our loftiest goals for the future. The portraits were made available to us courtesy of the foundations. See inside front cover to learn more about these generous donors. *Photo illustration by Patrick McFarland.*



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*The Davidson Mathematics and Science Center is slated to open in August 2010. Bricks will cover the green underlay visible in this photograph taken in March. The building—the first new capital project for the natural sciences on campus in nearly 40 years—was made possible in part through the generosity of private foundations such as the Davidson Foundation, Nell J. Redfield Foundation, E. L. Cord Foundation, Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation, Mallory Foundation, Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation, Charles N. Mathewson Foundation, Bretzlaff Foundation and others.*



# Private foundations provide vital support to the University

*By Ken Kempcke. Photos by Theresa Danna-Douglas.*



**T**hroughout its proud history, the University of Nevada, Reno has enjoyed a long and rich tradition of support from residents, businesses and private organizations, and, for all intents and purposes, would not exist as the dynamic institution it is today without the generosity of the community it serves. In recent years, private foundations have played an

increasingly influential and important role in supporting the mission of the University and in attracting and inspiring legions of students.

“Private foundations’ steadfast support and contributions in terms of gifts, service, time and talent are remarkable and beyond price,” says John Carothers, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations and

executive director of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation.

Private foundations are legal entities established by an individual, a family or a group of individuals, for a specific purpose, typically philanthropy. These are contrasted with corporate foundations established by for-profit entities for their philanthropic

endeavors. Notable private foundation gifts have supported building construction, faculty chairs, academic programs, as well as student services and scholarships.

“Contributions to the University of Nevada, Reno from private foundations help establish the financial cornerstone necessary to ensure that the University will remain all that it is and fulfill its role as one of the nation’s premier land grant universities,” Carothers says.

The tangible proof of foundations’ philanthropic impact is found everywhere on the University campus. The good works of many of these foundations are highlighted here. (*A complete list of foundations that contributed to the University in 2008 begins on page 20.*)

## BRICKS AND MORTAR

The construction of the first University of Nevada building in Elko, built during the winter of 1873-1874, was assisted by ordinary Nevada citizens, who held a grand ball in order to raise funds. By 1875, private donors succeeded in raising \$20,000 for the fledgling University. This was a bold and aggressive fund raising gesture for an exceedingly young and small community, but it was characteristic of the times and of the people.

The good people of Elko County set an example for the rest of Nevada by their faith in higher education and their sacrifices in order to erect what was then the finest academic building in the state. State-of-the-art facilities continue to be integral to ensuring the health and vibrancy of a well-rounded educational experience. These facilities create an environment in which the best research, teaching and innovation can flourish.

In 2008, the **Davidson Foundation** and its founders, Bob and Jan Davidson, provided a \$16 million donation toward construction projects: \$11 million—the naming gift for the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, as well as \$5 million to renovate the Jot Travis Building. The center is currently under construction on the southeast side of campus. The Jot Travis Building now houses the

*“Our greatest joy is to give to others, so that they will have greater opportunities to learn and grow, and eventually play a role in building a better world.”*

*Bob and Jan Davidson*

Davidson Academy of Nevada, a free public day school for profoundly gifted middle and high school students. The Davidson Academy, established in 2006, has been touted by *Time* magazine as “a new model for gifted education.” In addition to taking classes at the Academy, students have access to University classes and professors under a dual enrollment agreement. (*See page 96 for story on Davidson Academy student Taylor Wilson’s cold fusion machine.*) To learn more about the Academy, visit: [www.davidsonacademy.unr.edu](http://www.davidsonacademy.unr.edu)

The Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, scheduled to open in August 2010, will represent the first new campus capital project for the natural sciences in nearly 40 years, and will be a hub for student learning.

“We look at our gift to the University of Nevada, Reno as an investment in the future of the University, the community, the state and the nation,” says Bob Davidson. “A strong math and science education is key to the future of our country. Jan and I are passionate about doing our share to reverse the decline of talent in math and science expertise in the nation.”

The Davidsons believe their gift will produce students who will contribute economically to the northern Nevada community.

Construction on the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center has not only changed the skyline of the University, it has reinvigorated faculty and students, who will soon occupy its classrooms and laboratories.

University President Milton Glick says: “We hadn’t built a science teaching building on this campus since the 1970s, when we had 6,000 students. But with the support of the

Davidsons, the **Nell J. Redfield Foundation** and others, we are now building a new science building, including a much needed, large teaching auditorium.”

Another prominent gift to the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center came from The Nell J. Redfield Foundation—one of the most generous sources of private support in University history. This foundation donated the lead gift to build the center’s 500-seat, high-tech auditorium. In addition, the foundation has contributed more than \$20 million to support students and campus projects over the past several decades, including the Nell J. Redfield Foundation Engineering Scholarship, the School of Medicine, and, most notably, the Redfield Campus in south Reno.

Since 2005, the Redfield Campus has served as a center of community collaboration and academic flexibility for students and professionals, and as an emerging leader in discovering solutions for developing Nevada’s renewable energy resources. The Redfield Campus combines the resources of the University, Truckee Meadows Community College, the Redfield Foundation and local businesses.

Jerry Smith, Redfield Foundation vice president and University of Nevada, Reno Foundation trustee, says, “The funding we have made available has made the University the prominent institution that it is today. We are very pleased with the progress the University has made, the respect it has earned, and the results of our beneficence.”

Another crown jewel of the Nevada campus, the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, opened its doors in fall 2008. A major gift



*The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center has been extremely popular with students, judging by the numbers of them filling the chairs, booths and computer stations in @One and all the way to the quiet areas on the fifth floor. The Knowledge Center stands at the new gateway to campus, and, along with the Joe Crowley Student Union, has become a hub of campus activity.*

from the **Charles N. Mathewson Foundation** helped fund construction of one of the most technologically advanced libraries in the country. *Southwest Contractor*, a leading commercial construction industry publication, honored the Knowledge Center with a Best of 2008 Award for design excellence, quality of construction and workmanship, innovation and contribution to the community.

Glick says, "If you look at the impact of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center on this campus, you will see that it has changed the entire culture of the campus. It couldn't have happened without the private sector stepping up."

Donors have also contributed significantly to creative venues and spaces on campus, keeping the arts prominent and available to students, faculty and the community. One of the most recent additions to campus is the sculpture

garden on the southern end of the Knowledge Center, which was made possible by a gift from the **Carol Franc Buck Foundation**. Carol Franc Buck has long been an active supporter of the arts in the western United States.

Buck cites her love of opera as the impetus for a commitment to the arts, and her foundation has been a generous benefactor to the Reno art community for many years. "Our trustees and I were very impressed with the concept of the Knowledge Center," Buck says. "It is an extraordinary space and it was wonderful to be involved in the project by providing visual art for the facility."

Another generous supporter of arts facilities on campus is the **Nightingale Family Foundation**, which provided funding for the Nightingale Concert Hall in the Church Fine Arts Building. The 615-seat auditorium opened in 1987, and has been the home for thousands of

student and professional productions over the years, providing a venue for University music and art.

"We wanted to provide a home, over the long-term, for life-giving music and art," says Steven Nightingale, foundation trustee, "and to provide the means to those who want the chance to share in the joys of music and art, and make those joys a natural part of their family life." (See story on the *Nightingale Family Foundation* on page 79.)

The **E. L. Cord Foundation** is another private foundation that has contributed significantly to campus building construction by providing major gifts to name the E. L. Cord Foundation Academic and Athletic Performance Complex, the four-story high E. L. Cord atrium in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, as well as support for the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center.



*Professor Larry Dailey, the Reynolds Chair of Media Technology, works with Jason Watson, senior in the advertising sequence, on an exercise that helps students understand how they can use random chance in the development of journalistic games. Dailey has played an instrumental role in the development of J Week, a series of instructional workshops and keynote presentations that examine the future of journalism. During the annual J Week in March, Dailey and industry representatives participated in a 'think tank' to stimulate creativity and innovation in journalism.*

Joe Bradley '78 (economics), an E. L. Cord Foundation trustee and chair of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, says, "All of us at the E.L. Cord Foundation believe that there is synergistic value to what we do. When we look around the community and see people such as the Davidsons involved in education and giving to worthy causes, we have confidence they will be a success and we find it easy to support those causes, as well. We have a very large footprint at the University, and very proudly so, because we see an improved educational experience for students.

"The E.L. Cord Foundation is extremely proud to have played a role in the steady and continuing ascent of the quality of the educational process at the University. Mr. Cord himself did not have a college degree but he recognized the importance of education and we are proud to honor his vision and his legacy."

In addition, many other spaces in the Knowledge Center are named in honor of the private foundations that helped make the building possible. The magnificent rotunda reading room is named in recognition of the

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation's** generous contribution. "The Hilton Foundation is very pleased to have the reading room designated in such a way," says Edmund Cain, vice president for grant programs for the Hilton Foundation. "Conrad's son, Barron, is growing the foundation's work even further and part of that growth is due to investments in Nevada."

Since 1990, the **William N. Pennington Foundation** has had a profound impact on the University of Nevada School of Medicine, providing millions of dollars in support across a broad range of needs, including scholarships, research and operations. The foundation provided the naming gift for the Pennington Medical Education Building, which opened in 2001. This building now houses the medical school library, which serves not only Nevada students and faculty, but also as the regional medical library for physicians and other health care professionals throughout Nevada. "Most importantly," says Dr. John McDonald, vice president of Health Sciences, "the Pennington Building offers truly modern technical classrooms, the primary teaching facilities for

our first- and second-year medical students. Without this facility, the medical school would not have been able to grow and improve its services to our students, faculty, and the health care community."

The Pennington Building also received a major gift from the **Fritz B. Burns Foundation**. "Mr. Burns was a man of great integrity," says Rex Rawlinson, foundation vice president, "and he was very interested in hospitals, medical care and research. Our foundation looks for institutions that make an impact and set an example."

The growth of the School of Medicine has been greatly amplified recently by a commitment of \$5 million from the **Whittemore Family Foundation** for the construction of the Whittemore Peterson Institute for Neuro-Immune Disease in the Center for Molecular Medicine, now under construction on the north campus. The center will also house portions of the microbiology, pharmacology and physiology departments. When completed in the fall of 2010, the facility will double the medical school's research and laboratory space.

Annette Whittemore '74 (elementary educa-

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*Larry Dailey, current holder of the Reynolds Chair of Media Technology*

tion/special education), founding director and current president of the institute, says, “We believe the University and the Whittemore Peterson Institute can develop expertise in the field of neuro-immune diseases that will become world-renowned, and will not only help thousands of Nevadans, but millions around the world.” The institute will provide students first-hand experience in its medical practice, and the opportunity to study with experts in the field. *(Read more about the Whittemores’ philanthropy on page 52.)*

The **Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation** has supported bricks and mortar projects at the University including the Athletic Association of the University of Nevada’s Academic Center and the Davidson Mathematics and Science Building. The School of Medicine has also been a Hart Foundation recipient of gifts for medical equipment in the Family Medicine Center and other enhancements to facilities.

“The Hart Foundation embodies Thelma and Tommy Hart’s compassion and desire to make life better for the community,” says Mark Knobel ’77 (social services corrections), a Hart Foundation trustee and University of Nevada, Reno Foundation trustee. “A well-rounded and quality education is vital to our society and the University is integral to the northern Nevada community.”

In 2007, the **Marguerite Wattis Petersen Foundation** pledged \$2 million for the construction of the Marguerite Wattis Petersen Athletic Academic Center. The 8,000-square foot building is now home to Nevada’s athletics academic advising department and is a student

study center for Wolf Pack athletes. The center opened in spring 2008, and last year’s Nevada student-athletes posted the highest graduation success rate in school history.

Bob Armstrong, a trustee of the Marguerite Wattis Petersen Foundation and emeritus trustee of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, considers the organization “venture philanthropists.” They search for overlooked areas of need, invest in those areas, and provide enough support so that the entity can become self-sustaining. “We look at the return we get in the community. We feel the gift to the Athletic Academic Center has the multiplier effect of graduating students who have served the University in both their scholarly and athletic pursuits. This type of gift is not dollar for dollar. The dollar we put in is multiplied by others and by the community benefits.”

Cary Groth, director of Athletics, says, “The athletics program emphasizes the importance of all student-athletes earning a degree. The positive impact the Petersen Foundation’s commitment to this facility has had on the recruitment and retention of quality student-athletes and staff has been tremendous. They are a wonderful family for whose generosity we will be forever thankful.”

The Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering has been the recipient of generous support from the **W. M. Keck Foundation**. The Keck Foundation provided monies for the Keck Mine Ventilation Lab and additional equipment within the Paul Laxalt Mineral Engineering building, which opened in 1983. The minerals museum has also been a beneficiary.

The original museum opened in 1908 but was renamed the W. M. Keck Museum in 1988 due to the generous contribution towards the renovation of the building by the Keck Foundation.

“My grandfather, William Myron Keck, was a self-made man” says T. J. Day, a director of the W. M. Keck Foundation. “Although he only completed the sixth grade, he understood the importance of education, whether formal or by simply following one’s own interests. He established the Keck Foundation in 1954 with the goal of providing funds to those who search for far-reaching benefits to humanity via scientific discoveries and new technologies. The foundation has proudly supported Nevada for more than 30 years as the University has taken a role in important advancements in these areas.”

Keck’s family continues his entrepreneurial spirit via the exceptional works done by his foundation worldwide. One of T. J. Day’s brothers, Robert Day, is the chair, CEO and president of the W. M. Keck Foundation. Another sibling, Howard “Matt” Day, ’68 (agriculture), who managed the family’s Horseshoe Ranch operation in Beowawe, Nev. for years, serves as the vice chair.

## ACADEMICS

The quality of the University is directly linked to the quality of its faculty, and only with the added measure of support provided through privately funded endowments is the institution able to attract and retain scholars and students of the highest caliber.

The **Donald W. Reynolds Foundation’s** generosity has profoundly affected the Reynolds School of Journalism by not only providing the naming gift for the school’s building, which opened in 1993, but for its ongoing support, especially of academics. In 2008, the Reynolds Foundation provided a \$2 million grant to create the Donald W. Reynolds Chair in Business Journalism. *(Read more about this new chair on page 29.)* The grant was one of four awarded to three universities by the foundation to train students in business jour-

*“The University is a broad and diverse community with many needs. It is incumbent on all of us to discover ways where we can match those things that are most important in our lives to the needs and mission of the University and move the ball forward. In small ways we hope to make a large impact on individual lives. Our goal is to make lives richer, more purposeful and happier.”*

*Dan Klaich '72 (accounting),  
Marshall R. Matley Foundation Trustee*

nalism. The Reynolds Foundation also funded the Reynolds Chair in Critical Thinking and Ethical Practices, the Reynolds Chair of Media Technology and the Fred W. Smith Chair in Journalism.

Glick notes: “Endowed chairs allow us to hire the superstars, the franchise players, the people who do outstanding work themselves and who also help lift the people around them.”

In addition to these faculty chairs, the Reynolds Foundation has provided major funding for the Reynolds National Center for Courts and Media and technology improvements in the School of Journalism.

Steven Anderson, president of the Reynolds Foundation, says: “Nevada is the premier journalism school in the state and we want to do all we can to promote the school’s programs and see it progress. We’re very interested in seeing Dean Ceppos and the school grow to meet the challenges of this changing industry.”

Jerry Ceppos, dean of the Reynolds School of Journalism, notes, “You can’t overestimate the positive impact the Reynolds-University partnership has had on the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism. Whether it was helping with the construction of our building in the past or providing the endowed chairs now, Reynolds gives us an advantage that most journalism schools can only dream about.”

Larry Dailey, current holder of the Reynolds Chair of Media Technology, says, “The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation provides an impressive range of opportunities to the journalism school. The support allows the school to bring top journalists to campus, pioneer new courses, and take a leadership role in guiding journalism through difficult times.”

Another leader in journalism, John Ben Snow, devoted much of his life to expanding newspaper readership in the West. Today, his trust supports numerous campus projects, including many programs related to journalism, such as the Robert Laxalt Distinguished Writer Program, the Oral History Program and Black Rock Press.

Emelie Melton Williams, trustee of the

**John Ben Snow Memorial Trust**, says, “We support journalism endeavors because of Mr. Snow’s connection with the profession.” The trust supports the Laxalt Distinguished Writer Program, named in honor of Robert Laxalt ’47 (English), who was a journalist, professor and author. The program brings notable American writers to the University and helps prepare area high school students to enter the Reynolds School of Journalism.

“We want to get students into the classrooms and eventually to influence their own children to remain in northern Nevada for their education,” Williams adds. “It is an honor to support the University and thereby positively influence lives for generations.”

The Reynolds School of Journalism has also been fortunate to receive long-standing support from the **Scripps Howard Foundation**. For 45 years, the foundation has sponsored the Scripps Dinner and Lecture, which brings distinguished professionals in journalism to campus each year. Sue Porter, vice president of programs for the Scripps Howard Foundation, says, “The annual dinner is a sort of homecoming for the Nevada journalism

department. What was really important to Ted [Edward “Ted” Scripps ’52 (journalism)] when he founded the dinner was the opportunity to bring professionals to his alma mater to talk to students and faculty and the campus at large about journalism.” (*Read more about the Scripps Howard Foundation and the Scripps Dinner on page 49.*)

The Division of Health Sciences has also enjoyed consistent support for its programming, research and outreach from several private foundations. The **Marion G. Thompson Charitable Trust** has been a generous benefactor of the Sanford Center for Aging within the Division of Health Sciences.

Dr. John McDonald, vice president for Health Sciences, says: “We are extremely grateful for the long-time support to the Sanford Center. The Thompson Trust’s generous support gives the center the flexibility it needs to provide valuable statewide services to Nevada’s seniors, and to educate our students and the public about aging issues.”

In addition, the **Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation** has supported the Orvis School of Nursing Clinic, a community outreach pro-



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gram of the division, which provides needed health care services to the area’s uninsured and underinsured population, as well as for medical research. The Hawkins Foundation has also supported a number of capital projects for the College of Engineering, College of Education, College of Science, School of the Arts, as well as Redfield Campus and the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.

## STUDENTS

Students, with their diverse experiences, talents, interests, and aspirations, combine to form a learning community that encourages critical thinking, interdisciplinary collaboration and public service. However, many students would not be able to fully participate in academia without scholarships and other support.

Among the generous private foundations that have long supported student scholarships is the **Arthur and Mae Orvis Foundation**.

Arthur and Mae helped establish the Orvis School of Nursing on campus in 1956.

“The Orvis Foundation believes it is very

important to promote education and to help young people obtain a college degree,” says Ted Nigro, Orvis Foundation director. *(Please see feature about Ted Nigro on page 90.)*

The **William N. Pennington Foundation** has been one of the staunchest supporters of student success at the University. In addition to providing gifts for the construction of the Pennington Medical Education Building, the Pennington Foundation has been providing scholarships to Nevada students since 1995. These scholarships are not only available to medical students, they are also available to students majoring in business, engineering, education or the physical sciences.

“Because of the Pennington Scholarship, I don’t have to worry about my finances and I can focus more on my schoolwork and graduating in four years,” says Brittany Kohlruss, a freshman majoring in accounting. Another Pennington Scholarship recipient, Douglas Crossley, a junior majoring in engineering, notes: “Thanks to the Pennington Scholarship, I will be able to completely immerse myself in schoolwork without any worries of running into financial struggles.”

The Reno-based **Bretzlaff Foundation** has also been instrumental in helping numerous students reach their educational goals. The foundation established scholarship endowments focusing on students majoring in science, engineering or business. The first education endowment from Bretzlaff was established more than 20 years ago.

Mikael Krueger, a Bretzlaff scholarship recipient and a junior majoring in math, says, “I’m striving to get into pharmacy school after I get my bachelor’s degree. While I know that pharmacy schools are very competitive and difficult to be accepted to, it is thanks to the kindness and generosity of foundations such as the Bretzlaff Foundation that give me the opportunity to persevere and apply myself in my studies so that someday I may be able to achieve my goal of becoming a pharmacist.”

Mike Melarkey ’72 (political science), Bretzlaff Foundation president and a University of Nevada, Reno Foundation trustee, says, “Our goal is to help students achieve their dream of a college education. With education a priority area of funding for the Bretzlaff Foundation, the University of Nevada, Reno is a logical—

# CAROL FRANC BUCK FOUNDATION SCULPTURE GARDEN



*The Carol Franc Buck Sculpture Garden at the south entrance to the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center lends an artistic balance to the technologically advanced building. Other generous donors, such as the Nightingale Family Foundation, have also maintained a strong arts presence on campus. The Nightingale Concert Hall in the Church Fine Arts Building has showcased thousands of student and professional productions since 1987.*

and worthy—fit.”

Glick notes that it is imperative that the University provide need-based as well as merit-based scholarships. “Fewer need-based students in Nevada go to college than in any state of the union. We have to break the barrier that is based on the financial status of the family, as well as attract the very best students.”

Student support does not just come in the form of scholarships. The **Marshall R. Matley Foundation** was created primarily to advance the interests of special needs children and adults. “With the University’s mission to serve all of our citizens, there are numerous opportunities to assist the University in discharging those duties to this special group,” says Dan Klaich ’72 (accounting), a foundation trustee and executive vice chancellor of the Nevada

System of Higher Education. “The Matley Foundation has found projects at the University ranging from handicap-accessible vans to specified software in the Knowledge Center to facilitate learning, all of which impact students and people with special needs.

“The Matley Foundation participated in the planning of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center to help ensure the facility had the kind of tools that would serve everyone in the community,” Klaich adds. “The facility is stunning and is now a centerpiece of the campus. All of us who walk into it feel the strength and power of the building—it really embodies what the University is all about. The Matley Foundation continues to look for projects not only at the University, but throughout the community where we think we can be of help.”

In 2008, the College of Business completed an initiative to transform its classrooms into “smart classrooms”—those that have audio, video and Internet technologies. Thanks to a major gift from the **Mallory Foundation**, 14 classrooms are now “smart.” These classrooms now have technology equal to the best business schools.

“Access to technology and current, relevant business information is vital in the 21st century,” says business dean Greg Mosier. “Information displays and the technology installed in our classrooms with the generous support of the Mallory Foundation make our students more competitive.”

The Mallory Foundation’s officers, Riley Beckett ’68 (accounting), Tom Cook ’63 (prelegal) and Ellen Shock, recognize the





*“Our trustees and I were very impressed with the concept of the Knowledge Center. It is an extraordinary space and it was wonderful to be involved in the project by providing visual art for the facility.”*

*Carol Franc Buck*

importance of academic programs in business, math, science, engineering and technology. In addition, the Mallory Foundation annually funds the Jean Mallory Scholarship, which benefits business students. The foundation has also contributed substantial gifts to the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, the Engineering K-12 Outreach Program and the Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement Program.

The Lemelson Center for Invention, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship in the Electrical Engineering Department teaches the basic skills required to successfully invent, design and commercialize products. The program brings together government, industry and academia in a unique format. The center was established by a gift from the **Lemelson Foundation** and other private and governmental sources.

In addition to her work with the Lemelson Foundation, Dorothy Lemelson, chair of the

foundation, also leads and funds the Lemelson Education and Assistance Program, which works to improve children’s lives primarily through the support of public education. A steadfast believer that the positive, life-long lessons today’s students need are the products of inspired teachers and mentors, Lemelson has awarded LEAP grants for 175 Washoe County elementary school teachers to earn master’s degrees in literacy education through the University.

“The LEAP program has really reinvigorated teachers and their desire to teach,” says Caryn Swobe, an adviser to Lemelson and the program. “By reaching 175 teachers, we’re actually reaching thousands and thousands of students.”

## PHILANTHROPY’S IMPACT

Joe Bradley, chair of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, says, “A university is much like a piece of music: Each instrument

can produce music on its own, but until you weave all the sounds together, you do not create a masterpiece. Private foundations, by supporting bricks and mortar, academics and students, allow the University to incorporate all facets of academia, and thus orchestrate success for faculty, students and the community.”

“The impact that private foundations have made on Nevada since its inception is visible from the south end of the campus, starting with the Orvis School of Nursing all the way to the north with the construction of the Center for Molecular Medicine,” he notes. “There isn’t one area on campus that somehow hasn’t been touched by their philanthropy. As a trustee of a private foundation, I know I speak for every private foundation when I say we are proud to be a part of the University’s success.” ■

—Ken Kempcke

## Foundation



### Message from the Executive Director

I am pleased to report that in 2008 your commitment and generosity helped us secure \$31.7 million in new gifts and pledges, the most ever in a single year. This represents an increase of \$1.1 million over last year's record-breaking fund-raising total. You have my tremendous appreciation and gratitude for your dedication to this great university.

In fiscal year 2008, the Foundation transferred \$35.8 million to University programs, another record-breaking accomplishment. These funds come from gifts intended for immediate use and payouts from the Foundation's endowment. The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation ensures that gifts to the University are used as intended by donors.

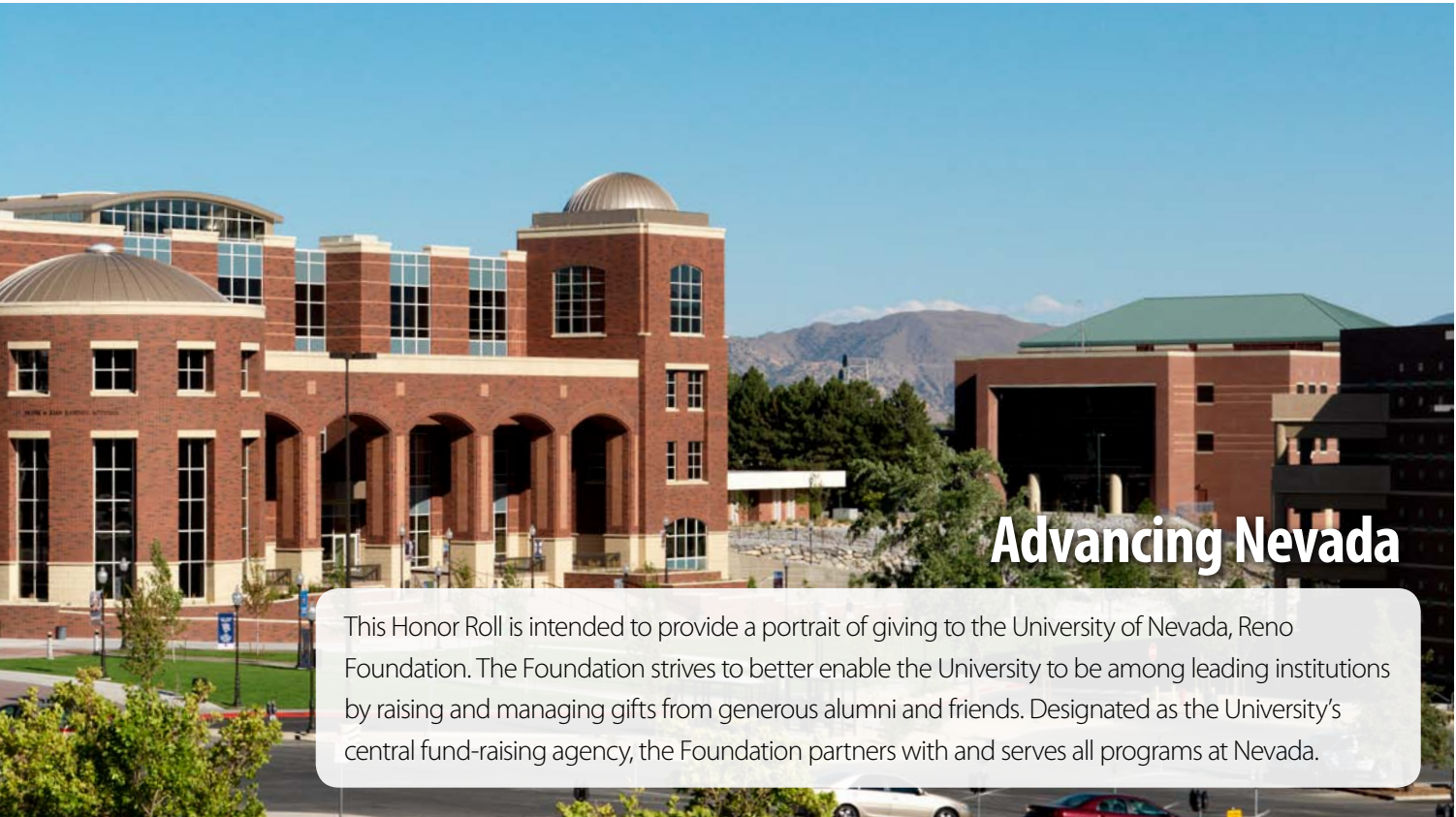
The Foundation manages its investments and policies to protect the purchasing power of the endowment for the long term. Our commitment to effective stewardship of your gifts is resolute. Regrettably, the Foundation's endowment has not been immune to volatile and declining markets during this economic downturn. To prudently respond to the market downturns, the Foundation adheres to sound investment policies and takes measures to maintain a highly diversified investment portfolio. We believe strongly in our stewardship duties and we continue to work closely with our endowed-fund donors.

Your contribution makes possible the University's greatest strengths today and our loftiest ambitions for tomorrow. Your friendship and partnership support continue to be critical to our success. Please accept my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

**John K. Carothers**

*Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations;  
Executive Director, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation  
(775) 784-1352 or jcarothers@unr.edu*



## Advancing Nevada

This Honor Roll is intended to provide a portrait of giving to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation. The Foundation strives to better enable the University to be among leading institutions by raising and managing gifts from generous alumni and friends. Designated as the University's central fund-raising agency, the Foundation partners with and serves all programs at Nevada.

Photo by Jeff Ross



### Message from the Chair, 2008

My thanks to all who supported the Foundation in 2008. It is through your friendship, loyalty and belief in our mission that we will meet the challenges ahead and continue to become a greater University.

2008 was a transformative year on the University of Nevada, Reno campus. The Marguerite Wattis

Petersen Academic Center in the E.L. Cord Foundation Academic and Athletic Performance Complex opened in the spring and the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center opened its doors in the fall. Also during the fall, construction began on the Center for Molecular Medicine and the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center. Two endowed faculty chairs were added during the year, one in minerals engineering and one in journalism, and in 2008 the Foundation distributed more than \$2.5 million for student scholarships.

The building activity on the campus is the result of many years of dedicated service from all of you. The continued growth will build upon the foundation you have prepared. If our efforts in the future are as vigorous as our efforts in the past, all future generations of students will be the beneficiaries. I applaud you all.

**Paul A. Bible '62**

*2008 Chairman, Foundation Board of Trustees*



### Message from the Chair, 2009

Today's uncertain financial environment presents more than the usual number of challenges. Certainly the University's important mission of teaching, research and outreach has never been more critical. Facing these difficult challenges requires the best from each of us.

This special donor issue highlights just some of the gratifying stories of the people who have helped shape this great University and have contributed tremendously to the University's success. With the generous support of many, we continue to provide faculty and students with the very best resources for pursuing knowledge and making discoveries that improve lives.

On behalf of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation trustees, we thank you. As we celebrate our achievements and roll up our sleeves to meet the challenges ahead, we welcome your continued support.

Sincerely,

**Joseph S. Bradley '78**

*2009 Chairman, Foundation Board of Trustees*

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Although the University of Nevada, Reno is a state institution, it receives only part of its necessary funding from state appropriations. The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation was established in 1981 to help the University meet its needs beyond that base funding by generating private support. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of trustees who can serve three consecutive two-year terms. Trustees are made up of University alumni and friends who provide counsel in strategic planning, education, fund raising and other matters. The following members are serving for the 2009 calendar year:

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## Foundation Leadership

### Board of Trustees—New Members



Photos by Theresa Danna-Douglas

The Foundation Board recently welcomed five new trustees whose terms began in 2009. Pictured from left to right: Ty Gibson, Mark Knobel '77 (social services corrections), Paul Mathews '87 (marketing), Kevin McArthur '79 (mining engineering) and Monte Miller '70 (business administration).

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### University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Financial Statement June 30, 2008

Statement of support and revenue, expenses and changes in fund net assets

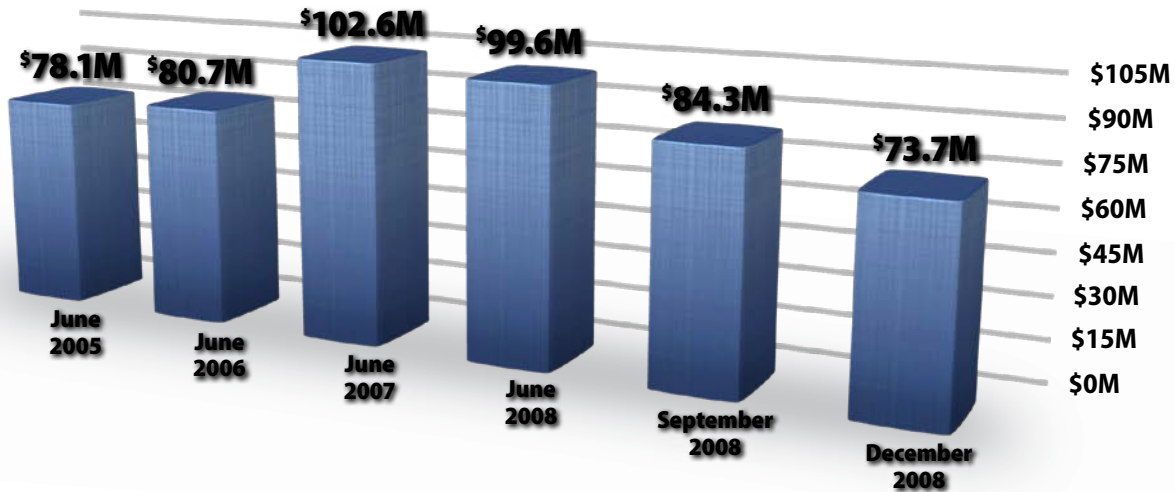
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total
<b>Operating support and revenue:</b>				
Donor contributions	\$833,137	\$31,132,797	-	\$31,965,934
University support	\$2,036,867	-	-	\$2,036,867
Special events and other income	\$159,414	\$898,492	\$700	\$1,058,606
<b>Total operating support and revenue</b>	<b>\$3,029,418</b>	<b>\$32,031,289</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$35,061,407</b>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>				
<b>Program expenses</b>				
Alumni programs	\$374,464	-	-	\$374,464
Capital projects	\$2,000,000	\$20,035,410	-	\$22,035,410
University programs	\$33,302	\$10,980,555	-	\$11,013,857
University scholarships	-	\$2,414,086	-	\$2,414,086
<b>Total Program expenses</b>	<b>\$2,407,766</b>	<b>\$33,430,051</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$35,837,817</b>
Administrative	\$1,512,895	-	-	\$1,512,895
Fundraising	\$1,730,210	-	-	\$1,730,210
<b>Total administrative and fundraising expenses</b>	<b>\$3,243,105</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$3,243,105</b>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>\$5,650,871</b>	<b>\$33,430,051</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$39,080,922</b>
<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$2,621,453)</b>	<b>(\$1,398,762)</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>(\$4,019,515)</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>	<b>\$1,355,895</b>	<b>(\$479,931)</b>	<b>(\$517,526)</b>	<b>\$358,438</b>
<b>Additions to permanent and term endowments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$2,083,011</b>	<b>\$2,083,011</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>\$1,158,641</b>	<b>\$3,398,368</b>	<b>(\$4,557,009)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(\$106,917)</b>	<b>\$1,519,675</b>	<b>(\$2,990,824)</b>	<b>(\$1,578,066)</b>
Fund net assets at beginning of year	\$7,726,224	\$34,085,936	\$102,613,557	\$144,425,717
Fund Net assets at end of year	\$7,619,307	\$35,605,611	\$99,622,733	\$142,847,651

*The accounting firm of Grant Thornton LLP issued an unqualified opinion of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation's audited financial states for fiscal year 2008.*

## Foundation

The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Endowment provides funding to the University for student scholarships, faculty funding to promote research and professional development, and program enhancements across every discipline. The endowment continues to make it possible for the University to respond to educational opportunities and to ensure the financial security and continued success of the University.

### 2008 Foundation Endowment • June 30, 2008



University of Nevada, Reno Foundation

### Investment Performance Net of Fees

	As of June 30, 2008			As of December 31, 2008		
	Foundation	S&P	Barclays	Foundation	S&P	Barclays
1 year Return	-1.35%	-13.12%	7.12%	-29.88%	-37.00%	5.24%
3 year Average	8.61	4.41	4.09	-4.22	-8.36	5.51
5 Year Average	10.84	7.58	3.85	1.52	-2.19	4.65
10 Year Average	6.23	NA	NA	2.85	-1.38	5.63

## Endowment Management

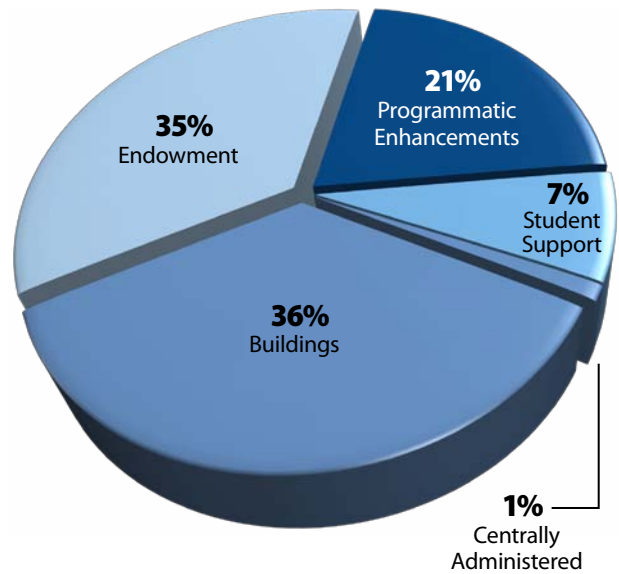
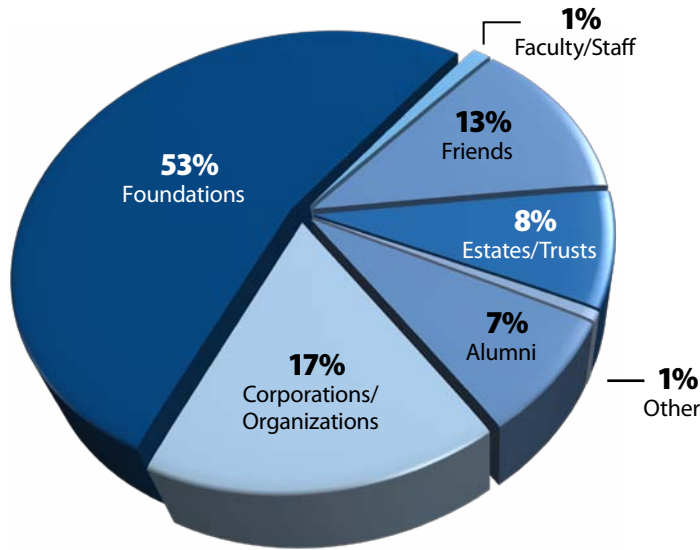
The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Endowment is responsibly managed by the Commonfund, an independent non-profit investment firm specializing in college and university endowments. Additionally the endowment is overseen by the investment committee of the Foundation Board of Trustees, a volunteer committee with expertise in financial management.

Though the Foundation Endowment reported negative returns, a strategic diversified portfolio mix has positively assisted during these turbulent financial times. As of December 31, 2008, the funds were invested at the ratio of 47.99% in equities, 23.63% in fixed income, and 28.38% in real estate and alternative investments. The goal of this allocation is to produce a return that meets spending obligations, maintains or increases the real value of the endowment, and protects against the effects of inflation.

The Foundation Investment Policy is administered in accordance with the Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act and can be found at the University's website at: <http://giving.unr.edu/foundation.aspx>.

## Giving for Calendar Year 2008

January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008 • Includes gifts from all fundraising entities of the University of Nevada, Reno.



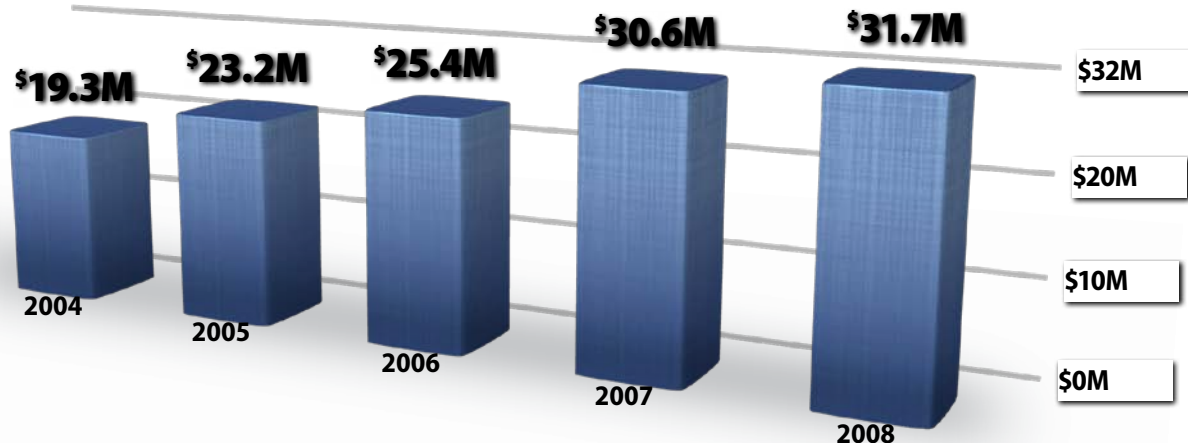
### Source of Gifts

Alumni	\$2,358,632.92
Corporations/Organizations	\$5,295,986.77
Foundations	\$16,964,224.25
Faculty/Staff	\$369,130.32
Friends	\$3,987,404.57
Estates/Trusts	\$2,531,903.58
Other	\$197,539.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,704,822.32</b>

### Designation of Gifts by Donor

Buildings	\$11,356,790.06
Endowment	\$11,028,076.54
Programmatic Enhancements	\$6,618,498.72
Student Support	\$2,379,346.51
Centrally Administered	\$322,110.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,704,822.32</b>

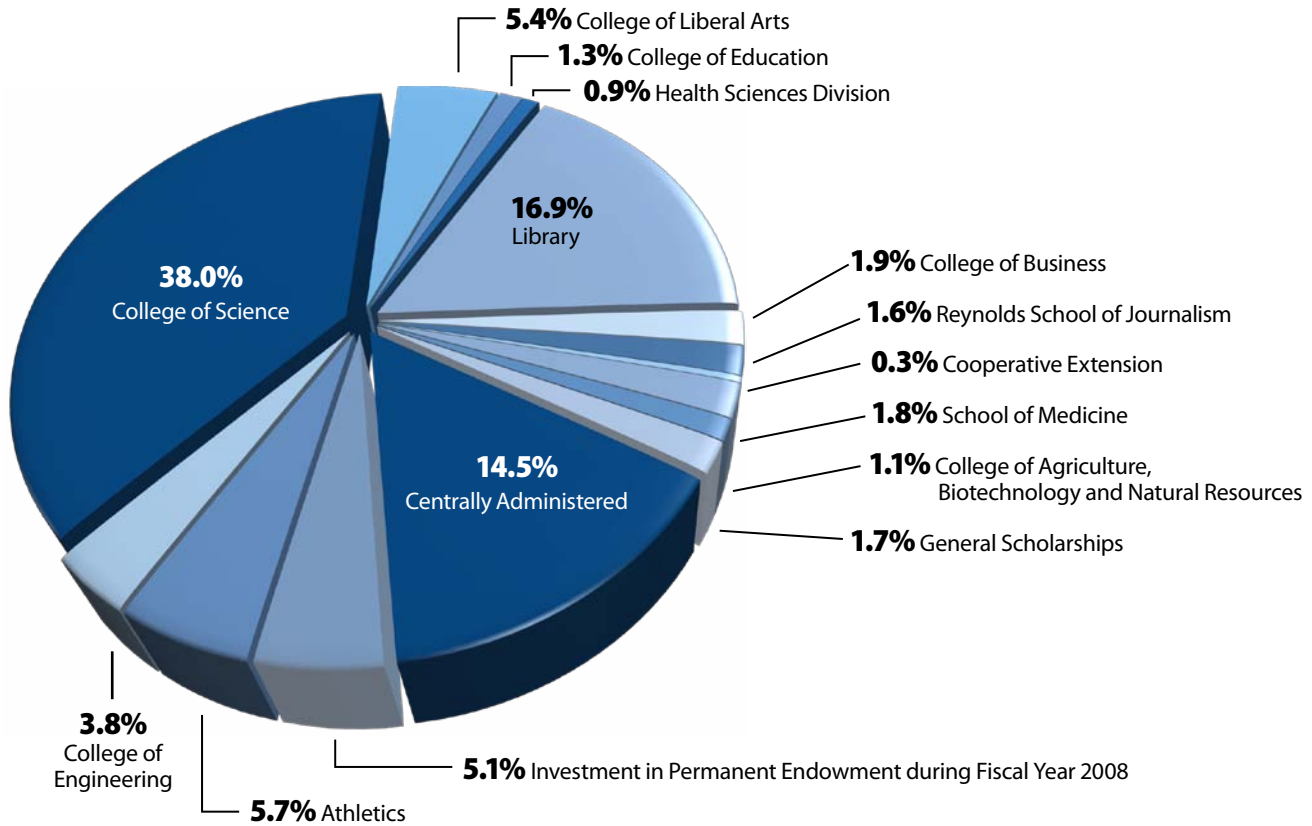
## Cash Gifts Received for Calendar Year 2008





## Expenses and Investment in Endowment for Fiscal Year 2008

July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 • The accounting firm of Grant Thornton LLP issued an unqualified opinion of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation's audited financial statements for fiscal year 2008.



Athletics	\$2,348,315.87	5.7%
College of Engineering	\$1,565,580.80	3.8%
College of Science	\$15,655,179.10	38.0%
College of Liberal Arts	\$2,244,692.21	5.4%
College of Education	\$520,649.76	1.3%
Health Sciences Division	\$358,419.10	0.9%
Library	\$6,966,860.46	16.9%
College of Business	\$766,751.75	1.9%
Reynolds School of Journalism	\$652,806.24	1.6%
Cooperative Extension	\$130,797.94	0.3%
School of Medicine	\$753,464.53	1.8%
College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources	\$459,406.27	1.1%
General Scholarships	\$684,977.39	1.7%
Centrally Administered	\$5,973,021.79	14.5%
<b>Total Use By Area</b>	<b>\$39,080,923.21</b>	
Investment in Permanent Endowment during Fiscal Year 2008	\$2,083,011.00	5.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,163,934.21</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Foundations & Organizations

The following foundations and organizations provided generous financial support for the students, research and academic programs of the University of Nevada, Reno. Their support is very much appreciated. Foundations and organizations whose gifts were received between Jan. 1, 2008 and Dec. 31 2008 are listed in this report.

4Charity Foundation, Inc.	Confidence Foundation	Charles and Ruth Hopping Charitable Foundation	Theta Educational Foundation
A.A.U.W. Reno Branch	E. L. Cord Foundation	Howdy Davis Memorial Tournament	Nevada Cattle Women Inc.
Advertising Association of Northern Nevada, A2N2	Viola Vestal Coulter Foundation, Inc.	Institute for Women's Policy Research	Nevada CFS Foundation, Inc.
H.W. Affleck Family Trust	CREW of Northern Nevada	Intel Foundation	Nevada Chapter Women in Mining
Alliance with the Washoe County Medical Society	Marie Crowley Foundation	Intermountain Farmers Assoc.	Nevada Community Foundation, Inc.
The Allstate Foundation	Davidson Family Trust	Harold Jacobsen Family Trust	Nevada CPA Foundation for Education & Research
American Academy of Pediatrics	Davidson Foundation, Inc.	The Jennie Louise Parker Trust	Nevada Historical Society
American Advertising Federation	Willameta K. Day Foundation	Jerry Wike Family Trust	Nevada Judicial Historical Society
American Dietetic Association Foundation	Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity	Johnson Point Homeowners Association	Nevada Mining Association, Inc.
American Medical Association Foundation	Desert Research Institute Foundation	Roxie & Azad Joseph Foundation	Nevada Museum of Art
The Nazir and Mary Ansari Foundation	Anthony W. DeSio & Delores J. DeSio Foundation	Kennametal Foundation	Nevada Nurses Association
APME Foundation	The Dixie May Foundation	The Robert S. & Dorothy J. Keyser Foundation	Nevada Opera Association
The Aaron Arnoldsen Memorial Scholarship Fund	John and Rosemarie Dooley Family Foundation, Inc.	Kiley Community Property Trust	Nevada Public Education Foundation
AT&T Foundation	Scott Douglass Memorial Scholarship Fund	Kiwanis of Reno Community Foundation	Nevada Science Foundation
Atwood Foundation	DTHR Family Trust	Knights Templar Educational Foundation	Nevada Scottish Rite Foundation
Auer Family Foundation	Ben A. Edwards Trust	John E. and Elizabeth Kurtz Charitable Foundation	Nevada Women's Fund
Autism Coalition of Nevada	Elko Convention & Visitors Authority	Ladies Auxiliary V.F.W.	Nevada Woolgrowers Association
Backman Family Trust	Elko Grammar School #2	Ladies Encampment Auxiliary	NevadaWorks
Brett or Deborah Barker Foundation	Employers Contract Administration Fund	Lafrance Family Foundation	New York Life Foundation Educational Matching Gift Program
Josephine Beam Educational Trust	Estate of Carolyn B. Webster	Marybeth M. Lamb Foundation, Inc.	Lucy Simpson Nieder Trust
Edna B. & Bruno Benna Foundation	Excalibur Medical Foundation	Las Vegas Pediatrics Society/ Pediatrics Emergency	Nightingale Family Foundation
Best Buy Children's Foundation	Exline Family Trust, DTD	Katherine Cladianos Latham Foundation	Northern Nevada Chapter - SCI
Black Brant Group	Exxon Mobil Foundation	Brad Lemons Foundation	Northern Nevada Chapter of the American Marketing Assoc.
Bretzlaff Foundation, Inc.	Financial Executives International Nevada Chapter	Minnie B. Leonette Family Foundation	Northern Nevada Executive Women's Golf Association
Carol Franc Buck Foundation	Harmes C. Fishback Foundation Trust	Libke Family Trust	Northern Nevada Italian Association, Inc.
Builders Association of Northern Nevada	The Frank M. Doyle Foundation, Inc.	Lifestyle Homes Foundation	Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association
The Burke Family Trust	Franktown Ranch Center For the Arts	Lockheed Martin Corporation Foundation	Oliver Family Trust
California Community Foundation	Fraternal Order of Eagles	Lurie Family Trust	On Eagle's Wings Foundation
California Nevada Cement Promotion Council	The Violette Fricke Trust	Mailorder Gardening Association	The Orchard House Foundation
Louis J. and Genevieve G. Capurro Foundation	Friends of Heidi Gansert for Assembly District 25	Mallory Foundation	The Arthur & Mae Orvis Foundation, Inc.
Carol Franc Buck Family Trust	GE Foundation	Charles N. Mathewson Foundation	The Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation, Inc.
Carson City Sertoma Club	GenCorp Fnd. Matching Gift Program	The Marshall R. Matley Foundation	The Marguerite Petersen Foundation
Joseph & Betty Carter Family Trust	Geological Society of Nevada	Wilbur May Foundation	Pharmacia Foundation, Inc.
Catholic Healthcare West	Grant Thornton Foundation	Jessie Patricia McCarthy Trust	Phelps Dodge Corporation/Foundation
Charitable Gift Fund	Great Basin Youth Soccer League	McPherson Family Trust	Pi Beta Phi Nevada Alpha Chapter
The Chartrand Foundation	GSN Foundation	MGM MIRAGE Voice Foundation	Portland Cement Association
Chefs for Kids Foundation	Clark J. Guild, Jr. Foundation	Bertha Miranda Scholarship	Wayne L. Prim Foundation
City of Reno	HCCNN Community Foundation	Missouri University of Science & Technology	Nell J. Redfield Foundation
Clark County Medical Society	Hach Scientific Foundation	Estate of Ogden Monahan	Edward C. Reed High School
Charles H. Clipper Family Trust	Hach Scientific Foundation	Monroe-Schuler Foundation	Reno Advertising Club Foundation
The Children of Light Foundation	Tony L. Harrah Family Trust	The Murren Family Foundation	Reno Arch Lions Club
Clorox Company Foundation	The Thomas P. and Thelma B. Hart Foundation	The Nall Family Trust	Reno Area Triathletes Bull Moose Club
Helen Close Charitable Foundation	Estate of Gerald B. Hartley, Jr.	National Kitchen & Bath Professionals Sierra Nevada Chapter	Reno Bridge Club
Coaching Fore The Soul	Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation	NC State University	Reno Chamber Orchestra, Inc.
Cobb for Regent	William Randolph Hearst Foundation	NEP Supershooters L.P.	Reno Chapter Nevada Society of CPAs
Colton Family Trust	The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	Nevada Agricultural Foundation	Reno Emblem Club 372, Inc.
Community Foundation of Western Nevada	Hoefler Family Foundation	The Nevada Alpha of Phi Delta	
	Ruth Hopping Cera Survivor's Trust		

## Foundations & Organizations

Reno National Championship Air Races Foundation	Share Our Strength Estate of Eva Sheckler	Stonewall Democrats of Northern Nevada Charles H. Stout Foundation	United Way of Southern Nevada University of Arkansas Foundation, Inc.
Reno Rodeo Foundation	Shell Oil Co. Foundation	Sun Microsystems Foundation	University of West Florida
Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority	The Sheppard Foundation	Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation	Jack Van Sickle Foundation
Renown Health	Sierra Graphics Network	SWS Charitable Foundation, Inc.	Vietnam Veterans of America
The Research Foundation of State University of New York	Sierra Pacific Resources Charitable Foundation	The Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Inc.	WAAIME Nevada-Reno Section
Donald W. Reynolds Foundation	Sigma Nu Scholarship Fund In Memory of David Tomac	The Egan Family Trust	Walid Shoebat Foundation
Richards Family Trust	Significance Foundation	The Reid Family Trust	Wal-Mart Foundation
Rite of Passage	Silver State Educational Assessment and Consulting	The River Christian Church	The Walt Disney Company Foundation
River Walk Merchants Association	The Small Community Property Trust	The Wilhelm Hoppe Family Trust	Washoe County Medical Society
Rotary Club of Sparks	Frances C. & William P. Smallwood Foundation	Marion G. Thompson Charitable Trust	Washoe Education Association
Raymond C. Rude Foundation, Inc.	Dean and Gloria Smith Foundation, Inc.	Touro University	Wells Fargo Foundation
The 1986 Rushing Living Trust	John Ben Snow Memorial Trust	The Dorothy Towne Foundation, Inc.	Terry Lee Wells Foundation
Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center	Sparks Centennial Sunrise Rotary Club	Truckee Meadows Community College	Whittemore Family Foundation
Sam's Club Foundation	Speedway Children's Charities	Truckee River Foundation	Whittier Trust Company of Nevada
San Francisco Basque Cultural Center Inc.	Stanford University	U of N Friends of the University Library	E.L. Wiegand Foundation
Sawyer Family Foundation	State Farm Companies Foundation	U of N Health Sciences Center Foundation	William N. Pennington Foundation
The Schooley Family Trust	State of Nevada Office of the Controller	U of N Ski Team Boosters	Jerry & Betty Wilson Trust
Charles Schwab Corporation Foundation	Step 2	U of N University Club Alumni Association	Robert A. Wise Trust
The Schwab Fund for Charitable Giving		UMassFive College	The Dorothy G. Woodard Trust
Scripps Howard Foundation		United Way of Northern Nevada	Earl Wooster High School
			The Sam D. Young Jr. Family Foundation

## Gifts to Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center and Davidson Mathematics and Science Center honor Frances and William Smallwood

Frances and William Smallwood were residents of Dallas, Texas where William was a co-founder of First Southwest Company, a prominent regional investment banking firm specializing in public finance, bond underwriting and the raising of capital for developing regional companies. In 1968, they established the Frances C. & William P. Smallwood Foundation, which represented the culmination of their lifetime support of a broad spectrum of charitable organizations and endeavors.

In 2004, the Smallwood Foundation provided a major gift to support construction of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. A technology classroom located off the @One area of the Knowledge Center is named in honor of Frances and William Smallwood.

The Smallwoods were firm believers in the power of higher education. "My uncle, William, really believed that public education was the great equalizer," says Suzanne Stockdale, foundation chairman and the niece of Frances and William.

"Regardless of one's economic background or ability, public education on the post-secondary level provides wonderful opportunities for all to strive to achieve the best in one's life. The University of Nevada, Reno provides affordable education and unique opportunities for students to make an incredible impact on our nation, as well as their own lives.

"At the Smallwood Foundation we look at how many people will be impacted by the investments we make. My aunt was a great user and fan of libraries, so it was natural for our foundation to support the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, not only because it serves students, but also because it serves the wider community. So many people at the University and in the community were passionate about the Knowledge Center and I am so proud to have played a small part in the effort that made the building possible."

Recently, the Smallwood Foundation provided another major gift to the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center.

"The University really needs a new building devoted to these subjects and the nation needs students trained in these disciplines," says Stockdale. "The University is not only a foundation for education in the state, but also its economic growth. When the University is strong and well respected, Nevada can produce and attract the type of diverse economic growth and brain power that is so needed. We have to invest in the institutions that will retain and attract talented people."

Through the Smallwood Foundation, Stockdale continues the good work begun by her aunt and uncle, and she understands the challenges facing higher education in Nevada. "Supporting public education is extremely important in today's society," she says. "Our traditional ways of how we fund education have changed and private foundations and others who have been successful in life should look at supporting education systems."

—Ken Kempcke

## All University of Nevada, Reno Endowments

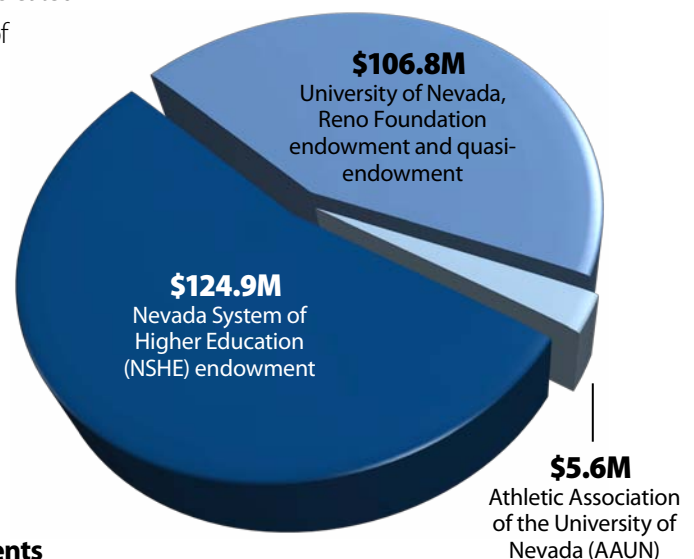


The University of Nevada, Reno total endowment exceeded **\$237 million as of June 30, 2008**. This endowment is comprised of the following three endowments: Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) endowment of **\$124.9 million (53%)**, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation endowment of **\$106.8 million (45%)** and the Athletic Association of the University of Nevada (AAUN) endowment of **\$5.6 million (2%)**.

The University of Nevada has been fulfilling its promise to serve Nevada and the world as a land-grant institution since 1874. The knowledge, discoveries and technologies that are nurtured and created at Nevada in labs, classrooms, and libraries improve the lives of people around the world.

Last fall, University enrollment was at an all-time high with a total of **16,867 enrollees**. The average high school grade-point average for new, full-time freshmen entering the University this fall is **3.36**.

This year, the University attracted seven new National Merit Scholars, bringing the total **Merit Scholars to 17**. Additionally, the University attracted close to **100 Presidential Scholars**. Presidential Scholars maintain a 3.5 grade point average or better and have outstanding SAT and/or ACT scores. **The Honors Program boasts nearly 500 students working toward degrees in fields that will impact Nevada's future as a competitive state.**



To see a listing of Board of Regents Endowment Funds that support the University of Nevada, Reno, please see page 34. To learn more about the AAUN endowment, please turn to page 81. To learn more about the University of Nevada, Reno Endowments, please contact Bruce Mack, associate vice president for Development and Alumni Relations at (775) 784-1352 or [bmack@unr.edu](mailto:bmack@unr.edu).

## Private Foundations

The University of Nevada, Reno is fortunate to be associated with numerous private foundations. Many have had a presence at the University for decades while others have recently begun their support of specific projects and programs on campus. The size of their gifts is not the determining factor of our gratitude; their steadfast belief in Nevada is. A few of these foundations are listed below and elsewhere within the pages of our Honor Roll of Donors. To see a complete listing of all foundations and organizations that supported the University from Jan. 1, 2008 to Dec. 31, 2008, please see page 20.

### **Viola Vestal Coulter Foundation**

To read about this foundation see the story, *Mackay School scholarships honor pioneering mining family*, on page 42.

### **Marie Crowley Foundation**

"The Crowley Foundation thoroughly enjoys being a supporter of the University Foundation for several of the University Colleges, and their very important challenges and needs. As a recent graduate and donor, our Crowley Foundation believes that this University will continue to produce quality graduates that will proudly benefit all mankind."

—Mary Ann Arnold '08 (geography) and Trustee.

### **Anthony W. DeSio & Delores J. DeSio Foundation**

To read about this foundation see the story, *Reno couple salutes students through Foundation scholarship*, on page 69.

### **Charles & Ruth Hopping Foundation**

"The Hopping Charitable Foundation exemplifies how every day people can create an entity that allows the good works they valued and supported during their lifetimes, such as higher education, to continue after they are gone."

—Steven S. Johnson '77 (accounting), Trustee.

### **The Robert S. & Dorothy J. Keyser Foundation**

"The Keyser Foundation is pleased to be able to provide support to students in the College of Business through its scholarship program. The Keyser Foundation endeavors to perpetuate the entrepreneurial spirit of the Keyzers displayed during their lifetimes."

—G. Blake Smith, Chairman and Trustee.

### **The Minnie B. Leonette Family Foundation**

"The Board of Directors of the Leonette Foundation are proud and privileged to support the University, just as the grantor of this foundation did during her lifetime. We believe that the University is of vital importance to our community."

—Richard O. Kwapil, Chairman and President.

### **Nevada Science Foundation**

To read about this foundation see the story, *Nevada Science Foundation combats nursing shortage*, on the inside back cover.

### **Frances C. & William P. Smallwood Foundation**

To read about this foundation see the story, *Gifts to Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center and Davidson Mathematics and Science Center honor Frances and William Smallwood*, on page 21.

### **Charles H. Stout Foundation**

"The Charles H. Stout Foundation is proud to support the University of Nevada, Reno and encourages the University to be on the cutting edge of its mission which is education, research and outreach."

—Richard M. Stout '66 (zoology), President and Trustee.

### **Jack Van Sickle Foundation**

To read about this foundation see the story, *Jack Van Sickle Foundation supports astronomy laboratory*, on page 74.

### New endowments: important, meaningful and forever

Establishing an endowed fund at the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation transforms lives—those of the students who will become the leaders of tomorrow, the faculty who inspire them and the researchers who are finding solutions to society's problems. An endowed fund also enhances our community, which is continuously engaged by the University's many programs and activities. A gift today provides important and meaningful funds in perpetuity that help make the University known for its teaching, research and service.

The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation manages the endowment funds with available earnings transferred to the

respective University accounts for the purpose of supporting the donor's passion, whether it be student scholarships, faculty research or unrestricted funds to meet the University's most pressing needs. Gifts can be focused or wide-ranging.

The process for establishing an endowment is simple and requires only a completed agreement along with a gift or pledge of at least \$10,000. If you are interested in supporting any of these new endowments, or creating one in memory or honor of another, through outright gifts using almost any type of asset—cash, securities, real estate or other property that can be liquidated—please contact Keiko Weil '87, director of donor relations, at (775) 784-1587 or [kweil@unr.edu](mailto:kweil@unr.edu).

#### **Mabel McVicar Batjer Scholarship Endowment**

*Mary Belle McVicar Batjer's parents were pioneers from Canada who settled in the Smith Valley of northern Nevada. Their daughter, also known as Mabel, attended the University High School and graduated from the University of Nevada Normal School in 1908 with a degree in education. This endowed fund has been established in her memory by her son Cameron to benefit students in the College of Education.*

#### **Jim Bernardi and Bob Dillard Theater Scholarship Endowment**

*The Rev. Jackie L. Leonard is a 1971 graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno's Department of Speech Communications and Theatre. She has established this fund to benefit exceptional theater students and to recognize two outstanding faculty members in theatre, Dr. James Bernardi and Dr. Robert Dillard, who have made tremendous contributions to the life of the university and the life of our community.*

#### **Mildred Bertotti Scholarship Endowment in Medicine**

*This scholarship in medicine is established by Stacie Rivers '84 M.D for female students, in memory of her grandmother Mildred who lost her battle with cancer at the age of 62 but never lost faith in the physicians who cared for her. She was the guiding light of the family and an inspiration to all who were blessed to know her.*

#### **Reed Bingham Scholarship Endowment in Public Health**

*Reed Bingham has been a strong supporter of the Orvis Nursing Clinic and its work with under-insured and uninsured children and families in the Greater Reno area. This fund will allow an undergraduate student in the School of Public Health to pursue a career of service and/or research resulting in better access to health care and education for low-income children and families.*

#### **BJG Graduate Scholarship in Structural Engineering Endowment**

*BJG is a long-time partner with the College of Engineering and claims two of its four founders, Michael Blakely and George Ghush, as alumni, and Cliff Johnson and Peter Blakely as friends of the college. BJG is committed to supporting graduate students in structural engineering through this endowed scholarship.*

#### **Brussard Scholarship Endowment in Ecology, Evolution & Conservation Biology**

*Friends and colleagues of Dr. Peter Brussard, on the occasion of his retirement as a long-time faculty member of the University of Nevada, Reno Biology Department, established this endowed scholarship fund. Professor Peter Brussard has made enormous contributions to the University and as a national leader in the field of conservation biology. This scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student studying ecology, evolution, or conservation biology.*

#### **Carson Medical Group Medical Scholarship Endowment**

*Carson Medical Group has been providing primary care in Nevada for over 40 years and continues to encourage medical students to pursue a specialty in primary care. Recipients will be medical students pursuing a degree at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, with a preference given to students who have expressed an interest in pursuing primary care as a specialty.*

## New Foundation Endowments

### **College of Business Alumni Association (COBAA) Quasi Endowment**

*The University of Nevada, Reno Nevada College of Business Alumni Association (COBAA) was established more than 20 years ago to support the College of Business in its goal of achieving excellence in business education. Earnings from this fund will be used for program needs of the College of Business.*

### **Molly D. Close Scholarship Endowment for the College of Engineering**

*An electrical engineering alumna from 2000, Molly appreciates the rising costs of education and remembers the gift of time given her through the scholarships she received as a student. This scholarship will support students pursuing a degree in the College of Engineering.*

### **Joan Metcalfe Cope Classified Employee Endowed Fund**

*Joan Cope passed away in May of 2008 after a lengthy illness. She worked at the University from the 1970s until her retirement in the early 1990s. A scholarship has been established by friends and family in Joan's name to make it possible for classified staff of the University to pursue their dreams of a higher education.*

### **Joe Crowley Endowed Political Science Fund**

*This fund was established by friends of the Department of Political Science to honor University President Joe Crowley who retired in December of 2000 after a 22 year tenure. Dr. Crowley returned to serve as interim President in 2006 and has returned to the University as a teaching faculty member. This fund will be used by the Department of Political Science to enhance programming and curriculum.*

### **Karen Cutler Memorial Scholarship Endowment**

*On August 22, 2005, Karen Cutler began her career with the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering as an administrative assistant. In 2006, Karen lost her life to breast cancer. Her memory at Mackay remains because of the sparkling personality and strong character that made her so valued as a co-worker and friend. The Karen Cutler Memorial Scholarship fund has been established to benefit a woman pursuing an undergraduate degree in the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering.*

### **Early Childhood Autism Program Scholarship Endowment**

*The Early Childhood Autism Program was established in the Department of Psychology at the University in 1994. It is the goal of the department and the Behavior Analysis Program to provide permanent support for the Early Childhood Autism Program so that it may continue to deliver services for many years to come. To that end, the department has established this scholarship to benefit students pursuing a graduate degree in behavior analysis in the Department of Psychology.*

### **Endowment for the Division of Medical Nutrition**

*Microlife USA, Inc. established this fund to provide support for the continuation of work in the areas of energy metabolism, medical education on nutritional assessment and other projects.*

### **Mike Evasovic Scholarship Endowment in Civil Engineering**

*Mike Evasovic graduated from Nevada in 1955 with a degree in mining engineering. Although he studied in the Mackay School of Mines, Mike has a tremendous regard for faculty teaching in the area of civil engineering. Mike created this endowed scholarship to support civil engineering students as a testament to the outstanding faculty that once helped and inspired him.*

### **Foreign Languages and Literatures Scholarship Endowment**

*The faculty and staff of the department of Foreign Languages and Literatures have established this endowment through personal gifts to support foreign language major and minor students who have demonstrated excellence in the program.*

### **Goldcorp Endowed Chair in Minerals Engineering**

*The Goldcorp Endowed Chair in Minerals Engineering supports the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering in recognition of the importance of higher education in the academic areas critical to the minerals industry, principally the geological sciences, mining engineering and mineral processing, extractive metallurgy and geographic information systems. This fund will support the Endowed Chair in Minerals Engineering and associated expenses including travel, equipment, graduate students and post doctorate fellows related to the chair.*

## New Foundation Endowments

### **Robert L. Helms Scholarship Endowment for Civil and Environmental Engineering & Robert L. Helms Scholarship Endowment for CABNR**

*The successors of the late Robert L. Helms established these endowments at the University Foundation with funds from his trust, which was established in 1984. To keep the intent of the trust, they have established two separate scholarship endowments—one for students in civil and environmental engineering and one for students in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources.*

### **Fred Hertlein III Chemistry Endowment**

*Fred Hertlein III received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1956. Hertlein was an industrial hygienist and former president of INALAB Environmental Engineers. He passed away in Hawaii in 2002, leaving a gift to the University's chemistry department, which established this fund in his memory. Available earnings from the endowment will benefit the Department of Chemistry.*

### **Ralph E. Hoyer – Foresthill Telephone Company – Endowment for K-12 Outreach in the College of Engineering**

*Ralph E. Hoyer studied electrical engineering at the University of Nevada, and was a member of the Class of 1951. Ralph was one of the pioneers in California independent telephony. His wife, Rose, established this fund in his memory to provide materials and operating funds to be used for the College of Engineering K-12 Outreach program.*

### **Procter R. Hug Jr. Scholarship Endowment**

*Procter R. Hug Jr. received his undergraduate degree in business from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1953. He served as an ASUN senator and as the student body president. On Sept. 15, 1977, President Jimmy Carter appointed Hug to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He served as chief judge from 1996 to December 2000 and is currently senior circuit judge. This fund was established with residual funds from the law clerk reunion event held in 2008, and will benefit graduates from Nevada high schools.*

### **Bill Ireland Baseball Scholarship Endowment**

*Bill "Coach I" Ireland, a native Nevadan and an influential force in the state's collegiate athletic programs, was regarded as an exceptional coach, teacher and role model. Friends and family established this scholarship endowment to honor him and support members of the Wolf Pack baseball team.*

### **John W. James Scholarship Endowment**

*John James worked at the University for 28 years as a geography and meteorology professor and served as Nevada's first state climatologist for 23 of those years. Recipients of this scholarship will pursue a degree in atmospheric sciences or geography.*

### **Jenkins Graduate Fellowship in Ecology Endowment**

*Stephen H. Jenkins is a professor in the Department of Biology and in the Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology Program. He and his wife, Katherine, established this endowment to fund a fellowship to support a graduate student at the master of science or doctoral level studying animal behavior, ecology, evolution or conservation biology.*

### **The L. David Kiley Scholarship Endowment for the College of Engineering**

### **The L. David Kiley Endowment for the Dean's Discretionary Fund, College of Engineering**

*After receiving his degree in electrical engineering in 1950, Kiley went on to use his education in the areas of investment and real estate. David Kiley established these funds to support students in the College of Engineering, as well as the activities of the college.*

### **Leonard Family Music Scholarship Endowment**

*The Reverend Jackie L. Leonard is a 1971 graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno Department of Speech Communications and Theatre. This scholarship has been created with grateful appreciation for the many years of musical pleasure provided by the University's musicians. The scholarship will benefit students in the Department of Music and Dance.*

### **Steve Martarano Best Published Article Award Endowment**

*Steve Martarano '79 (journalism) has established this endowed award to encourage excellence in writing among students in the Reynolds School of Journalism. A committee comprised of three faculty members will set criteria, as well as judge and pick the best created news story recipient on an annually.*



## New Foundation Endowments

### Allan C. McGill Scholarship Endowment

Allan McGill graduated with a degree in journalism from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1941. His wife, whom he met while she was also attending Nevada, established this scholarship in his memory. Recipients will pursue a degree in journalism—with an emphasis in news.

### N. Edd Miller, Founder's Endowed Fund for the School of Medicine

N. Edd Miller served as president of the University of Nevada, Reno from 1965 - 1973. During his tenure, the University of Nevada School of Medicine was established. Mrs. Miller established this fund in her husband's memory to support the School of Medicine's mission of teaching, research and service.

### Bertha Miranda Scholarship Endowment

Local businesswoman Bertha Miranda opened her restaurant, Bertha Miranda's Mexican Restaurant and Cantina, in 1985. In 1995, Bertha created an annual scholarship, endowed in perpetuity for students in the College of Liberal Arts.

### John H. Nelson Graduate Student Scholarship Endowment

John H. Nelson started his faculty career at Nevada in 1970, and was instrumental in transforming the chemistry department into a vibrant unit that valued research as well as teaching. During his career, John mentored more than 28 graduate students and more than 60 undergraduate researchers. This scholarship will provide funding for graduate students studying any area of chemistry.

### Ort Biology Scholarship Endowment

As a longtime faculty member of the biology department, Dr. Carol Ort established this endowed scholarship fund upon her retirement to show her appreciation for the department and its students.

### Donald W. Reynolds Endowed Chair in Business Journalism

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation established this endowment to provide program and salary support for the business journalism program in the Reynolds School of Journalism. Chairholders are recruited from the ranks of distinguished scholars at the University and from other institutions to keep Nevada competitive in the field of journalism.

### Thomas J. Scully Medical Scholarship Endowment

Thomas J. Scully, former dean and emeritus professor of pediatrics at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, died Sept. 16, 2008, at his home in Reno. He will be remembered for his enthusiasm, attention to detail, strength of character and, above all, his love for his wife and family. This scholarship endowment established in his memory will benefit medical students.

### Paul Segal and Harold Freeman Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Dr. Jed Freeman is a 1986 University of Nevada School of Medicine graduate. He and his wife, Laurie, established this endowed scholarship in honor of his father and uncle. This scholarship assists medical students with their costs by providing a yearly, renewable scholarship to a student with demonstrated financial need.

### Jack B. Selbig Memorial Scholarship Endowment

In 1960, Jack earned his master's degree in education from the University of Nevada, Reno. He joined the faculty in 1965 as a counselor and foreign student adviser. This scholarship endowment established in Jack's name honors his tremendous commitment to education.

### Beverly Hug Sharp Education Scholarship Endowment

After graduating from the University in 1957, Beverly served the community for nearly 30 years. This scholarship is established in her honor to help female students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in the College of Education.

### J. Dietrich Stroeh Scholarship Endowment in Civil and Environmental Engineering

After graduating with a degree in civil engineering in 1960, J. Dietrich Stroeh went on to become the youngest water district manager in the state of California and a principal of an engineering firm. He appreciated his education at Nevada and established this endowed fund to support juniors and seniors pursuing a degree in civil and environmental engineering.

## New Foundation Endowments

### Adam Gregory Thomas Legislative Intern Scholarship Endowment

*Adam Gregory Thomas was a senior at the University and a Nevada state legislative intern when he passed away in 2007. To honor Adam's life and passion, his friends and family have established this fund to support Nevada students who have successfully completed a Nevada state legislative internship.*

### Kris Tower Memorial Scholarship Endowment

*The School of Social Work—in cooperation with Renown Health Foundation and Renown Medical Center—hosted a tribute evening to raise funds for a memorial scholarship for Nevada alumna and faculty member, Kris Tower. This scholarship will be awarded to students in social work who share Kris' passion for innovative teaching, technology and advocacy for people with disabilities.*

### Visiting Scholars Seismology Endowment

*Yasuo Uchiyama was a visiting research scholar in the Nevada Seismological Laboratory during 2006, and was an employee of the Taisei General Construction Company, a national, full-service architect, engineer and builder based in Cypress, Calif. Yasuo generously provided the funding to support the efforts of the Nevada Seismological Laboratory in gratitude for the opportunities he was provided during his time as a visiting professor. This fund will support operational activities in the Seismological Laboratory including travel, equipment, graduate students and postdoctorate fellows.*

### Carolyn B. Webster Memorial Scholarship Endowment

*In 1960 Carolyn B. Webster graduated from the University with a bachelor of arts degree in English. She later went on to teach for 27 years. This endowed scholarship will continue the impact that Carolyn had on so many students.*

### Richard W. Wilcox Memorial Scholarship Endowment

*Richard Wilcox graduated from the University and taught chemistry at Wooster High School for 27 years. His enthusiastic demonstrations in the chemistry lab earned him the nickname "Mr. Wizard." This scholarship has been established by his family to honor Wilcox's dedication to science education and the profession of teaching. This scholarship will support a student pursuing a degree to teach secondary science.*

## HOW CAN I START AN ENDOWMENT FUND?

**To create an endowment, all you need is a minimum gift of \$10,000 and a signed agreement.**

An endowment is a permanent fund established for a specific purpose—for faculty, student or program support. The donor may name the endowment and specify use of its available income. Gifts to endowments, by cash, securities, real estate, or through a bequest, are invested to create a lasting resource that grows in perpetuity. Endowments generate a steady stream of income, while leaving the principal untouched. To discuss a named endowment as a lasting reflection of your belief in the University of Nevada, Reno, contact associate vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, Bruce Mack, at (775) 784-1352 or [bmack@unr.edu](mailto:bmack@unr.edu).



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# Reynolds School receives funds to create chair in business journalism

The Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism has received a \$2 million grant to endow a faculty chair, The Donald W. Reynolds Chair in Business Journalism.

The grant was one of four awarded to three universities by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation to train students in business journalism. The Reynolds School will focus on teaching students how to cover the emerging “green” economy, which will be built on alternative fuels.

“Our trustees have funded a significant initiative aimed at improving the quantity and quality of business journalism within this country, and this new endowed chair at the Reynolds School of Journalism is an important component of that initiative,” says Fred W. Smith, chairman of the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation.

“The overall initiative provides for a network of Reynolds-funded institutions led by the Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism at Arizona State University to collaborate on increasing the presence of business journalism curriculum on university campuses and also on providing strong training for midcareer journalists faced with the need for better understanding of financial and economic issues. Certainly, the historic marketplace events of the past year have pointed clearly to the need for this heightened understanding by journalists of these often-complicated issues.”

“All great universities build on great faculty and students,” says Milton Glick, president of the University. “But the Reynolds School also is built on the exceptional support of the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, alumni, families of alums and others. Their support in these tough economic times ensures that quality journalism will continue at the University—and out in the world, where citizens depend on it.”

“The importance of business journalism is obvious when you look at the news of the last few months,” says Jerry Ceppos, dean of the Reynolds School. “It is a complex subject that requires



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*Reynolds School Dean Jerry Ceppos, left, anticipates that the Donald W. Reynolds Chair in Business Journalism will stimulate multidisciplinary collaboration, including development of a course in “economics for journalists” in the College of Business. Ceppos says that the importance of business journalism is obvious because of the recent economic downturn. He anticipates that the business journalism initiative will provide strong training for journalists faced with the need to better understand financial and economic issues. Ceppos is pictured with Dean Greg Mosier, College of Business.*

specialized training, which we now can offer thanks to this gift. The focus on the environment will complement our graduate program in environmental journalism. We also plan to work with the 18 centers or departments at the University that deal with the environment.”

As an example of cross-campus relationships, Ceppos says that one of the most important aspects of the gift is the development of a course in “economics for journalists” in the College of Business. “We couldn’t possibly have offered such a targeted course without the active involvement of our business colleagues.”

In addition to the \$2 million endowment, the foundation announced a grant of \$211,117 to the Reynolds School to provide support for the first year of the business-journalism program, before the endowment pays out income.

The business-journalism chair is one of five endowed chairs at the Reynolds School. Four have been funded by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation. In addition to the business chair, they are the Reynolds Chair in Critical Thinking and Ethical Practices, the Reynolds Chair of Media Technology and the Fred W. Smith Chair in Journalism. A new Paul A. Leonard Chair in Ethics and Writing in Journalism also has been announced.

In addition to the chair at the University of Nevada, Reno, the Reynolds Foundation announced new chairs in business journalism at the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri and at the Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Ari-

zona State University. These chairs follow the launch in 1999 of a Donald W. Reynolds Chair in Business Journalism at Washington & Lee University in Virginia.

Chairs at the four universities will cooperate on research about such business-journalism issues as midcareer training of media professionals and development of new curricular concepts to encourage broader business-journalism offerings on campuses across the country. The chairs’ collaborative efforts will be overseen by the Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism at Arizona State University, which was created by the foundation in 2003 and charged with inspiring improvement in the quality of business journalism nationwide.

The foundation’s recent grants to improve business journalism totaled \$9,753,977 and include a new round of operating support for the national center. The new grants bring to \$77 million the amount that the foundation has given through its journalism initiative over the past 10 years. Of that amount, almost \$18 million has been targeted at the business-journalism initiative.

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation is a national philanthropic organization founded in 1954 by the late media entrepreneur for whom it is named. Headquartered in Las Vegas, it is one of the largest private foundations in the United States.

The Reynolds School of Journalism is Nevada’s only accredited journalism school.

—Zanny Marsh

For more information on supporting The Reynolds School of Journalism, please contact Kristin Burgarello, director of development for the Reynolds School of Journalism, at (775) 784-4471 or [kburgarello@unr.edu](mailto:kburgarello@unr.edu)

## Established Foundation Endowments

An endowment fund is a special way to create a lasting gift to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation. Although the gift is made today, it continues to generate additional funds in perpetuity because the original gift is never spent. The gift is invested and only the earnings may be used for the donor's designated wishes.

### A

Accounting/IS Development and Research Endowment  
AITP Scholarship Endowment  
Alliance with the Washoe County Medical Society  
Alumni Association Quasi Endowment  
Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment  
Alumni College Endowed Scholarship - College of Education  
Alumni Lifetime Membership Endowment  
Donna Anderson Professorship in Grazing & Rangelands Endowment  
Anglim-Bateman Scholarship Endowment  
Florence Marie Amland Scholarship Endowment  
Anne Luckenbill Anderson Scholarship Endowment  
Dr. James T. & M. Elizabeth Anderson Memorial Scholarship  
Derrill & Stella Angst Endowment  
Mary B. Ansari Map Library Endowment  
Jerry Antkowiak Scholarship Endowment  
Roxie Archie College of Business Administration Scholarship Endowment  
Roxie Archie Medicine Scholarship Endowment  
Arentz Student Center Endowment  
Frank D. Arnold Endowment in Finance  
Aaron E. Arnoldsen Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
Joseph F. & Dolores C. Arroyo Scholarship Endowment  
ASUN Scholarship Endowment  
Arthur & Vlasta Atkins Scholarship Endowment

### B

Charles & Doris Bailey Scholarship Endowment  
Arthur Baker III Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
Joseph W. & Gale Baldecchi Scholarship Endowment  
Dr. Ross & Dorothy Dodd Ballard Scholarship  
John Bancroft Business Community Support Endowment  
John Bancroft Medical Scholarship Endowment  
Bank of America Scholarship Endowment  
Baskerville Scholarship for Visually Impaired Students  
Basque Studies Program Quasi Endowment  
Dean Sam Basta Scholarship Endowment  
George Basta Business Scholarship Endowment  
George & Ronald M. Basta Scholarship Endowment  
Harriet & George Basta Medical Student Scholarship Endowment  
Harriet Basta Education Scholarship Endowment  
Dr. Ted E. Batchman Endowed Scholarship  
Lura G. Batjer Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
Mabel McVicar Batjer Scholarship Endowment  
Louis S. Bava Scholarship Endowment  
Smiley Klaich Bayless Nursing Endowment  
Melvin & Mildred Beaver Endowed Scholarship  
Loretta Beckman-Carr Scholarship Endowment  
Evelyn Beeson Scholarship Endowment  
Bruno & Edna Benna Excellence in the Fine Arts Endowment  
Dr. & Mrs. Emanuel Berger Scholarship Endowment  
Lowell C. & Frances W. Bernard Scholarship Endowment  
Jim Bernardi and Bob Dillard Theater Scholarship Endowment

Mildred Bertotti Scholarship Endowment in Medicine  
Douglas Bevans Scholarship Endowment  
Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award Endowment  
Harold G. Biegler MSESE Scholarship Endowment  
Janet & Sidney Bijou Scholarship Endowment  
Reed Bingham Scholarship Endowment in Public Health  
BJG Graduate Scholarship in Structural Engineering  
Black Eagle Consulting CE Scholarship Endowment  
Barbara & Bill Bliss Scholarship Endowment in Journalism  
The Professor Howard Blodgett Scholarship Endowment in Civil Engineering  
Bohach Police/Firefighter Scholarship Endowment  
John Bohach Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
Dale Bohmont Leadership Award Endowment  
Carlos Borland Scholarship Endowment  
Frank W. Bowdish Chemical Engineering Scholarship  
District Judge Grant L. Bowen Distinguished Library  
Brady, Clift, Scott, Moss, Garey-Sage, Hald, Gholdoian Endowment  
Arthur Brant Endowed Chair in Geophysics  
Lilli Brant Reading Room Endowment  
Bretzlaff Foundation Scholarship Endowment  
Gloria Germain Brown Scholarship Endowment  
Bridge Paper Competition Endowment  
Dr. Art and Elaine Broten Endowed Scholarship  
Victor and Helen G. Brown Scholarship  
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Brussard Scholarship Endowment in Ecology, Evolution & Conservation Biology  
Bullis Education Scholarship Endowment  
Leslie Burns & Mary Gray Research Professorship  
John Butler Professorship in Extractive Metallurgy  
H.M. Byars Civil Engineering Scholarship Endowment  
Norma & Ellis Byer Internship Scholarship Endowment

### C

CABNR General Endowed Scholarship Endowment  
Edmund J. Cain Scholarship Endowment  
Edward Callahan Scholarship Endowment  
Cole C. Campbell Dialogue on Democracy Endowment  
Barbara Smith Campbell & Donald Cassidy Scholarship Endowment  
Louis J. & Genevieve G. Capurro Family Foundation Scholarship  
Ann M. Carlson Scholarship Endowment  
Jay A. Carpenter Endowment  
Carson Medical Group Medical Scholarship Fund  
William Cashill Scholarship Endowment  
James Cashman III Scholarship Endowment  
Alayne Casteel Scholarship Endowment  
Zehra & Yunus Cengel Scholarship Endowment  
CERA Trust Endowment  
CERA Trust Endowment - College of Education  
Art Cerfoglio Memorial Scholarship  
CFA Scholarship Endowment  
L.H. & M.W. Chanslor Endowment - Unrestricted Fund

Charlton Family Fund for Excellence Endowment  
Harry M. & Judy Nowland Chase, Jr. Scholarship Endowment  
Chico Group Medical Student Scholarship Endowment  
Charles Chun Scholarship Endowment  
City of Sparks Scholarship Endowment  
Clark & Sullivan Constructors Endowment Fund  
Edna M. Clarkson Memorial Music Scholarship Endowment  
J.R. Clarkson Scholarship Endowment  
Jean Mary Clawson Scholarship Endowment  
Class of 1938 Scholarship Endowment  
Class of 1939 Scholarship Endowment  
Class of 1940 Scholarship Endowment  
Class of 1941 Scholarship Endowment  
Class of 1942 Scholarship Endowment  
Class of 1943 Scholarship Endowment  
Class of 1944 Scholarship Endowment  
Class of 1945 & 1946 Scholarship Endowment  
Class of 1947 Scholarship Endowment  
Class of 1948 Scholarship Endowment  
Class of 1949 Scholarship Endowment  
Class of 1950 Endowment Challenge  
Class of 1951 Endowment Challenge  
Class of 1951 Mackay School of Mines Scholarship  
Class of 1952 Endowment Challenge  
Class of 1953 Endowment Challenge  
Class of 1954 Endowment Challenge  
Class of 1955 Endowment Challenge  
Class of 1956 Endowment Challenge  
Class of 1959 Endowment Challenge  
Class of 1971 Endowment Challenge Fund  
Classic Residence Scholarship Endowment  
Jean Mary Clawson Scholarship Endowment  
John Robert (Bob) Clarkson Mineral Processing Scholarship  
Clearstar Financial Credit Union Office of Field Experiences  
Margriet Clevenger Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
Georgia E. Clinger Scholarship Endowment  
Molly D. Close Scholarship Endowment for the College of Engineering  
Ty Cobb Scholarship Endowment  
Charles Coe Family Scholarship Endowment  
College of Business Administration Alumni Association (COBAAA) Quasi Endowment  
College of Business Administration  
Career Services Endowment  
College of Business Administration Logistics Endowment  
College of Business Administration Technology Endowment  
College of Liberal Arts Excellence Endowment  
College of Liberal Arts Howard Family Endowment  
Joan M. Comanor Scholarship Endowment  
Contri Construction Scholarship Endowment  
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Joan Metcalfe Cope Classified Employee Endowed Fund  
Ennis Cosby Scholarship Endowment  
Loretta J. Cotner Scholarship Endowment  
Walter & Vivian Cox Scholarship Endowment  
Crawford Family Scholarship Endowment

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Cronenberger Family Scholarship Endowment  
Kathryn & Fredric Cronenberger Scholarship  
Crouch-Wright Scholarship Endowment  
Betty Jean Crowley Memorial Endowment  
for Piano Students

Joe Crowley Endowed Political Science Fund  
John Joseph Crowley Scholarship Endowment in Geography  
Marie Crowley Geography Scholarship Endowment  
Mark Curtis Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
Ruth Curtis Scholarship Endowment in Visual Arts  
Karen Cutler Memorial Scholarship Endowment

### D

Dante Club Research Award Endowment  
Sandra A. Daugherty, M.D., Ph.D. Medical  
Student Research Award  
Robert C. Davey Scholarship Endowment  
Sharon & Richard Davies Historical Research  
Sharon & Richard Davies History Undergraduate Endowment  
Dana Davis Award Endowment  
Howdy Davis Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
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John A. Dermody Scholarship Endowment  
Leonard & Sally Detrick Scholarship Endowment  
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Edwin S. Dodson Endowment  
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Doubrava Family Medical Endowment  
Jay S. Dow, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
Cherie Lynn Duhart Scholarship Endowment

### E

Eagle-Picher Minerals, Inc. Scholarship Endowment  
Early Childhood Autism Program Scholarship Endowment  
Esther Early Scholarship Endowment  
Frances A. Echeverria Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
Peter Echeverria Scholarship Endowment  
Elsie H. Edwards Memorial Fund Endowment  
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Jan Evans Library Collection Endowment  
Lillian Evansen Memorial Prize Endowment  
Evasovic Family Geologic Field Camp Endowment  
Mike Evasovic Scholarship Endowment  
Mike Evasovic Scholarship Endowment in Civil Engineering  
Christopher Exline Geography Scholarship Endowment  
Christopher Exline Land Use Planning  
Scholarship Endowment

### F

Faculty Salaries Endowment  
Alex Fittinghoff Scholarship Endowment  
Lincoln & Meta Fitzgerald COBA Scholarship Endowment  
Lincoln & Meta Fitzgerald Medical Scholarship Endowment  
Lincoln & Meta Fitzgerald Nursing Scholarship Endowment  
Jean Amland Fitzpatrick Scholarship Endowment  
Carroll H. Flagg Scholarship Endowment  
Marilyn P. & William G. Flangas Scholarship Endowment

Forbes and Dunagan, Inc. Endowed Scholarship  
Fordham Family Civil Engineering Scholarship Endowment  
Foreign Languages and Literatures Scholarship Endowment  
Susan Forrest Journalism Scholarship Endowment  
Foundation Board Endowment  
Foundation Endowment for Journalism  
Don Fowler Endowment for Great Basin Archaeology  
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Fox Scholarship Endowment  
Dr. Frazier Scholarship Endowment  
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Equipment Fund Endowment  
Friends of the College of Education Quasi Endowment  
Friends of the College of Education Scholarship Endowment  
Friends of the Library Endowment  
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Frost Family Scholarship Endowment  
Maurice C. & Joyce C. Fuerstenau Scholarship Endowment  
B.J. Fuller Accounting Scholarship Endowment  
Dr. Mary Fulstone Endowment for Excellence  
Fulstone Family Scholarship Endowment  
John A. & Robert B. Fulton Scholarship Endowment

### G

John & Lillian Gabrielli Scholarship Endowment  
Gardner Engineering Scholarship Endowment  
Cecil Hardin Gay Scholarship Endowment  
Blanche Grace Holcomb Gazin Scholarship Endowment  
Geography Lecture Series Endowment  
Geography Scholarship Endowment  
Geological Society of Nevada Endowed Scholarship  
Geography Student Research Endowment  
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Virgil Getto Endowed Scholarship  
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Dick & Hank Gilbert Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
Jim Gilbert Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
Karen Gilbert Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
Kathleen M. Gilbert Memorial Accounting  
Scholarship Endowment  
Vivian L. Gilbert Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
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Grace A. Griffen Endowed Chair in History  
Robert Griffin/Clark Santini Memorial Endowment  
Carmelina B. Grundel Endowed Scholarship  
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Diana Hadley-Lynch Scholarship Endowment  
Dr. Stephen W. Hall Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Herbert W. Hallman Scholarship Endowment  
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Scholarship Endowment  
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Hatch Endowed Scholarship  
Ken Hawk Scholarship Endowment  
Clarence Heckethorn Scholarship Endowment  
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Environmental Engineering  
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History Professor's Endowed Scholarship  
Betty J. Heath Hoe Scholarship Endowment  
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Claudia W. Hoffer & Arthur H. Williams  
Scholarship Endowment  
M. Kay Holjes Health Ecology Scholarship Endowment  
Richard Holmes Family Scholarship Endowment  
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Robert C. Hooper Scholarship Endowment  
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Anne Howard Memorial Scholarship in English Endowment  
Durward A. Huckabay, M.D. Fellowship Endowment  
Procter R. Hug, Jr. Scholarship Endowment  
Professor James Hulse Scholarship in History  
John & Frances Humphrey Scholarship Endowment

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Interior Design Endowed Scholarship  
International Student Scholars Endowment Fund  
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Dr. Marshall L. Jacks Scholarship Endowment  
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Clarence & Martha Jones Technology Endowment Fund  
Denny Jones Material Sciences Scholarship Endowment  
Max Jones Jr. Endowed Scholarship  
Mona Sanchez Joplin Memorial Scholarship Endowment  
Jim Joyce Endowment in Political Communications  
Marilee Joyce Broadcast Scholarship Endowment

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## Faculty & Staff Gifts

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Contributions from faculty and staff help build Nevada's quality and prestige. More importantly, gifts from faculty and staff tell alumni and friends that those closest to the University—those who know it best, from the inside out—believe so strongly in the success of Nevada's students that they are willing to support the institution through charitable gifts, as well as on the job. That's a powerful endorsement for which the Foundation is truly grateful. Faculty and staff have seen, firsthand, what a difference private support can make in everything from student scholarships to ongoing support for research projects, curriculum enhancements and technology upgrades. The following is a list of current, emeritus and former faculty and staff, or their surviving spouses who made an investment in Nevada in 2008.

## Faculty & Staff Gifts

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Photo by Theresa Dama-Douglas

*Foundation Professor Paul Starrs encourages graduate student Cassie Hansen. Nevada faculty and staff are committed to helping students succeed.*

### Matching Gifts

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# Silver & Blue Society



Bound by their shared commitment to the University of Nevada, Reno, members of the Silver & Blue Society assist the institution in addressing a broad range of needs—including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time gifts are made.

To recognize these individuals, the Silver & Blue Society was formed to honor those who give an annual unrestricted gift of \$1,874 or more. Members of the Silver & Blue Society provide for scholarships, new academic

programs, innovative learning opportunities, faculty recruitment and development, and enhancements to campus, among a host of other areas.

The Silver & Blue Society owes its name to a time when a circle of dedicated men and women helped create the University of Nevada. Established as a land grant institution in 1874, the school depended in part on the vision and support provided by advocates. Many of them knew the value of

gifts beyond the government programs that were meant to create a thriving economy for a new western state.

The generosity of individuals makes all the difference in the future of Nevada. Unrestricted funding is a critical resource that supports the University's most pressing needs.

*To learn more about the Silver & Blue Society contact Crystal Parrish at (775) 784-1352 or cparrish@unr.edu.*

## 2008 Silver & Blue Society Membership

Edward E. Allison '91  
 Michonne R. Ascuaga and Kevin A. Linkus  
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 Bruce A. Mack  
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 Mary-Ellen '73 and Sam McMullen '73  
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 Jane Witter '74 and Fred Delanoy  
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Nevada alumni continue their generous and active support of their alma mater. While the vast majority of contributions are unrestricted so they can be used to meet the most urgent needs of the University, alumni do earmark contributions for specific purposes, including funds for particular academic departments, scholarships, class endowments and a wide variety of other programs and projects. Alumni donors whose gifts were received between Jan. 1, 2008, and Dec. 31, 2008, are listed in this report.



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## Mackay School scholarships honor pioneering mining family

Nevada students enrolled in the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering have long benefited from the legacy left by a pioneer in western mining, who was also an outstanding philanthropist. Founded by William J. Coulter, the Viola Vestal Coulter Foundation provides four annual scholarships to students enrolled in Mackay.

The story of the Viola Vestal Coulter Foundation began in Murray, Idaho, where William Jesse Coulter was born in 1887. That year, the town was a booming mining camp complete with saloons, brothels and hundreds of miners seeking their fortunes in gold and silver. The son of an Irish immigrant and a shipbuilder's daughter from Maine, Coulter aspired to make his riches from the mountains as well.

Coulter worked his way through Washington State College, gaining valuable experience as a mucker and jackhammer man in mining camps in Montana, Nevada and British Columbia.

On his graduation day in 1914, he received a bachelor's of science degree in mining and a telegram offering him employment as an engineer with Grandby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company of Anyox, British Columbia.

The following year, Coulter married Viola Vestal. The couple traveled throughout the country, from Alaska to New Mexico, as Coulter moved up through the ranks of the mining industry.

When he was asked to join the Climax Molybdenum Company as general superintendent in Climax, Colo., in 1927, Coulter found himself in the right place at the right time. Because "moly" was used in making radio tubes, auto and plane parts, as well as in chemical compounds and dyes, the mine would become vital to the war effort.

Viola Vestal Coulter died unexpectedly in 1935, and in 1938 Coul-



*William J. Coulter*



*Viola Vestal Coulter*

ter established a foundation to fund scholarships in her honor. Coulter wrote, "Money so invested in the native intelligence of our youth and provision for its full development would bring high returns in human happiness and welfare. . . It is my hope that talents will develop with education, subsequently solving the troublesome questions facing society."

For nearly half a century, the Coulter Foundation has provided financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students in the Mackay School. The foundation's generous and steadfast support allows the school to build its reputation for excellence by providing the mining, engineering and minerals industries with highly trained graduates, and by its continuous offering of public service to Nevada and the nation.

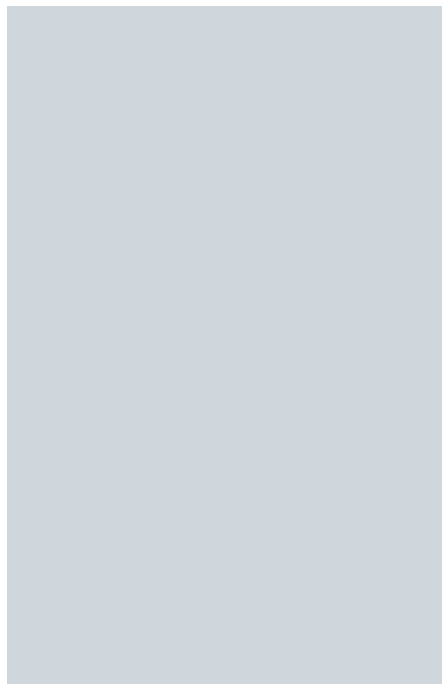
—Ken Kempcke

For more information on supporting students in the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering, please contact Char Hagemann, development director for the College of Science, at (775) 682-8791 or [chagemann@unr.edu](mailto:chagemann@unr.edu).



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# Class Endowment Challenge

## What is the Class Endowment Challenge?

The Class Endowment Challenge recognizes outstanding participation of graduating classes. Each class whose total giving reaches the minimum \$10,000 endowment level is a proud contributor to a Nevada tradition of providing for future generations.

## Why should I give to the Class Endowment Challenge?

Giving to those who will follow is an important founding principle of land-grant institutions. Students who benefit from scholarships and other programs created by Class Endowment Challenges may otherwise be unable to attend college. These students exemplify scholarship by maintaining a high grade point average and, through the assistance that class endowments provide, being active members of campus life. Each contribution to the Class Endowment Challenge makes an impact.

## How do I give to the Class Endowment Challenge?

**In Person:** Giving to the Class Endowment Challenge is easy. If you'd like to make a gift in person, visit the offices of Development and Alumni Relations, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Morrill Hall Alumni Center or room 127 of the Mackay Science Building. To answer your questions, contact Colin Beck '01 (journalism) at (775) 682-6000 or at colinb@unr.edu.

**Via Mail:** Make your check payable to University of Nevada, Reno Foundation. Be sure to note on the memo part of your check the class year to which you would like to designate your gift, or attach a note to that effect. If you do not include a designation, your gift will be used for the general teaching, research, and public service initiatives of the University of Nevada, Reno.

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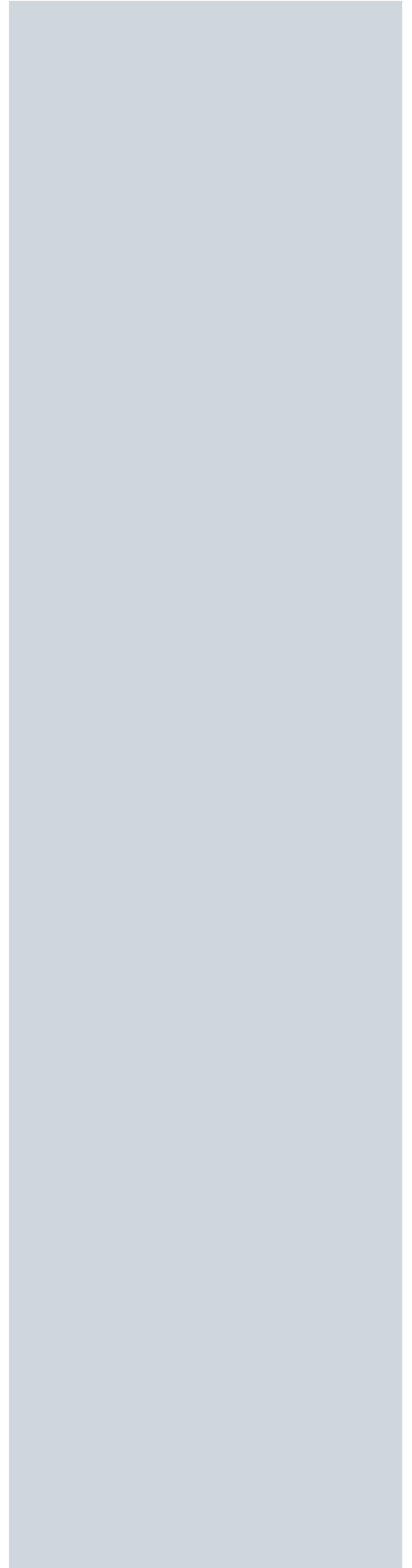
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**Double your gift:** Does your employer or your spouse's employer have a matching gift program? If so, your donation may be doubled or even tripled. To find matching gift companies, visit [giving.unr.edu/](http://giving.unr.edu/) for a searchable list.

CLASS OF	TOTAL GIFTS SINCE INCEPTION
Class of 1938 Scholarship Endowment	\$51,955
Class of 1939 Scholarship Endowment	\$15,525
Class of 1940 Scholarship Endowment	\$27,536
Class of 1941 Scholarship Endowment	\$24,221
Class of 1942 Scholarship Endowment	\$14,811
Class of 1943 Scholarship Endowment	\$19,854
Class of 1944 Scholarship Endowment	\$20,954
Class of 1945 & 1946 Scholarship Endowment	\$11,993
Class of 1947 Scholarship Endowment	\$10,790
Class of 1948 Scholarship Endowment	\$15,968
Class of 1949 Scholarship Endowment	\$20,961
Class of 1950 Endowment Challenge	\$33,025
Class of 1951 Endowment Challenge	\$37,205
Class of 1951 Mackay School Scholarship Endowment	\$40,307
Class of 1952 Endowment Challenge	\$25,124
Class of 1953 Endowment Challenge	\$14,249
Class of 1954 Endowment Challenge	\$15,078
Class of 1955 Endowment Challenge	\$19,957
Class of 1956 Endowment Challenge	\$14,459
Class of 1957 Endowment Challenge	\$9,671
Class of 1958 Endowment Challenge	\$9,312
Class of 1959 Endowment Challenge	\$23,363
Class of 1960 Endowment Challenge	\$6,901
Class of 1961 Endowment Challenge	\$9,405
Class of 1962 Endowment Challenge	\$5,647
Class of 1963 Endowment Challenge	\$6,290
Class of 1964 Endowment Challenge	\$4,870
Class of 1965 Endowment Challenge	\$5,135
Class of 1966 Endowment Challenge	\$7,784
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Class of 1973 Endowment Challenge	\$8,277
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Class of 1975 Endowment Challenge	\$5,088
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Class of 1977 Endowment Challenge	\$3,836
Class of 1978 Endowment Challenge	\$4,880
Class of 1979 Endowment Challenge	\$4,258
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Class of 1981 Endowment Challenge	\$8,188
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Class of 2004 Endowment Challenge	\$-
Class of 2005 Endowment Challenge	\$19
Class of 2006 Endowment Challenge	\$319
Class of 2007 Endowment Challenge	\$-
Class of 2008 Endowment Challenge	\$-

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### Alumni Council

The Alumni Council advises on the development and management of a broad range of programs, events and services that are provided for constituents of the Nevada Alumni Association. By focusing on the Organization's top four priorities: Alumni Outreach, Student Outreach, Chapter Development and Membership and Marketing; Council members create many opportunities for alumni to stay connected to the University of Nevada.

Alumni Council members are encouraged to actively participate in alumni and university activities as well as be dues-paying members of the Association. If you are interested in serving on the Council, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 888.NV ALUMS or email [nvalumni@unr.edu](mailto:nvalumni@unr.edu). Nominations are open through Aug. 1 of each year. *To see a complete list of current Council members, please turn to page 104.*



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Photo courtesy Reynolds School of Journalism

## Scripps Howard carries on legacy of distinguished journalism alumnus

Edward W. (Ted) Scripps II '52 (journalism) was passionate about wanting Americans to understand what journalism is all about and how important it is. In 1964, he established an annual dinner and lecture series at the University of Nevada, Reno, which brings nationally prominent journalists and media leaders to campus to speak and teach at the Reynolds School of Journalism.

The Scripps Howard Foundation was incorporated in 1962 as the philanthropic arm of the E.W. Scripps Company, a media company that operates daily newspapers and network-affiliated television stations throughout the United States. The founding trustees were Charles E. Scripps (Ted's brother) and Jack Howard, president and general manager of the company. The foundation, with support from Ted Scripps' children, continues to provide gifts each year to

carry on the Scripps dinner and lecture.

In addition to the annual dinner and lecture, the Scripps Howard Foundation funds four scholarships to Nevada journalism students each year, and has just started an internship program with the school.

"The annual Scripps dinner is a sort of homecoming for the journalism department each year," says Sue Porter, vice president of programs for the Scripps Howard Foundation. "What was really important to Ted when he founded the dinner was the opportunity to bring professionals to campus to talk to students, faculty and the campus at large about journalism."

Mike Philipps, president and CEO of the foundation, notes, "In its 45 years, the Scripps dinner has featured speakers who are journalism industry leaders and innovators. People such as Charles Kuralt, Helen Thomas, Richard Reeves, Frank Deford, and David Broder. These are the kind of pathfinders that the dinner has attracted and those are the folks Ted wanted to bring back to his alma mater. The dinner is always well attended and something people look forward to, not just faculty, alumni and students, but a lot of people from the journalism community."

Porter adds, "We're also starting a new internship program with the Reynolds School in conjunction with our scholarship program because we are impressed with the quality of

*Mike Philipps, president and CEO for Scripps Howard Foundation, Emily Stott, Linda Deutch, Dean Jerry Ceppos, Adam Varahachaikol, Michele Hoover, William Scripps, Kayla Dubchansky, Johanna Huybers, Peggy Glick, Cynthia Scripps. Deutch, legal affairs reporter for the Associated Press, was the 44th Annual Scripps dinner and lecture speaker.*

the education that students receive at the University of Nevada, Reno. We like what Dean Jerry Ceppos and journalism faculty like Larry Dailey are doing and we feel like it is worth investing in an internship program."

The Scripps lecture, dinner and scholarship program have a huge impact on students. Michelle Hoover, a 2008 recipient of the Edward Scripps Scholarship, says, "Over the past three years, I've had the privilege and opportunity to be a part of the Reynolds School. It truly has been a wonderful experience working with professors whom I admire and peers who inspire me. It was here at the school that I realized the power and importance of news and those stories that affect and change our lives. The professors here have shaped me into a better journalist and the doors that have been opened to me while an undergraduate are endless. The Scripps Scholarship has helped me achieve my goals and truly makes a difference."

—Ken Kempcke

For more information on the supporting the Reynolds School of Journalism, please contact Kristin Burgarello, director of development, at (775) 784-4471 or [kburgarello@unr.edu](mailto:kburgarello@unr.edu)



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*The Center for Molecular Medicine/Whittemore Peterson Institute is expected to be ready for occupancy in Fall 2010.*

## Whittemore family supports excellence in medical research

Founded by Annette '74 (elementary education/special education) and Harvey Whittemore '74 (prelegal), the Whittemore Family Foundation has been a long-time friend of the University of Nevada, Reno, providing major gifts to the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, the Whittemore Peterson Institute for Neuro-Immune Disease, the Robert and Leslie Whittemore Athletics Scholarship Endowment and many other campus projects.

The Whittemores firmly believe that a strong university creates a strong community. "We are privileged to live in Nevada and it's our goal to work for and support our University, which does so much for so many people in northern Nevada," Annette says. "Both Harvey and I were awarded scholarships to the University of Nevada, Reno and they really helped us get through our college years. We feel blessed to be in a position to provide scholarships and help build facilities that will assist the next generation."

The new Center for Molecular Medicine—currently under construction on the north side of campus—will expand the

University's research capabilities in cancer and other diseases, as well as house the Whittemore Peterson Institute headquarters. "The institute will have a significant impact on students and faculty at Nevada," explains Annette, who is currently the institute's president and director. "We have already brought a group of researchers together to begin to develop an increased expertise in this field of medicine. The institute also plans to help medical students enrolled in our state's medical school system by giving them first-hand experience in the institute's medical practice, which will be led by experts in this field, such as Dr. Daniel Peterson. Students will learn how to evaluate and treat patients, while gaining a better understanding of these complex diseases."

The Whittemores are excited about bringing campus medical researchers together in one central facility. "We haven't had a new research building on campus in more than 20 years," Annette notes. "University scientists are currently scattered all across campus, and that often makes it very difficult for effective communication to occur."

Effective communication, especially between scientist and clinician, is the cornerstone of translational research—the translation of scientific discovery into improvements in human health. The National Institutes of Health dubs this type

of research "bench-to-bedside." The basic research done in a laboratory, i.e., "at the bench" at the cellular or molecular level, is then taken to the patient in a clinical setting, i.e., "bedside." NIH has placed a high priority on translational research, and funding opportunities will be tied to projects that have translational research components, she adds.

"We believe the University and the Whittemore Peterson Institute can develop expertise in the field of neuro-immune diseases that will become world-renowned, and will not only help thousands of Nevadans, but millions around the world," she says. "As pioneers in a collaborative effort, this project brings a great opportunity to the University."

Both Annette and Harvey were raised to believe that philanthropy is important. Harvey says, "As parents, we know that setting good examples is an important part of parenting. Students at the University need good examples of people giving back of their time and talents."

Nevada alumni are giving back in large numbers, demonstrating both the affection they hold for the University and their stellar leadership in ensuring that it will continue providing a world-class education far into the future.

—Ken Kempcke

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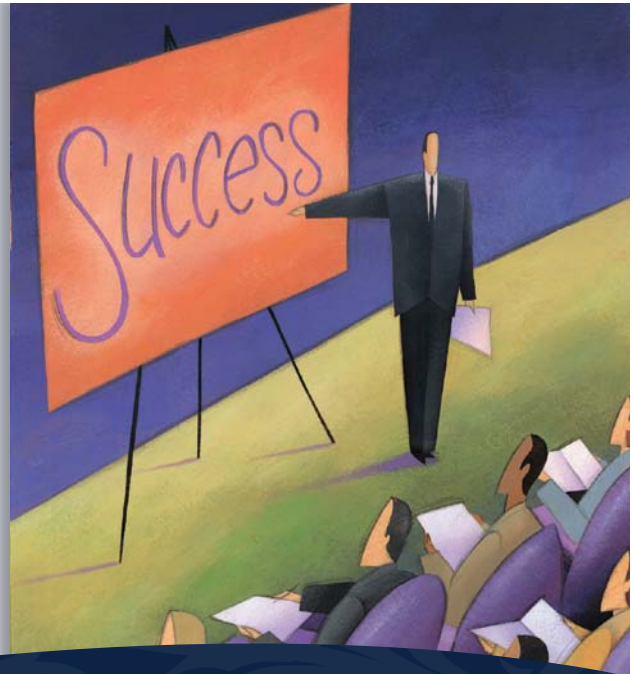
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**Dean's Chair:** A dean's chair will provide a holder of the deanship with the resources necessary to continue and further the college's contributions to teaching, research, and public service. Funds will be used for such purposes as salary supplements, graduate assistant stipends, administrative assistance, travel expenses and other college requirements.

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We hope you will consider a named endowment as a lasting reflection of your belief in the University. It will perpetuate the values you hold dear and will help the University change the world—one promising student at a time.

—Elizabeth Welsh '99

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## Parent Donors

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The Parents Fund is a special part of the Annual Giving Campaign and receives support from parents of both alumni and current students. Gifts from parents lend support to faculty and students working toward the mutually benefitting goals of education, research and public service while providing important resources for the implementation of new and innovative programs. The Parents Fund generates money that is designated for use in improving the general educational experience and the quality of life for the student body as a whole. Parents whose gifts were received between Jan. 1, 2008 and Dec. 31, 2008 are listed in this report.

### Parents Fund buys van for Campus Escort Service

The University's Parents Fund recently helped in purchasing a 2009 Dodge Grand Caravan for the Associated Students of the University of Nevada Campus Escort Service. Established by the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation in 2004, the Parents Fund can support a wide range of out-of-classroom resources and services possible for students.

Campus Escort Service strives to make campus a safe place and to enable the University community to move freely about campus after the sun goes down. It provides free, safe rides for students, faculty, staff and guests to and from their academic endeavors within a two-mile radius of campus.

The service employs only current students enrolled in a minimum of six credits, who hold at least a 2.0 grade-point average and who pass a state and federal fingerprint background check. These students work late into the night seven days a week to provide a safe way to travel to the library, home from a study session or to a campus activity.

"Mere words cannot describe the thanks this team of hard working student escorts feels about this support," says Monica Thompson, coordinator of the Campus Escort Service. "The past year has been especially hard on this team because of an increased safety awareness on and around campus. This awareness almost doubled our



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

*Campus Escort student employees Brittany Calloway, Joey Tirabassi, Alex Maragakis, Sterling Tom, Reef Wossen and Roshaun Dauphine test out the new van.*

workload on some nights. They've done such a great job they were awarded the Thornton Peace Prize at the University's Honor the Best Ceremony last year—a very proud honor for each and every one of them."

"This donation of funds to purchase the new van shows this team of 35 students and the thousands of people who ride with this service annually that the Parents Fund knows the importance of safety on campus and the programs needed to keep our campus a safe place to learn and grow," Thompson continues. "A few of our older vans are in need of repair far beyond their worth and patching them together was financially swamping the program. Now we have been able to retire one of our older vans and replace it with a van that is reliable and under warranty!"

In addition to the Parents Fund, gifts from the Marshall R. Matley Foundation and E.L.

Cord Foundation have provided funding for the Escort Service to purchase another new van and convert it to accommodate wheel chair bound patrons.

The program's current fleet also includes four that have each logged 80,000 – 100,000 miles. These vehicles must be replaced within the next two years.

—Ken Kempcke

*Parents of Nevada students, past and present, realize the exceptional educational environment that the University provides their children and show their appreciation by supporting the Parents Fund. The Parents Fund allows Nevada to broaden the opportunities available to current students—supporting all aspects of their undergraduate experience. By donating to the fund, parents directly support initiatives and services important to students.*

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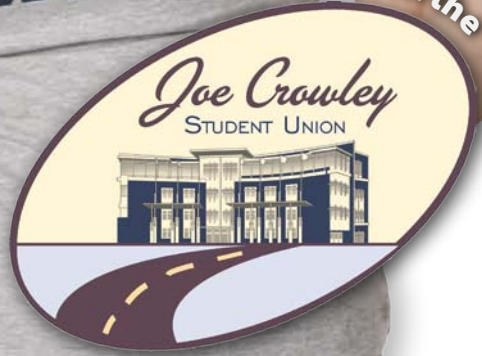
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Keeping this balance requires careful planning, and the Planned Giving Office can help you make the most informed decision possible.

Planned giving provides you with options and opportunities to include Nevada in your overall financial and estate plans. Generally these are gifts or commitments made in the present with the benefit to Nevada deferred until a future date. However, planned gifts may include outright gifts of appreciated property, including securities, real estate and gifts of tangible personal property. Some planned gifts can provide lifetime income for you or a loved one.

The University's Office of Planned Giving encourages and assists the tradition of partnership between the University and its alumni, friends and parents.

For more information on planned giving opportunities, please contact the Planned Giving Team:

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## Your legacy ensures Nevada's future

The Nevada Legacy Society honors a special group of individuals who are partners in planning for the future. By designating "Nevada" as a recipient of deferred gifts through their financial and estate plans, these thoughtful alumni and friends are helping to build our endowment, which provides a never-ending source of support to help increase student success.

We invite you to become a member of the Nevada Legacy Society by making a future gift to Nevada. We are grateful for gifts of any size. If you have already planned such a gift, please let us know. This allows us to plan for the future and thank you today by including you in this special circle of friends.

In recognition of their vision and generosity, members are guests of honor at an annual Nevada Legacy Society event, receive invitations to other key University activities, receive a copy of our



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*Nevada Legacy Planner* newsletter and are listed in our annual Honor Roll of Donors publication (unless anonymity is requested).

Special thanks to the following members who have included the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation in their financial plans.



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## Bequests Received

Through trusts, wills, retirement plans and other planned commitments, Nevada's alumni, friends and faculty support a wide range of programs. We express our thanks for the following bequests received from deceased donors during Jan. 1, 2008 through Dec. 31, 2008:

### The Violette Fricke Trust

*Violette Fricke thoughtfully remembered the University in her trust and directed a gift to benefit the University of Nevada School of Medicine.*

### Lucy Simpson Nieder Trust

*Lucille Simpson Nieder enrolled as an older art student at the Nevada campus. By the early 1960s, she was entering major art shows around the country. Upon her passing in 2007, Lucy bestowed a gift of \$1.3 million upon the Department of Art to ensure opportunities for future art students. This endowed gift will be used to support the operations of the entire department, master of fine arts-level scholarships and innovative proposals for student learning.*

### The William E. Richards Trust

*Before his passing in 2008, William E. Richards '56 (mining engineering) had been treated by and then befriended Dr. Watterson in the speech pathology and audiology department at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. As a token of gratitude, William left a generous gift to the department.*

### Estate of Eva Sheckler

*Eva Sheckler was an employee at the University who retired in June of 1974 after 22 years of service. Eva named the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation as the beneficiary of her life insurance policy. Eva's gift will benefit the Unrestricted Excellence Fund to help leadership take advantage of opportunities as they are presented at the University.*

### The Dorothy G. Woodard Trust

*Dorothy and her late husband, Andrew Jack '71 (prelegal), first established a general scholarship endowment in their names at the University in 1989. On Dorothy's passing during 2007, a major gift from their trust was added to that endowment. In establishing this endowment, the Woodards wished to enrich scholarship opportunities and to illustrate the importance that they placed on education by providing financial aid to those worthy of assistance in the pursuit of education.*

## Alumna cherishes lifelong learning

Lynn Mahanna '68M.S. (home economics), '81M.A. (counseling and educational psychology) received degrees from the University of Nevada, Reno while she and her late husband, Clare, were raising their son. Lynn recently became involved with the Lifescapes Program, which is part of the University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Sponsored by Extended Studies, OLLI is a member-directed organization that brings diverse educational and social opportunities to active older adult learners. (See page 102 for more on OLLI.)

The Lifescapes Program assists participants in writing their memoirs, reflections and collected life wisdom, so that they may publish their own book. "The instructor, Margo Daniels, was wonderful! I thought that publishing the books in color would



Photo by Theresa Dama-Douglas

add so much to the program," says Lynn. "That's when I learned about the needs of the program and realized I could make a difference through a contribution." In 2008, Lynn established a planned gift to benefit the Lifescapes Program.

To learn more about planned giving and supporting a program you are passionate about, contact Lisa Riley, Esq. or Bob Eggleston at (775) 784-1352 or lriley@unr.edu or beggleston@unr.edu.

— Elizabeth Welsh '99

## Future Planned Gifts Established by Living Donors

We express our deepest thanks to those living donors for the establishment of the deferred gifts below from Jan. 1, 2008 through Dec. 31, 2008:

### **Judith S. Bible Teaching Excellence in Education Award Fund Paul and Judy Bible University Teaching Excellence Award Fund**

*Paul '62 (economics) and Judy Bible '65 (education) have a long-time affiliation with the University. Both are alumni of the University, and Paul recently completed his second term as chairman of the Foundation Board of Trustees. Paul and Judy value the education they received while at the University and the efforts of their teachers and wish to support the University in a meaningful and innovative way by recognizing and rewarding outstanding faculty members. The endowments established by Paul and Judy will provide faculty awards that are designed to build morale and enthusiasm, with a specific award for the College of Education, as well as an award for the general University faculty.*

### **Cavanaugh-Bradley Family Endowment for Jazz Studies**

*Gail Bradley '97 (nutrition) is able to honor both her parents and her love of jazz music by providing financial support to Nevada's Program in Jazz and Improvisational Music. Earnings from this endowment will be used to help send selected jazz students to workshops at the School for Improvisational Music in New York City.*

### **David and Penny Haas Charitable Gift Annuity**

*David and Penny Haas established a gift annuity that will benefit the University of Nevada, Reno College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources Greenhouses Complex. The Haas' feel that by encouraging the research and learning happening in the greenhouses at Nevada, they are helping to create a more stable world for tomorrow's citizens.*

### **Dr. George Hill and Dr. Ginny Knowles Scholarship Endowment for Teachers Dr. George Hill and Dr. Ginny Knowles Leadership Award Endowment Dr. George Hill and Dr. Ginny Knowles Scholarship Endowment for Agriculture Dr. George Hill and Dr. Ginny Knowles Student Intern Support Fund**

*Both George Hill and Ginny Knowles, Ed.D. '92 came from impoverished, rural Oregon communities. They view education as a way of improving the lives of those who come from lesser means. To encourage individuals from similar backgrounds, George and Ginny have established several funds: one to provide Hispanic teachers with the means to pursue higher education to become administrators, another to support first generation students pursuing a degree to become a teacher, another to provide scholarships to students in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources and one to students during their internship in their pursuits to become an educator.*

### **Lynn Mahannah**

*Lynn Mahannah '68M.S. (home economics) and '81M.A. (counseling and educational psychology) has established a planned gift that will benefit OLLI's Lifescapes Program. Read more about Lynn's gift on page 62.*

### **Sandorf Family Endowment for the Arts**

*John '52 (business administration) and Mona Sandorf '52 (elementary education) are extremely proud of their many grandchildren. In appreciation of the creative endeavors of these grandchildren and the support of their parents, Joel and Angela Sandorf, John and Mona have established this endowment in the Sandorf family name to provide a source of ongoing funding for future programmatic support for departments and programs in the School of the Arts.*

### **The Dr. Robert E. Stewart Family Endowment**

*Dr. Robert E. Stewart was appointed dean of agriculture at the University of Nevada in 1920. The Dr. Robert E. Stewart Family Endowment was established to honor Dean Stewart and the donor's love of agriculture, plants and gardening. Thirty percent of this fund will establish an endowment for the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension to support the Master Gardener Program, and 70 percent will establish an endowment for the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources Greenhouses Complex.*

### **Helen Stecker Scholarship Endowment for Nursing**

*Helen Stecker and her family moved to Nevada in 1953. She graduated from high school in Boulder City, Colo. and went on to take business courses at the University of Nevada, Reno. Helen married Larry Stecker, in 1964 and they settled in Washoe Valley where they were able to focus on their passion—raising cutting horses. Helen's experiences in caring for both her husband and her mother prior to their deaths are what led her to establish this scholarship. She worked closely with hospice nurses during those times and developed a great respect for all those performing nursing services. This endowment will support graduate students pursuing a master of science degree in nursing.*



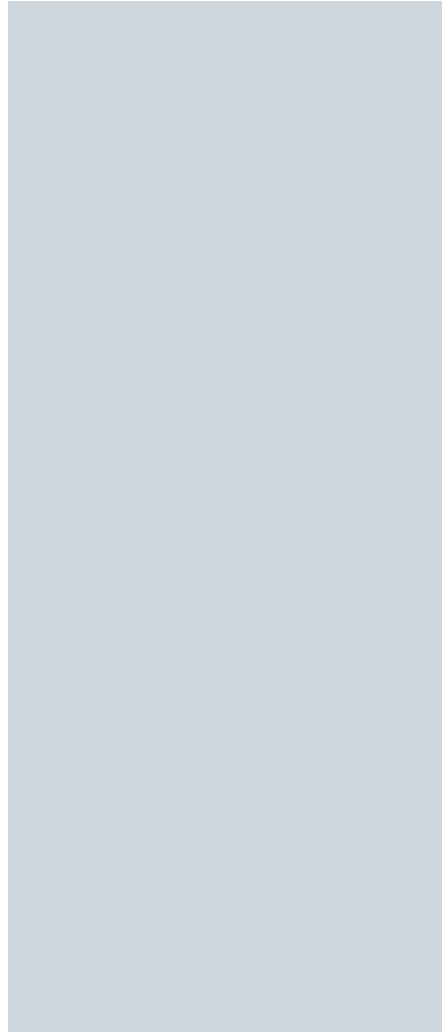
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Friends of the University of Nevada, Reno demonstrate their appreciation with financial support to a variety of academic programs. We are tremendously grateful to these individual friend donors whose gifts were received between Jan. 1, 2008 and Dec. 31, 2008.

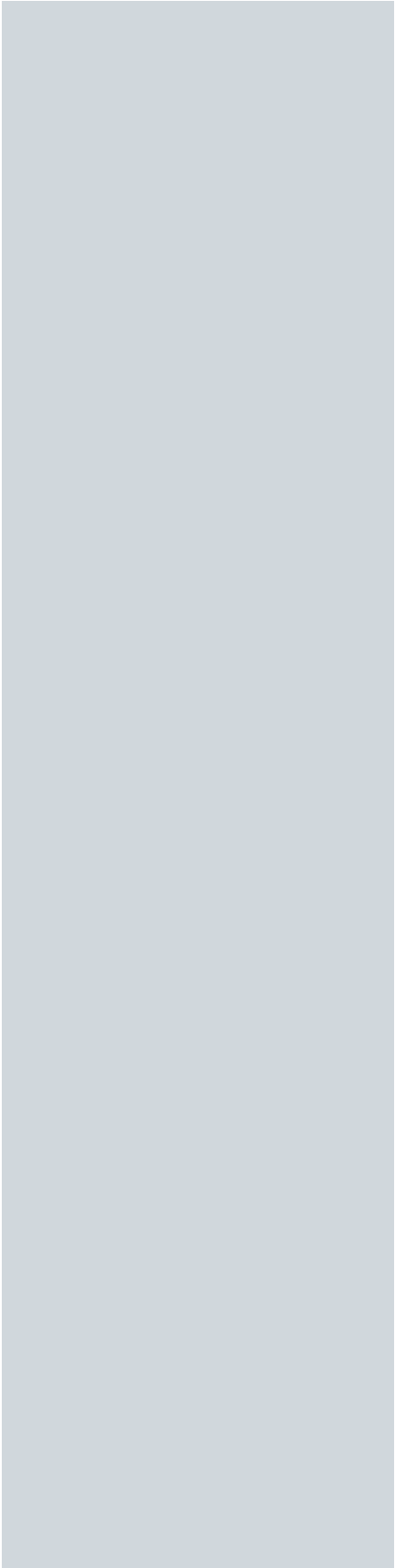
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## Reno couple salutes students through scholarship

Reno residents Anthony and Delores DeSio have established a scholarship at the University of Nevada, Reno to assist students pursuing degrees in business, engineering or science, with preference given to students who have United States military service. The DeSios have a deep commitment to those who have served this country in the armed forces, and believe that students involved in science or business have great potential to contribute to the nation they served.

"We were both children of the Great Depression," says Delores. "We believe that the road to self improvement and financial well being lies in higher education. Anthony spent four years in the Navy and was able to attend the University of Connecticut on the G.I. Bill. We believe there are many young people who, with hard work and a little financial help,

*"We like to focus on the segment of the population that may not typically have access to scholarship funds, to assist them in attaining the American dream. If each of us who has achieved will help someone else, we will all benefit, and our society will benefit."*

*Delores DeSio*

will be able to achieve their goals. "Nevada has a diverse student population, just the type of students we would like to help. We would like to be a source of support to those worthy young people who have ambition and work ethics, but limited funds. "We have been helped along the way by those who saw something in our future, at a time when funds were very limited," Delores continues. "It is the desire of the DeSio Foundation to do the same for those who follow us."

—Ken Kempcke



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Anthony W. DeSio and Delores J. DeSio Foundation recipient Stuart Greenfield, a Marine Corps veteran, leads a Wolf Pack Veterans group in the Joe Crowley Student Union.

One of the DeSio scholarships was awarded to Stuart Greenfield, a Marine Corps veteran who has served in Iraq. Greenfield, a business management major with a minor in economics, is the president of Wolf Pack Veterans, a student organization that provides a supportive environment for returning veterans and raises scholarship funds for them.

Greenfield articulated his appreciation for the scholarship in a thank you letter to the DeSios: "It takes a community to welcome back a veteran properly and I wanted to personally thank you for going above and beyond. Your continued support for our veteran community here at the University will allow us to prosper in our future endeavors."

To learn more about supporting students through scholarships, please contact Bruce Mack, associate vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, at (775) 784-1352 or [bmack@unr.edu](mailto:bmack@unr.edu). To donate to the Wolf Pack Veterans scholarship fund, contact Stuart Greenfield at (775) 240-0599 or [greenfieldsd@gmail.com](mailto:greenfieldsd@gmail.com).



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# Top 5 Reasons

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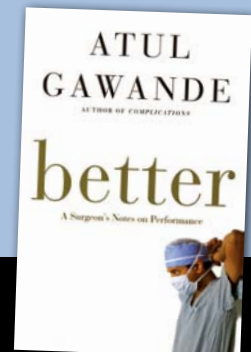
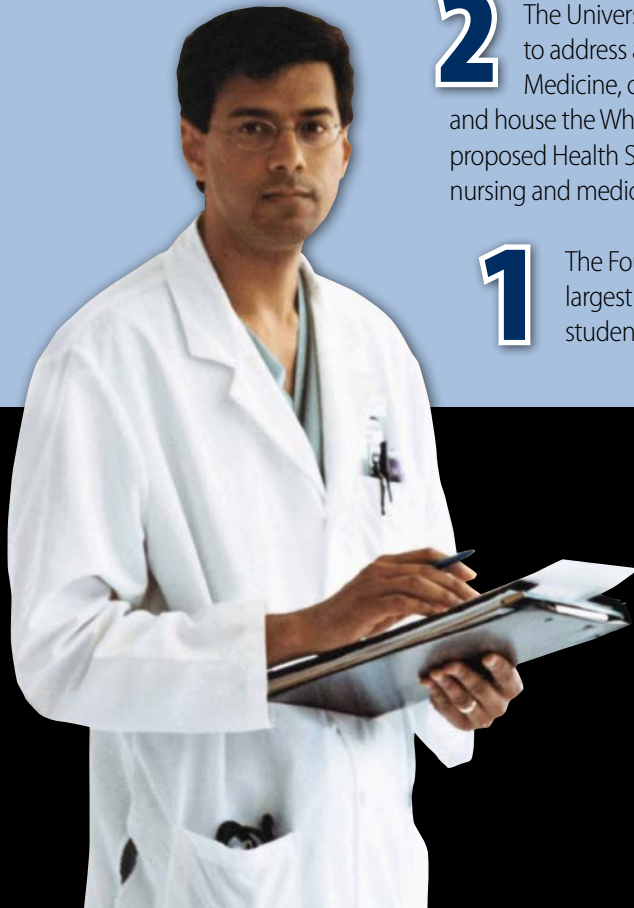
**5** This year's speaker is renowned general surgeon Atul Gawande, who served as the senior health policy advisor to President Clinton and is the director of the World Health Organization's Global Challenge for Safer Surgical Care.

**4** Dr. Gawande is not only a talented speaker, but a *New York Times* best-selling author who makes frequent contributions to the *New Yorker*.

**3** Dr. Gawande is one of the most influential voices on healthcare reform in America today. He received the MacArthur Fellowship, known as the "genius prize" for the fresh and unique perspective of his written work and his imaginative approach to finding ways to improve surgical practice.

**2** The University's focus on healthcare is aligned with the nation's need to address a shortage in medical workers. The Center for Molecular Medicine, currently under construction, will provide research facilities and house the Whittemore Peterson Institute for Neuro-Immune Disease. The proposed Health Sciences Education Building will expand nursing and medical school enrollment.

**1** The Foundation Banquet is the University's largest fund-raiser, supporting the needs of our students and their future.



Come help celebrate the University of Nevada School of Medicine's 40th Anniversary! Dr. Gawande's insights from his book *Better: A Surgeon's Notes on Performance* are sure to captivate an audience as he talks about the high stakes challenges he faces as a surgeon and explores the universal struggle to perform well—what it takes to excel in any area of human endeavor.

Tickets are \$200 each or \$2,000 for a table. Event sponsorships are also available. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Jeanne Corbit at (775) 784-4831 or [jcorbit@unr.edu](mailto:jcorbit@unr.edu).





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## Jack Van Sickle Foundation supports astronomy laboratory

Jack Van Sickle was a Carson Valley rancher known as a generous man who cared about leaving a legacy for the people of Nevada. The Jack Van Sickle Foundation recently provided a \$100,000 grant to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation to name the astronomy laboratory in the new Davidson Mathematics and Science Center. The Foundation also supports the Pride of the Sierra Marching Band and the Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center.

“Private support of College of Science programs and projects gives students opportunities and resources that enhance their education beyond what is made available through state funding,” says David Bennum, lecturer and vice chair of the physics department. “Especially in this time of restrictive budget concerns, this kind of generosity can make a huge difference in the quality of the experience students have while at the University.”

Physics Lecturer Melodi Rodrigue adds: “A donation of this size from the Van Sickle Foundation has helped to make possible the completion of the Davidson Math and Science Center, arguably the most important addition to science education at Nevada in decades.”

—Ken Kempcke

## Update on the Pride of the Sierra

After word that the University’s marching band did not have enough funding to continue in the 2009-2010 school year, the community rallied to support the 110 member marching band.

“I’m just tickled to death,” said Alan Sullivan, associate band director. “We’re incredibly thankful to our community and to a lot of special people, including friends, alumni and foundations like the Jack Van Sickle Foundation and the Carol Franc Buck Foundation.”

Support from private foundations and community members has helped preserve a valuable University asset. Their generosity helps to ensure that the Pride of the Sierra remains a part of the University of Nevada, Reno experience.

—Ken Kempcke

To learn more about the activities of the College of Science, contact Char Hagemann, director of development for the College of Science at (775) 784-4592 or [chagemann@unr.edu](mailto:chagemann@unr.edu).





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The following corporations provided generous financial support for the students, research and academic programs of the University of Nevada, Reno. Their support is very much appreciated. Corporations whose gifts were received between Jan. 1, 2008 and Dec. 31, 2008 are listed in this report.



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## Nightingale family supports Nevada scholarships and the arts



Steven Nightingale

Leon and Jacqueline Nightingale came to Reno in 1947 and soon became prominent leaders in the community. Their family provided the University of Nevada, Reno with the premiere musical performing space in northern Nevada when they helped create the Nightingale Concert Hall. The 600-plus seat auditorium was one of the major additions to the Church Fine Arts expansion project in the mid-1980s. In 1983, the Nightingales also established an ongoing scholarship that provides four-year scholarships for students from high schools in Reno/Sparks and rural Nevada.

Leon and Jacqueline were very active in numerous civic organizations, and today their son Steven carries on the family tradition of philanthropy and community service. “The Nightingale Family Foundation seeks to bring the joys of art and culture to the most diverse audience possible,” says Steven, a co-trustee of the Nightingale Family Foundation. “Since the University should be a place where art and

culture are celebrated, it made sense to us to support the construction of a concert hall, where the people of our region could gather and taste what is best and most beautiful among human creations.

“In addition, by giving scholarships to high school students in Nevada, and by insisting that a portion of those scholarships be awarded to rural students, we hope to have brought just such opportunities to students with a broad range of experience and backgrounds.”

The Nightingale Scholarship has made a Nevada education a reality for scores of students. Kyle Krogness, a graduate of Galena High School in Reno and a senior majoring in political science, says, “The Nightingale Family Scholarship has challenged me to take 30 credits each year. It inspires me to do

my best. It is nice to know that there are those within our community who are helping others to achieve their goals.”

—Ken Kempcke

*“Beauty is central to life. Nothing is as precious as opportunity. As we learn and thrive, we must share what we know and what we have.”*

Steven Nightingale

To learn more about supporting students through scholarships, please contact Keiko Weil, director of donor relations, at (775) 784-1587 or [kweil@unr.edu](mailto:kweil@unr.edu).

## Philanthropy, community service define Link Piazza's life

The Wolf Pack will forever be indebted to Link Piazza, a long-time supporter who has committed more than \$1 million to help the University of Nevada Athletics Department in a number of its much-needed capital projects.

Piazza's involvement with the Wolf Pack goes back more than 60 years to the late 1940s and early 1950s when he served as the first radio voice of Nevada's games.

His numerous gifts have led to naming rights for the Legacy Hall Ticket Office and Hall of Fame Room as well as the Peccole Park baseball press box. The gifts were facilitated through Steve Ricker, assistant to Piazza.

"I am very honored to be a part of Wolf Pack Athletics and to assist in the mission of the University and athletics department to put the student-athlete first," Piazza says. "My life has been blessed, and it gives me great enjoyment and pleasure to share my resources with the northern Nevada community."

Through his generosity over the years, Piazza has supported hundreds of nonprofit organizations throughout the world, most notably the University of Nevada, Reno, the Nevada Humane Society and the Reno High School Alumni Center. He also recently built a dog park in Hidden Valley which opened in October.

"We are very excited to reconnect with a person like Mr. Piazza who was integral in the history of Nevada Athletics as the first 'Voice of the Wolf Pack,'" Nevada Director of Athletics Cary Groth says. "He has been amazingly generous to organizations in northern Nevada. We want to thank Mr. Piazza for his generous support of Wolf Pack Athletics and look forward to continuing to develop this partnership."

Piazza is the son of proud Italian immigrants who came to Reno in the early 1900s. Link was born in Reno on Dec. 11, 1918. His father was committed to realizing the good



Photo courtesy Nevada Athletics

*President Milton Glick and Athletics Director Cary Groth honor Link Piazza who has donated over \$1 million to the University.*

life in America and passed this motivation on to his children. Link inherited his father's great commitment to honesty, vision, helping friends and the belief that there is no country like the United States of America.

Link attended Mary S. Dotten Elementary School, Northside Junior High School and Reno High School. During World War II, he served as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corp and flew B-25 bombers on 67 missions. He is an honored war veteran and recipient of 17 medals, including the Distinguished Flying Cross for significant war efforts and achievements.

In 1944, he married Helen and they had three children: Lynn (deceased), Suzanne (deceased) and Craig, a successful Reno businessman.

Community involvement has also been a major part of Piazza's life. He has spent a significant amount of time giving to others and contributing to his community. He has donated his energy and resources to a number of civic and fraternal organizations. Piazza volunteered his services as official scorer and timer for high school zone and state basketball

tournaments for 33 years. He was the voice of Wolf Pack sports for the University of Nevada, Reno games in the later 1940s and early 1950s and was coorganizer of the first Reno Little League. He is cofounder of the Reno Junior Ski program that still continues to benefit local junior skiers.

Piazza has played a significant role in his community's development. In 1938, he cofounded the Sportsman Sporting Goods Store with his brother, Chet. He was also codeveloper of the Hidden Valley Properties and Golf Course and three shopping centers. He and his brother produced and hosted a TV show called Sportsman Trails for 28 years. He has supported the Reno Rotary Club and construction projects for the Reno High School Alumni Center and the Nevada Humane Society's Regional Animal Center.

—Rhonda Lundin,  
director of Media Services, Athletics



## Message from the 2009 AAUN President

What a year it has been! Our student-athletes continue to excel on and off the field, as evidenced through all 18 sports competing in post-season play, as well as the student-athlete graduation success rate climbing to an all-time high at the University of Nevada.

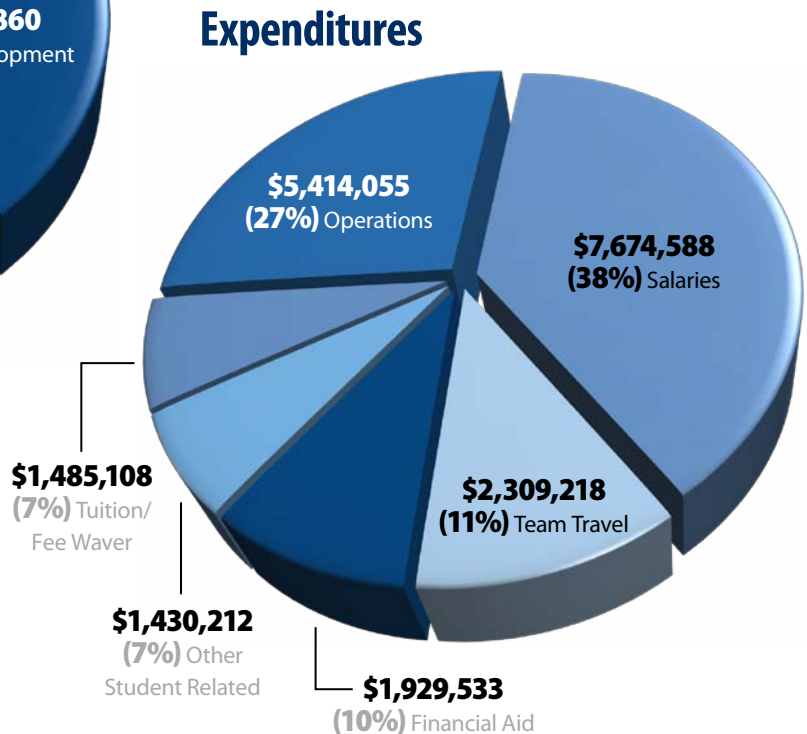
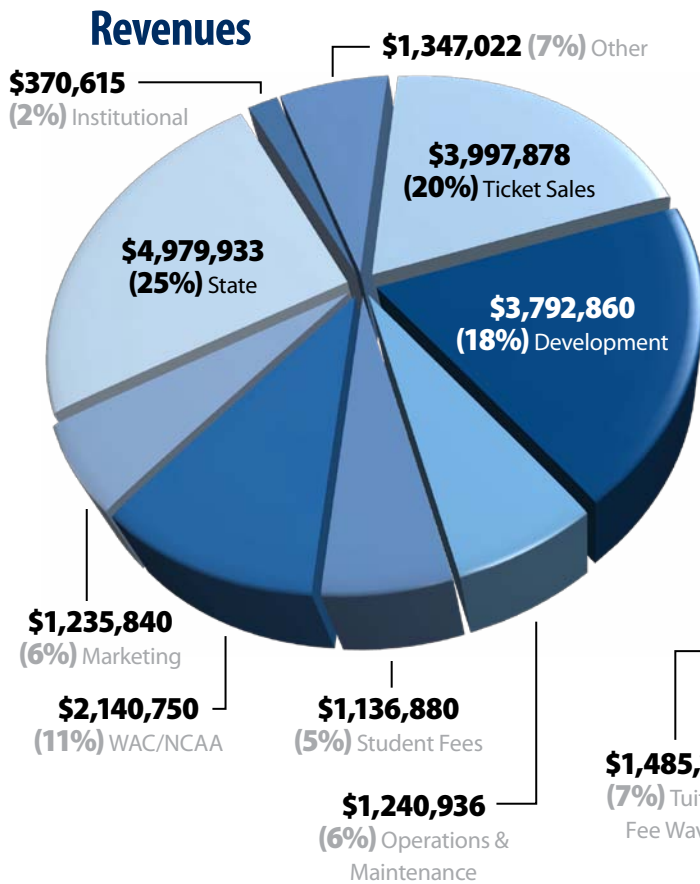
In May, we were able to dedicate the E.L. Cord Academic and Athletic Performance Complex and the Marguerite Wattis Petersen Academic Center; funded through private donations and a tremendous tool for our student-athletes.

On behalf of the AAUN, my sincerest thanks to those who support the over 400 deserving student-athletes who wear the Silver and Blue. We know that it is extremely tough economic times for all, and we thank you for your support to provide a world-class academic, social and athletic experience for each of these young men and women.

Sincerely,

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## Honor Court



The University of Nevada, Reno Honor Court was dedicated in 1997 and celebrates the contributions of campus and community leaders. The Honor Court, with its tranquil and beautiful park-like setting, is situated at the south end of campus and is adjacent to the University's historic Quadrangle. Towering elm trees nearby were planted in 1908 and the Quadrangle, modeled after Thomas Jefferson's design for the University of Virginia, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The dramatic 45,000-pound, 20-foot granite obelisk, listing the University's philanthropists, anchors the Honor Court to the south. A series of impressive pillars, carved from 200,000 pounds of white granite mined from the nearby Sierra Nevada

Range, features the names of major donors, award-winning faculty, students, employees and community members who have contributed to the University's history and success.

The centerpiece of the Honor Court is a gazebo with trellises of blue and white flowering wisteria. The vines and the adjacent rose garden, resplendent with a dizzying and fragrant variety, are among the plants selected for the Honor Court by the University Arboretum. A peaceful and natural boulder fountain flanks the Patron area of the Honor Court, which traces in granite the silhouette of the mountains beyond. The engraved pillars, ranging from 10 to 14 feet tall and from rough cut to polished granite, were situated naturally into the garden by the Honor Court designer and



## Honor Court



Artwork by Patrick McFarland

sculptor, Johannes Schwartlander. Struck by the beauty of the campus, his design incorporated historical elements and the natural grandeur of the area.

The Honor Court was constructed solely through private gifts, and the philanthropy of local contractors who provided, at no cost, much of the labor and materials. Expertise in splitting boulders was provided by faculty in the University's Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering and the design for the Honor Court was the work of the renowned architectural firm Backen, Arrigoni and Ross.

Each year, names are engraved into the Honor Court in proud recognition of the accomplishments and support of those who

contribute to excellence at the University of Nevada.

Individuals and organizations receiving the University's most prestigious awards or contributing major donations to the institution are recognized in displays carved of Sierra white granite throughout the Honor Court.

Categories include the Board of Regents' statewide award, Distinguished Nevadan, as well as University awards: Honorary Degree, President's Medal, F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher, Distinguished Faculty, Distinguished Service, Foundation Professor, Outstanding Researcher, Classified Employee of the Year, and the top student award, the Herz Gold Medal.

## Honor Court

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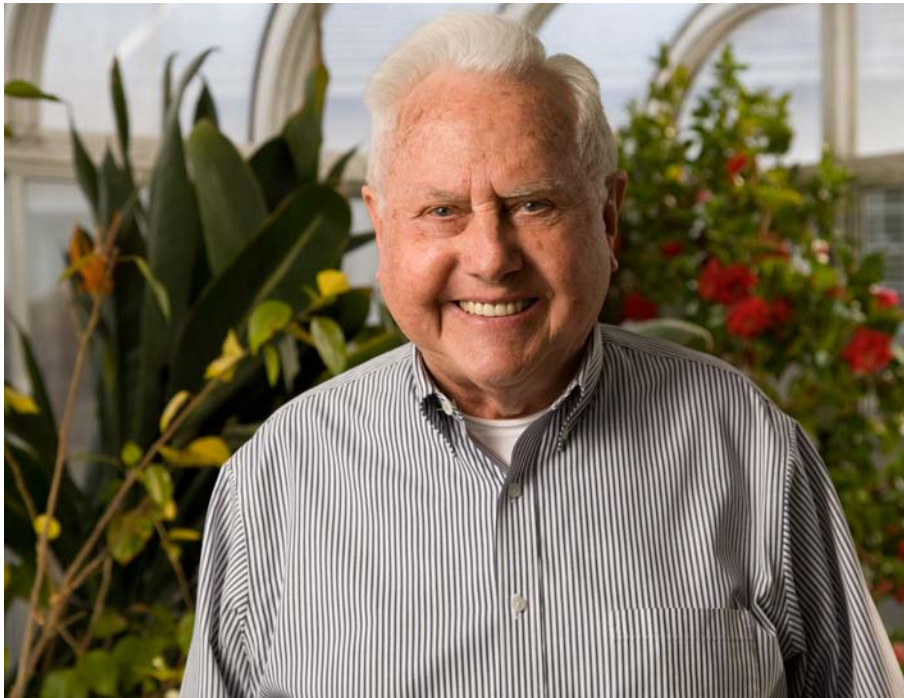


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*A longtime support of health care in northern Nevada, Ted Nigro helped bring in monetary donations to support the School of Medicine and the Orvis School of Nursing.*

## Trust officer guides clients to health sciences philanthropy

How does an affinity for the medical profession combine with a career as a bank trust officer for the benefit of the University of Nevada School of Medicine and the Orvis School of Nursing?

The answer is found in Ted Nigro, retired trust officer with Security Bank of Nevada, who matched his fondness for the medical field with the needs of clients to invest their assets for the ultimate benefit of the School of Medicine and Orvis School of Nursing.

*Anne McMillin, APR, Office of Health Science Communications, University of Nevada School of Medicine.*

I discovered I liked working with people and was interested in working with their investment needs."

Working in the banking business in Reno since the early 1960s, Nigro knew prominent local businessmen, University officials and individuals who wanted to invest in the community. The nursing school had just been

established in 1956 and the University was considering starting a medical school on campus. Both endeavors required support beyond funding from the state legislature and Nigro was in a position to match those needs with funding sources.

Through the bank, Nigro worked with and befriended many significant philanthropists in the Reno area including Dr. Fred Anderson, known as the "father of the Nevada School of Medicine;" Arthur and Mae Orvis, whose gifts named the Orvis School of Nursing; Minnie B. Leonette, whose foundation supports non-profit organizations that assist children and seniors in northern Nevada, and Helen Rutherford, a major donor to the nursing school.

"What may not be widely understood is that Mr. Nigro was instrumental in establishing the majority of the early endowments for the School of Medicine, including the Dant endowment, one of our largest funds," says Dr. John McDonald, vice president, Division of Health Sciences. "Working with Dr. Fred Anderson, Mr. Nigro ensured that the initial financial support for our school was established, not only through state funding, but through essential private gifts."

Nigro says Frances Dant was familiar with

the medical profession herself and was therefore receptive to his suggestion of putting some of her money aside for the new medical school. He helped the Orvises provide for money devoted to a nursing school at the University and later assisted Mae in continuing her trust with provisions for a visiting professorship in addition to her foundation. Nigro had a friendship with Rutherford from their years working as colleagues in the banking industry and helps her manage her financial affairs to this day.

When bank clients would approach him over the years with questions regarding advice for their investments, how to handle their estate or where in the community to give, Nigro would gently suggest that perhaps donating to the medical or nursing schools would meet their philanthropic needs.

Nigro credits Anderson with getting him appointed to the School of Medicine's advisory board in the 1980s, which served to develop and refine his interest in the school's financial well-being in the later years of his banking career.

"Anytime there was an opportunity to discuss the medical school with clients, I did," Nigro says. "If they asked for resources, I would list the medical and nursing schools along with other charitable organizations. Everyone has a doctor or nurse, so when thinking of establishing those schools, clients would support that idea."

For his long-time devotion to the School of Medicine and the Orvis School of Nursing, Nigro received the University Service Award last fall.





Photo by Ted Cook

## Anatomical donation program donors are never forgotten

One of the most valuable gifts received by the University of Nevada School of Medicine is bestowed to the anatomical donation program by those who literally give themselves after death to benefit the education of future doctors and nurses.

The anatomical donation program allows students to gain an in-depth analysis of the human body, which adds to their passion for studying medicine.

Jenny Thomas, a second-year medical student who learned anatomy on a real human being, says, "Being able to see the actual structures inside a human body enhanced my education. Seeing a structure from a drawing in a book is so much different than observing the structure in an actual human body."

*Marcie Newpher works at the School of Medicine in the Pennington Medical Education Building.*

Medicine is not the only beneficiary of these donors. The anatomical donation program covers the state with the Orvis School of

Nursing, Western Nevada College, Truckee Meadows Community College, and Nevada State College all using cadavers from the donation program for nursing courses.

"The program provides a resource for the donors to leave a legacy that benefits students, the state and the future generations of doctors and other medical professionals," says King. "The education of these students would not be complete without the use of a cadaver to study human anatomy."

According to King, individuals who donate to the program come from all walks of life, and are predominantly male. "Medical professionals and teachers are among the donors," she says. Although the program is mainly for the donation of human bodies, monetary donations are accepted as well to help with program costs of approximately \$2,000 per donor. These costs include mortuary expenses, transportation, lab supplies, salaries, and the cremation of donors.

A sizable monetary donation of \$10,000 as well as 68 cadavers have been received in the past year alone.

Enrolling in the program is simple. "A telephone call is received requesting program information and a packet is sent out. Once the anatomical will is returned notarized, a letter of acknowledgement is sent with a donor card

*Nevada School of Medicine Class of 2011 faculty and students honor those who have donated their bodies to science. The service was at Mountain View Mortuary's chapel, May 9, 2008 Anatomical Memorial Service.*

and a copy of their anatomical will," King says.

For the donors and their families who so selflessly give for science, research, and medical education, the gratitude felt by staff and students is tangible.

Students show their appreciation and indebtedness by hosting an annual memorial service each spring in honor of those donors who participated in the anatomical donation program the previous year.

Thomas, the second-year medical student, sang at the 2008 anatomical donation memorial service.

"I lost my mother to cancer, so I can understand what it is like to lose a loved one. I felt both empathy and sympathy for the families that were there. Furthermore, it was difficult to express my gratitude to the families who attended. Being able to sing a song helped relay my feelings and gratitude," she says.

For the donors who silently aid in students' education and contribute to the future of our community's medical professionals, the gift of one's body is a gift that will never be forgotten.

*To learn more about the anatomical donation program, please contact Joyce King at (775) 784-4569.*

—Marcie Newpher

# Never a dull moment with University-led summertime camps and family activities

After the festivities and celebration of Commencement, the University campus draws a breath before Summer Session begins. Minus the academic-term student population of 16,000-plus, remaining faculty and staff view an empty Quad, a lonely Manzanita Bowl and

untenanted classrooms. But not for long! The hustle and bustle soon returns not only with summer students, but with more than a dozen summer camps, and a slate of family-centered and educational activities that are open to the community. In addition, the University

coordinates many other summer camps and activities across the state.

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## 2009 Summer Camps

Engineering Exploration Summer Camps	Child and Family Research Center Summer Day Camp	Girls Math and Technology Camp
These camps allow students age 12-17 to explore engineering majors and careers in engineering with the help of University instructors and guest speakers. Subject camps include environmental engineering, electrical engineering, earthquake engineering and geotechnical engineering. Camp fee scholarships are available for students needing financial assistance. Contact: Debbie Delauer, (775) 327-2256 or <a href="mailto:ddelauer@unr.edu">ddelauer@unr.edu</a> .	The summer day camp program is a full-day, full-week program for children ages 5 through 10. (5-year-olds must have completed kindergarten.) Activities include swimming, movies, crafts and field trips. The program begins June 8 and ends Aug. 28, and is held at the University of Nevada, Reno's 11th Street site. Space is limited. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information, call (775) 784-4533 or visit <a href="http://www.unr.edu/educ/cfrc">www.unr.edu/educ/cfrc</a> .	This program, directed by Professor Lynda Wiest, is intended to improve Northern Nevada middle school girls' proficiency in and attitude toward mathematics and technology. It is conducted one week (overnight) each July. A forthcoming website will be available soon for year-round help. Scholarships are available to girls with demonstrated financial need. Contact: Heather Crawford at (775) 682-7849 or <a href="mailto:mathcamp@unr.nevada.edu">mathcamp@unr.nevada.edu</a> .
Football Camps	KIDS U	Lake Tahoe Music Camp
The Nevada football program has dedicated its coaching staff to two one-week sessions of football camp every June. It is a residential camp held the second and third weeks in June. Teams are both local and regional. Students who do not come with a high school team are pooled. Contact: Extended Studies, (775) 784-4062 or 1-800-233-8928, or visit <a href="http://www.extendedstudies.unr.edu">www.extendedstudies.unr.edu</a>	Extended Studies helps the University play host to thousands of youth in grades 3-12. KIDS University holds seven themed weeks during June and July, including sessions in music, language, the arts, math, science, humanities, sports and games. Contact: Extended Studies, (775) 784-4062 or 1-800-233-8928, or visit <a href="http://www.extendedstudies.unr.edu">www.extendedstudies.unr.edu</a> .	The Nevada 4-H camp on the shores of Lake Tahoe is the site of Lake Tahoe Music Camp, directed by the University's director of bands and some of the finest music educators in their fields. The camp hosts nearly 200 young musicians for a week of clinics, concerts and fun. Contact: CJ Walters, (775) 784-4046 or <a href="mailto:cjc@unr.edu">cjc@unr.edu</a> , or visit <a href="http://www.extendedstudies.unr.edu/ltrmc">www.extendedstudies.unr.edu/ltrmc</a> .
Nevada Boys' State	THINK Summer Institute	Wolf Pack Sports Camps
American Legion Nevada Boys' State provides training in leadership and citizenship for America's most promising youth. The one-week program provides a unique summertime educational experience focusing on participation and personal experience in a model state, complete with governing bodies and elected public officials. Contact: <a href="mailto:Tait.Ecklund@NevadaBoysState.org">Tait.Ecklund@NevadaBoysState.org</a> .	Gifted students interested in a challenging academic summer program should attend the THINK Summer Institute on campus. This intense three-week residential summer program offers 60 exceptionally gifted 13 to 16-year-old students the opportunity to earn up to seven transferable college credits. To learn more, please email <a href="mailto:THINK@ditd.org">THINK@ditd.org</a> or call (775) 852-3483 ext. 6.	As administrative partner with Nevada Wolf Pack athletics, Extended Studies offers day and overnight sports camps for elementary school students, middle and high school teams, and budding young athletes in such sports as basketball, baseball, golf, softball, soccer, cross-country track and volleyball. Call (775) 784-4046, or visit the Athletics Department web page at <a href="http://www.nevadawolfpack.com">www.nevadawolfpack.com</a> .
Great Basin Naturalists Youth Programs		Reading and Writing Tutoring
<b>Environmental Field Studies:</b> Study watershed ecology while participating in restoration and forestry science projects in Galena Forest and the Truckee River. This residential, three-week program is for students ages 13-16, who can earn high school credit while exploring our regional ecosystem. <b>Youth Conservation Corps:</b> Work, camp and learn throughout the Truckee Meadows and Tahoe Basin. Summer jobs for 17-18-year-olds. Earn an education award for college and stipend. For more information on Great Basin Institute summer programs, call (775) 784-1192.		Located in the William J. Raggio Building on campus, the E.L. Cord Foundation Center for Learning and Literacy provides literacy tutoring and enrichment for children in the summer months. The center tutors children in grades 1-6 who have difficulties learning to read, write and spell. Children are tutored in small groups with an emphasis on developmental instruction and providing positive learning experiences. Contact: Judy Otteson, (775) 784-1161 or (775) 682-5522. For more information contact Extended Studies at (775) 784-4062, 1-800-233-8928 or visit <a href="http://www.extendedstudies.unr.edu">www.extendedstudies.unr.edu</a> .



Young people enjoyed a variety of fun, learning experiences at University-led camps last summer. TOP: Think Summer Institute; SECOND ROW: Girls Math and Technology Camp, Engineering Exploration; THIRD ROW: Nevada Boys' State; BOTTOM: Lake Tahoe Music Camp.



Youth have fun playing volleyball and canoeing at 4-H summer camps.

## 4-H Summer Camps

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension offers summer 4-H camping opportunities for youth from all over the state at Lake Tahoe and at several rural locations including Elko, White Pine and Nye counties. Summer camp dates are set in the spring and registration begins in March and April. For more information go to the Cooperative Extension 4-H website at [www.unce.unr.edu](http://www.unce.unr.edu).

Campers with Disabilities		College Leadership and Student Government Retreats	Outreach Camps
<p><b>Camp MDA - (Youth with disabilities):</b> Nevada's wonderful firefighters from Reno and Las Vegas set aside a week to spend at the Nevada State 4-H Camp with youth with muscular dystrophy. They provide campers with fantastic experiences: wheel chair races, eating contests, swimming in Lake Tahoe and kayaking. <b>Camp Lotsafun - (Youth with disabilities):</b> Provides an outdoor experience for youth who are mentally challenged. Campers spend time with fun activities like outdoor skits and songs at our new amphitheater, singing songs at the campfire and spending time learning new crafts and making new friendships at exciting dances at the dining hall.</p>		<p>The Nevada State 4-H Camp provides a power venue for college-age leaders seeking to develop their leadership skills. Retreats provide great opportunities for training, education, staff development and group dynamics training for the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASUN</li> <li>• Honors Program</li> <li>• University of Nevada, Reno - Prospective Students</li> <li>• Nevada Collegiate 4-H</li> </ul>	<p><b>Dean's Future Scholars:</b> This innovative program gives hope to low-income youth who show a great potential for college success. The Nevada State 4-H Camp provides an outdoor leadership challenge program that helps these youth develop the skill to be future scholars in our communities. <b>Stand Tall Don't Fall:</b> Associated and sponsored through Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center in Reno, this program provides a camp experience for youth to come and learn about substance abuse.</p>
Great Basin Outdoor Leadership School	Retreats and Conferences	Youth Education and Leadership Camps	Nevada Youth Range Camp
<p>This school focuses on environmental education for elementary school youth.</p>	<p>Many groups use the Nevada State 4-H Camp for leadership retreats where they can spend a weekend learning, working and celebrating. The leadership program at the camp can provide directors with innovative ideas and challenging outdoor experiences.</p>	<p>During the months of June and July, four large 4-H youth leadership development camps take place where team building, communication skills, and safety and awareness are taught.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Western Area 4-H Camp</li> <li>• Central Area 4-H Camp</li> <li>• Southern 4-H Camp</li> <li>• Discover Your Future</li> </ul>	<p>This overnight camp from June 21-27 lets 14-18-year-olds learn about Nevada's desert and mountain rangelands from experts in the field. The camp takes place at the Big Creek Campground in the Toiyabe Mountains in central Nevada. Applications must be postmarked by April 27. For more details, go to <a href="http://www.ag.unr.edu/nsrm/camp.html">www.ag.unr.edu/nsrm/camp.html</a>, or contact Jim Gatzke at (775) 726-3101 or <a href="mailto:james.gatzke@nv.usda.gov">james.gatzke@nv.usda.gov</a>.</p>



Families came out in droves to have fun at the free Summer Concerts and Watermelon on the Quad on Wednesday evenings last summer.

## Summer Campus Activities

Summer Chamber Music Series	Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center	Free Movies at the Joe
<p>Join critically acclaimed faculty chamber musicians and friends from the national music community performing in Nightingale Concert Hall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 27 at 7:30 p.m.: Mixed instrumentation and voice with University of Nevada, Reno Department of Music and Dance faculty</li> <li>• July 28 at 7:30 p.m.: Award-winning pianist Jiyang Chen returns home to Reno to perform Bach-Busoni and Moussorgsky in recital.</li> <li>• July 29 at 1:30 p.m.: A children's matinee featuring arts activities and a performance of Poulenc's L'histoire de Babar, le petit elephant</li> <li>• July 31 at 7:30 p.m.: Nationally acclaimed Telluride Chamber Music Festival musicians perform works by Brahms, Grieg and Beethoven.</li> </ul> <p>These free concerts are presented as part of the 14th annual Artown Celebration and partially funded by a Cultural Event Grant from the City of Reno. For more information about summer arts on campus, visit the University's arts365 calendar online at <a href="http://www.unr.edu/arts">www.unr.edu/arts</a> or call (775) 784-4ART.</p>	<p>A fixture on the University of Nevada, Reno campus for more than 40 years, Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center is open 362 days a year, welcoming community members of all ages with its spectacular star shows and feature films in the SkyDome theatre. It also offers weekly morning preschool activities, sky talks, free interactive museum exhibits and an outdoor observatory. Contact: Dee Henderson, (775) 784-4046 or <a href="mailto:dhender@unr.edu">dhender@unr.edu</a>, Dan Ruby, <a href="mailto:danruby@unr.edu">danruby@unr.edu</a>, or Johanna Bell, (775) 784-4812 or <a href="mailto:bellj@unr.edu">bellj@unr.edu</a>.</p>	<p>Free movies are shown on Thursday nights throughout the year in the movie theater in the new Joe Crowley Student Union. For more information, call the Union's information desk at (775) 784-6505 or visit <a href="http://www.unr.edu/studentunion">www.unr.edu/studentunion</a>.</p>
<p><b>Free Summer Concerts and Watermelon on the Quad</b></p>	<p><b>Nevada Humanities—Summer Chautauqua</b></p>	
<p>Voted one of <i>Reno Gazette-Journal's</i> "Best Family Outings"—free Watermelon Wednesday concerts on the Quad are fun for all ages. Bring a blanket and join the fun from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Aug.5. Presented by Summer Session in partnership with the Nevada Alumni Association. Call (888) NV ALUMS for more information.</p>	<p>Nevada Humanities is a nonprofit organization that creates and supports projects throughout the state of Nevada that broaden perspectives and encourage intellectual curiosity. Nevada Humanities helps Nevadans celebrate our living history in an ever-changing world by presenting summer Chautauquas in Reno, Boulder City and Lake Tahoe. Contact: Christina Barr, (775) 784-6587, or <a href="mailto:cbarr@unr.edu">cbarr@unr.edu</a>, or Stephen Davis, <a href="mailto:srdavis@unr.nevada.edu">srdavis@unr.nevada.edu</a>.</p>	

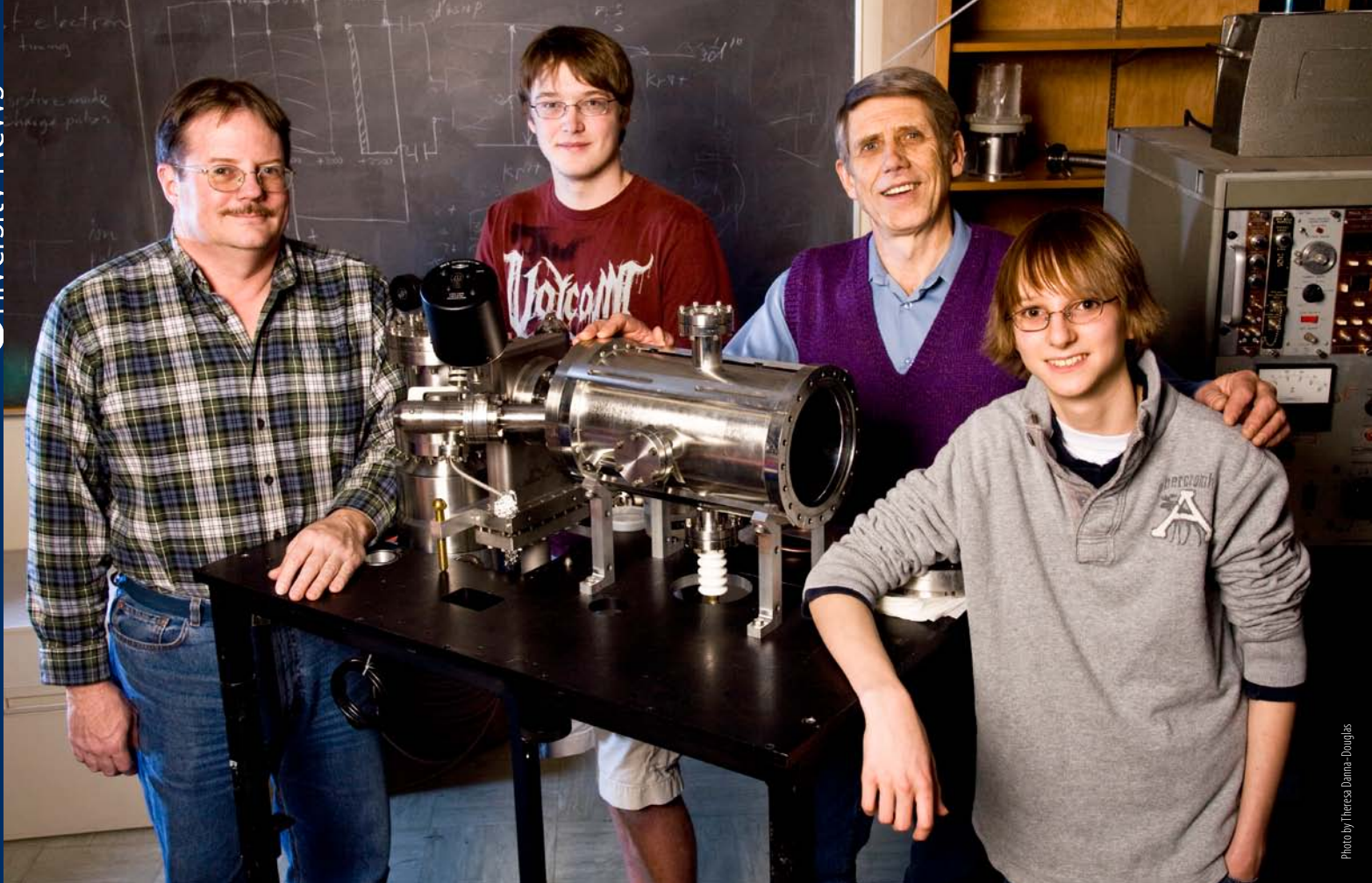


Photo by Theresa Dama-Douglas

## Nurturing tomorrow's brightest scientists: a role for everyone

In a University of Nevada, Reno physics lab, Taylor Wilson is building a Farnsworth Fusor: a machine to generate neutrons and demonstrate nuclear fusion reactions at a very low rate. If successful, according to his own research, Wilson would be one of only 30 people in the world to have built one.

It is work that replicates that of university research scientists, but Wilson, 14, is a high-school student exploring the realm of science while preparing for science fairs and competitions.

"It's best to have this project in a lab, not in a garage," said Ron Phaneuf, professor of physics and part of a small team of University faculty and staff mentoring Wilson.

Phaneuf and others who have supported local science fair competitors over the years will soon experience the culmination of the science fair journey. Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, the world's largest pre-college science competition, is coming to the

*William Brinsmead, University principal research and design technician; Tristan Rasmussen, Davidson Academy student; Ron Phaneuf, University professor of physics and Taylor Wilson, Davidson Academy student.*

Reno-Sparks Convention Center May 10-16.

It will feature more than 1,600 finalists, winners of science fairs from more than 50 countries who will compete for nearly \$4 million in scholarships and prizes. Among them will be winners of Nevada's affiliated science fairs in Elko, Las Vegas and Reno. Based on past events, it is estimated 20 percent of the finalists will already have patents or patents pending on their work.

Community support will be critical. About 500 volunteers, 150 language interpreters and 1,000 judges from all fields of science and engineering will be needed.

"The first time I attended and judged the international competition, I was truly awed," said Dick Simmonds, emeritus physiology faculty and co-chair of the ISEF Judging Committee. "With the quality of these young men and women, it was intellectually stimulating and professionally very exciting."

Wilson is a student at the Davidson Academy—one of the first, college-based, public schools for profoundly gifted students in the

nation—located at the University. Yet the world of science competitions is by no means limited to gifted students, and physics lab faculty and staff have helped many students from area schools over the years.

"The satisfaction of being a teacher is seeing students get excited," said Phaneuf. "It is always inspiring to see young people who get so enthused."

"I was in the science-kid category growing up, and the system didn't always know how to deal with you. This is changing today," said William Brinsmead, a principal research and design technician for the University's physics department and another of Wilson's mentors. "We need to nurture these students."

"Even with the amount of time and trouble that goes into this, if we get one Einstein out of this, it's worth it," said Brinsmead.

For more information about Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, visit [www.isefnevada.com](http://www.isefnevada.com).

—Jane Tors '82

## Space Grant Consortium funds collaborative minor in 'serious' games

Students from art, journalism and computer science and engineering will participate in a collaborative minor in "serious games" that has drawn support from the Nevada NASA Space Grant Consortium.

University professors from the three fields will use \$20,000 from a consortium grant for an innovative, learn-by-doing program that uses games to help students create projects that present complicated topics in an engaging way.

"We learn by playing," said Sushil Louis, professor of computer science and engineering. "Just like pilots learn by 'playing' on flight simulators, we can design fun games that teach complex skills."

Project collaborator Larry Dailey agrees.

"Who said this isn't rocket science?" said Dailey, Reynolds School of Journalism professor and chair of media technology. "Interactive computer games can be much

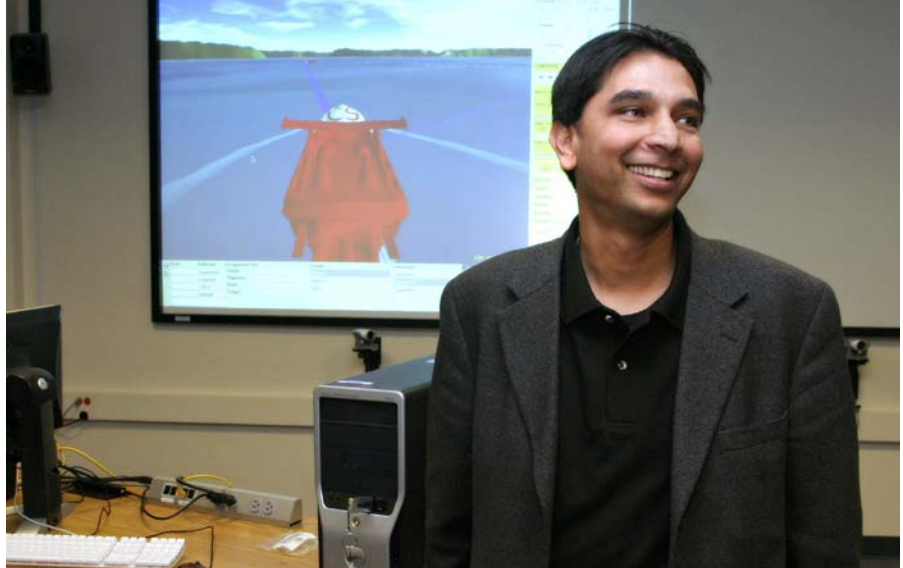


Photo by Jean Dixon

Computer science and engineering professor Sushil Louis has helped his department net more than \$2 million in grants from the U.S. Navy.

more than entertainment."

A wealth of academic literature points to the power of interdisciplinary collaboration and learn-by-doing educational experiences.

The new games minor provides an ideal setting for this type of education because, by definition, most games incorporate art, communicate complex concepts and require technically skilled implementation.

"I am really excited about this new minor—from the perspective of our digital media program—this truly fits the bill of working to create interdisciplinary, collaborative opportunities," said Joseph DeLappe, professor of art.

"One can think of computer gaming as being about where silent films were in the 1920s—we are truly laying the groundwork here for what could be a very important step toward the University becoming a significant player in the evolution of this nascent medium," DeLappe said.

The department of computer science and engineering will receive \$10,000. Another \$10,000 has been awarded to the Reynolds School and the Center for Advanced Media Studies.

A \$10,000 grant for the art department is under consideration.

The Nevada NASA Space Grant Consortium's mission supports Nevada university students, faculty and research in science, technology, engineering and mathematic fields, said Leone Thierman, program coordinator.

One of the key factors in deciding to fund this project was the collaboration between the three fields.

"They're creating interdisciplinary applications, involving students from different backgrounds and collaborating on a project that could have implications for space science," Thierman said.

—Zanny Marsh

## TEACH grants to help fill fields with fewest teachers

The University has received approval to participate in the federal grant program TEACH, Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education, which helps deliver teachers to high-need fields such as bilingual education and English language acquisition, foreign languages, mathematics, reading specialization, science and special education.

Congress created the program in 2007 through the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, granting up to \$4,000 annually to education students who agree to serve

at least four years as full-time teachers in subjects where the need is most dire. Eligible students may also teach at public or private elementary or secondary schools serving low-income students.

"The goal of a TEACH grant is to help improve subject areas with the least amount of teachers," said Sandi Guidry, interim director of the University's Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office.

University students will receive the first TEACH grants this spring.

"We're targeting third- and fourth-year and graduate students for this first year's funding," Guidry said. "We're working with the College of Education to identify

upper-division students who are interested and eligible."

To qualify, an applicant must meet certain academic standards as well as complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Applicants may be undergraduate or graduate students, those enrolled in a post-baccalaureate teacher credential program or current teachers.

"The student who comes into college and says they're going to be a high school math teacher, and they just know it, this is a great program for them," Guidry said.

For more information, visit [www.finaid.unr.edu](http://www.finaid.unr.edu) or [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov).

—Natalie Savidge '04



## Scheels offers a look at Wolf Pack athletics history

Fans of Wolf Pack athletics have enjoyed the many exhibits and displays of Nevada championship teams and top players at the campus' Legacy Hall since 1999. Now there is a new place to experience the more-than-a-century-deep stock of Wolf Pack lore, and it is attracting attention at the Scheels store just off Interstate 80 in Sparks.

"We refer to it as a Wolf Pack museum," said Justin Nelson, a marketing officer who temporarily left Scheels headquarters in Fargo, N.D., to design the 24-foot long, four-foot deep display case at the sports store's main entrance. "I knew that I wanted to dedicate a good

portion of the museum to Marion Motley. He is Nevada's all-time greatest athlete."

Motley, a pro football Hall of Famer and track and football player for Nevada teams from 1940-42, was one of four African-American players to permanently break pro football's racial barrier in 1946.

In addition to the tribute to Motley, the permanent exhibit includes about 50 photographs, including images Athletic Media Services director Rhonda Lundin believed were out of sight for decades, a Wolf Pack cow bell, a game-worn leather football helmet and a blue and white plaid jacket worn by an unidentified Nevada women's basketball coach.

"We put in pictures from women's athletics from the 1920s and '30s," Lundin said, noting that one image includes a photograph of the 1899 Nevada women's basketball team, which gained one of the athletic program's first varsity victories—a triumph over Stanford.



*Nevada Athletics Director Cary Groth visits the Scheels store at the Legends at Sparks Marina.*

Nelson said his hope is that the display continues to grow at Scheels, which opened Sept. 27.

"We hope that when milestones are hit at the University of Nevada, say if the Wolf Pack won a WAC championship and they wanted to display the trophy in the case for the first month, we would be happy to show it off," he said.

While working on the project, Lundin located and identified pictures of 140 of the 142 individuals inducted into the Nevada Athletic Hall of Fame since 1973.

"It was a process to go through everything, but it was fun," she said.

—Pat McDonnell

## Maragakis named dean of College of Engineering

Manos Maragakis, an internationally respected professor and researcher in civil engineering who has served as interim dean for the College of Engineering at the University of Nevada, Reno since July, has been named dean of the college.

Maragakis joined the University in 1984 and had previously served for 14 years as chairperson of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

"Manos has a strong record of teaching, research and service," Provost Marc Johnson said. "His leadership performance as interim dean has convinced me that he has the ability and passion to lead the college through this difficult budgetary time and position it for growth in the near future."

Maragakis succeeds Ted Batchman, who announced in fall 2007 he was stepping down following 13 years as dean.

—John Trent '85/'87, '00M.A.



Photo by Jean Dixon





Photo by Jean Dixon

## Solar panels generating electricity at Joe Crowley Student Union

Nevada students wanted the new Joe Crowley Student Union to be as “green” as possible, featuring the use of natural light, recycled materials and energy-efficient technologies. The latest green addition to the four-story building, which opened in November 2007, is its photovoltaic energy system—112 power-generating solar panels placed on the roof above the top-level ballrooms.

“The panels were up and running in October and will generate about \$7,200 of energy each year,” said John Sagebiel, the University’s environmental affairs manager. “They help offset the cost of the power for the ASUN Bookstore, which provides funds for ASUN programs and projects.”

The University paid approximately \$50,000 for the panels, thanks to contributions from project partners Black Rock Solar and NV Energy. University Facilities Services employees installed the panels. The campus’ return on investment will likely increase annually, as energy costs increase.

“These types of photovoltaic panels were invented by Bell Labs back in 1954,” Sagebiel said. “Some of the original prototypes are actually still working and are on display back in their museum.”

He expects the panels to produce power for the student union for at least 35 to 40 years. If they last 35 years—and the cost of power remains constant—the panels will provide more than \$250,000 in energy.

Interestingly, “The Joe” isn’t the only University building using solar power. Sagebiel said that solar panels in the Nye residence hall, opened in 1967, have been helping to heat that building’s water for more than 25 years.

“It’s not just about cost savings,” he says. “It’s also about doing the right thing. Use of solar energy whenever possible demonstrates this campus’ continued commitment to sustainable practices.”

The University has been offered a generous \$15,000 challenge grant from a Reno/Tahoe-area family, who wishes to remain anonymous, committed to environmental stewardship and educational endeavors. Two \$1,000 gifts have already been received toward our goal. The deadline for the match is June 30.

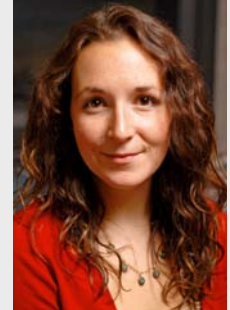
If you would like to support the solar panel project at Nevada, please contact Lynda Buhlig, director of corporate and foundation relations at (775) 682-6013 or lbuhlig@unr.edu.

—Claudene Wharton ’86, ’99M.A.

## Faces on the Quad

### JENNIFER LUNA

The Nevada senior was distinguished as one of the country’s best collegiate journalists in November when she won ninth place in the feature-writing category of the Hearst Journalism Awards Program. Her more-than-2,000-word story, “Hope flies,” was one of 138 submitted by students in 78 journalism schools around the country. *The Reno News & Review* also published the feature in a June 2008 issue. Luna, who is studying Spanish in addition to journalism, traveled abroad to Chile through the campus’ University Studies Abroad Consortium in spring 2007. She will graduate in December 2009, and plans to find a career that will allow her to do the two things she loves most: writing and traveling.



### COLIN LORETZ

The former president of both the campus’ American Marketing Association and Business Student Council, Loretz, a marketing major, defines “college involvement.” He plans to graduate in May 2009, while working as project manager for Twelve Horses Web Design and Development and as a member of the board of



advisers for Nevada Interactive Media. In addition, Loretz is the creator of Reno Collective, a collaborative work environment for creative and tech-savvy people in downtown Reno, and says he is the “rich Internet application student evangelist” for Adobe computer products. His post-University plans include getting a master’s degree in intelligent web technologies in London, as well as cycling as often as possible.

## Earthquake simulation lab shakes its way to more international attention

The internationally acclaimed earthquake simulation laboratory at the University of Nevada, Reno received worldwide media attention this past winter when researchers shook a 110-foot long, 200-ton bridge to test innovative construction materials.

National Public Radio ran the story nationwide, complete with sounds of the three, enormous 50-ton capacity shake tables rocking 16,000 pounds of steel and 60 cubic yards of concrete. Publications in New Zealand, Great Britain and around the United States reported on the successful experiment.

“There is no other facility in the country as big and with the equipment we have to conduct these types of tests,” said Professor M. “Saiid” Saiidi, lead researcher, bridge engineering expert and associate director of the University’s Bridge Research and Information Center. The Large-Scale Structures Laboratory has the capability of simulating or replicating any earthquake seen in the field using data

from the University’s Seismological Laboratory.

The Structures Lab, a cavernous building with hoists, shakers and hydraulics, opened in 1992 with funds in part from the National Science Foundation. Officials from public agencies and private industry use the lab to test products and designs, and its popularity has forced some projects to be turned away, said Professor Ian Buckle, the lab director.

“We have a backlog, a waiting list and a long line of projects,” said Manos Maragakis, the newly named dean of the College of Engineering. “We have an expansion project in the works that would add 23,000 square feet. We will have more access for industry projects, more students and more research.



Photo by Jean Dixon

Doctoral students Carlos Cruz, left, and Chunli Wei take photos and measurements after an earthquake simulation test Dec. 11 of a 110-foot model bridge in the Large-Scale Structures Lab on campus.

“We’re already doing high-profile projects around the world. We’re more well-known in Japan than we are in Reno. The expansion will make us even more competitive and surpass other facilities.”

—Mike Wolterbeek ’02

## Juvenile and Family Court celebrates 40 years on campus

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, which has played a key role in serving the needs of those who improve justice for children and their families, recently celebrated its fourth decade on the University of Nevada, Reno campus. Council officials hosted a dinner Jan. 27 at the Silver Legacy Resort and Casino, saluting the contributions of the University and the community.

“Reno has been a wonderful location for us,” said Mary Mentaberry, the council’s executive director since October 2004. “It’s been a great place to bring judges, even though we conduct training all over the country.”

Mentaberry estimated the council provides

training and technical assistance to about 25,000 professionals annually throughout the country, including research on juvenile detention, foster care, adoption and family violence. The council began operations through the work of a group of judges in 1937, moving to Reno from Chicago in 1969.

“We evaluate practice in the courtroom and help professionals in the juvenile and family court systems conduct strategic planning,” the 1970 Nevada graduate and onetime student worker at the NCJFCJ said. “Judges have actually left their seats during an educational setting and called their courts to talk about what they have learned.”

Emeritus University President Joe Crowley was a Dinner Committee co-chair at the Janu-



Photo by Bret Hoffman

Mary Mentaberry ’70

ary event. Current University President Milton Glick also received recognition for his contributions to the council’s success on campus.

The University has maintained the council’s headquarters in the Continuing Education Building on North Virginia Street since 1990, when the organization moved from a Judicial College Building office.

“We have collaborated since the 1990s with the University’s Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies and the National Judicial College to educate judges participating in the master’s and doctorate in judicial studies programs,” Mentaberry said. “We have hired four Ph.D.s from the Grant Sawyer Center, and have three working for us now. We’ve had numerous University grads on staff.”

Proceeds from the dinner will support projects addressing court handling of child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, domestic violence and family law issues.

—Patrick McDonnell



Photo courtesy Port of Subs

John Larsen '72 (accounting) is the chief executive officer of the Port of Subs chain.

## University-Port of Subs partnership receives national award

As students line up for freshly made sandwiches at the Joe Crowley Student Union, they are participating in an award-winning, public-private partnership.

The innovative venture between the University of Nevada, Reno's College of Business and the Port of Subs Corporation is earning revenue for the college while serving as a learning lab for business students. The program, developed by the college's Nevada Small Business Development Center, recently received the top honor in the "Excellence in Partnership

Development" category at the summit of the University Economic Development Association, a national organization creating links between colleges and economic development partners.

"Students in two courses, one a traditional classroom course and the other a hands-on internship course, use the Port of Subs business venture to learn business management skills," said Sam Males, the center's state director.

Bret Simmons, assistant professor of managerial sciences, and James Sundali, associate professor of managerial sciences, collaborate to teach the classes. The internship students share their hands-on experiences with the classroom students who, in turn, offer solutions to challenges the interns may be facing.

"It's worked very well," Males said. "The students have come up with creative ways to

enhance the operation, particularly in reducing the time it takes to process your order."

When the restaurant opened in January 2008, it had the highest opening-week sales of any of the 158 Port of Subs franchise locations. Monthly sales are now more than double the projection before the restaurant opened.

John Larsen '72 (accounting), chief executive officer of the Reno-based chain, has served on the NSBDC advisory board since 1987.

"We couldn't have done this without John's generosity and his passion for trying to make University students better prepared for the business world," Males said. "The honor we received at the summit wouldn't have been possible without John's commitment to this project and the University."

"The Port of Subs and University of Nevada, Reno partnership was a creative joint effort by both private enterprise and higher education, creating a footprint for other universities to follow," Larsen said.

—Claudene Wharton '86, '99M.A.

## DOE grant to help University turn research into reality

Commercializing innovative technologies to stimulate economic growth and diversification in Nevada can be a complicated process. The campus' Technology Transfer Office, which serves the University of Nevada, Reno and the Desert Research Institute, has a new tool to help bridge the gap between research and reality.

The office recently received a \$738,000 Department of Energy grant to help it deliver early-stage technology into the marketplace and create income from that research for the two institutions.

"With this grant our office will have more resources, such as additional staff and a collaboration with the College of Business, to better evaluate the commercial potential of these technologies at both the University and DRI," said Dick Bjur, Technology Transfer Office director. The sister institutions have technological expertise in medicine, agriculture, mining, the physical and environmental

sciences, and engineering.

"We will more effectively seek out business partners for commercializing dozens of our patented and patent-pending inventions through licensing agreements," Bjur said.

One such agreement is a partnership with Optim, a Nevada-based geophysical software and data services company. Its specialty is evaluating building sites for earthquake potential and finding the most economical drilling sites for geothermal power production.

University alums Bill Honjas '93M.S. (geophysics) and Satish Pullammanappallil '94Ph.D. (geophysics) founded Optim in 1997. They started the company based on technology they studied and invented as graduate students, creating software now used in the geotechnical and energy industry worldwide.

In 2002, Optim developed an additional, earthquake-hazard mitigation product using technology invented by University geophysics and Nevada Seismological Laboratory professor John Louie, who was Honjas' and Pullammanappallil's graduate committee chairman. The University receives an annual royalty in

return for Optim licensing Louie's technology.

Louie's former students, adjunct research assistant professors at the University, hire Nevada students as Optim employees.

"The role of the University, and in particular the Technology Transfer Office, cannot be understated in the founding and success of Optim and its resulting contributions toward economic diversification, high-level employment and revenues generated in Nevada," Honjas said. "The Seismological Laboratory provided us with the environment, academic freedom and faculty to pursue our studies in computational geophysics."

"Optim worked to produce a commercial software product and create the market for Louie's technology," Bjur said. "They have been very successful in advancing and commercializing it; the University shares in that success. Partnerships with private industry, such as this, not only benefit the University and DRI, they create jobs in Nevada and encourage economic growth and diversity in the community."

—Mike Wolterbeek '02



Photo by Theresa Dama-Douglas

## Osher Foundation supports lifelong learning

The Bernard Osher Foundation has continued its commitment to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Nevada, Reno, with an additional \$100,000 in grant funds in 2009. Affectionately called OLLI by its now-600+ members, the University’s institute for older adult learners is guided by a volunteer board and administered by Extended Studies. OLLI is based off-campus at the University’s Warren Nelson

Building in downtown Reno and, as part of an annual membership fee of \$45, offers free noncredit educational programs to adults age 50 and over.

*Andrea Turman is a marketing specialist for Extended Studies at the University.*

“We’ve gone from fewer than 300 members to more than 600 in just two years,” says Pat Zimmerman, president of the OLLI board. “It’s been really exciting to see such support among our community seniors.

We’re looking forward to increasing classes that meet the needs of our members, and increasing the number of active volunteers.”

OLLI members take an active role in daily planning and running of the organization, while Extended Studies provides administrative support. Shera Alberti-Annunzio, assistant director of professional development programs in Extended Studies, and OLLI’s University liaison, says, “OLLI is set up to be a member-driven organization and the structure of the board and committees allows it to sustain itself successfully. Extended Studies is proud to provide support to OLLI, but without the dedicated volunteers the institute would not be as successful as it is.”

The Bernard Osher Foundation has provided annual grants of \$100,000 to 123 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes on university and college campuses in 49 states. Once a lifelong institute is launched, the foundation considers an eventual endowment

*OLLI members and invited guests take part in dozens of courses a year in the arts, humanities, the sciences and more.*

gift of \$1 million, should an institute demonstrate potential for long-term success and sustainability.

“When the Osher Foundation began funding us in 2007 in our previous program, ElderCollege, the organization’s members had really been stepping up their course offerings,” Alberti-Annunzio says. “We haven’t gone about aggressively increasing our membership—and we even anticipated slow growth—but the increase and quality of the OLLI programs, as well as the increase we’ve seen in exposure throughout the region, has resulted in very quick growth for us here.”

Zimmerman adds, “The Osher Foundation is pleased with our OLLI program at the University of Nevada, Reno. And they’re very impressed with the level of support provided by Extended Studies and the University as a whole. We’re planning a recruitment drive this year we hope will increase our membership to 700 by 2010. It’s an exciting time at OLLI.”

# Award-winning jazz artists—and generous sponsors—headline the Reno Jazz Festival each year

For the past 47 years, the best jazz musicians in the world have traveled to the University of Nevada, Reno each spring to perform and teach at the Reno Jazz Festival.

In addition to evening concerts by guest superstars, the three-day festival offers competitions, workshops and clinics by scores of professional jazz artists, educators and adjudicators for more than 9,000 student jazz musicians from throughout the West. The festival culminates in a showcase concert and awards ceremony to honor the best and brightest young standouts, who range in age from middle school through college.

This year, pianist, composer, Guggenheim Fellow and educator Geri Allen, and legendary

percussionist, trumpeter and bandleader Jerry Gonzalez and his Fort Apache Band will share their talent and expertise with the festival's young musicians and attendees.

For Larry Engstrom, the University's festival director and director of the School of the Arts, planning and logistics play important roles as well in an event that serves so many participants in dozens of venues throughout the campus.

"The Reno Jazz Festival owes much of its success to our generous sponsors, including Maytan Music Center in Reno, as well as instrument companies Sabian, Pearl and Roland," Engstrom said. "For more than 45 years, Maytan's support has been

particularly important; especially their help with drum, amplifier and piano rentals and purchases. Not only does their staff work with us to find reliable suppliers and good rates, they help with the actual delivery and set up to more than 20 competition rooms on campus each year."

Festival coordinator Cathy Walters agrees. "The festival couldn't exist without the generosity of our sponsors, in particular Maytan, who has been supporting us for as long as the festival has been in existence. Their commitment to music education is extraordinary."

—Andrea Turman



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## From the President

Dear Nevada Alumni,

The Nevada Alumni Council held its first meeting Jan. 10. This year the council will continue to focus on Membership and Marketing, Community Outreach, Student Involvement and Chapter Development. Each of these four task forces is charged with enhancing the quality of programs currently offered, helping increase membership and identifying new opportunities for the Nevada Alumni Association to serve our constituents.

One of the new initiatives already launched by the Student Task Force is the Mentor Program. Alumni have the opportunity to mentor a student who is interested in a similar professional field. We have had success pairing many individuals, and some have even resulted in internships for those students. If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a current student, please sign up for this important program at [www.unr.edu/alumni](http://www.unr.edu/alumni).

As summer approaches, two very important Nevada Alumni Association events are right around the corner. First, May 15-16 the Class of 1959 will be honored at their 50th Reunion during Golden Reunion weekend. Many activities are planned for this special group of alumni as they return to campus. The Golden Wolves, alumni who graduated more than 50 years ago, are also invited to celebrate with the newly inducted Golden class.

Mark your calendar for one of our most popular events: Pack Picnics on the Quad. These start July 1 and continue each Wednesday through Aug. 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bring your family and friends out all six nights and enjoy free music, bounce houses, face painting, balloon animals, games and more!

Finally, the Nevada Alumni Association would like to thank our current dues-paying members for their support. Members continue to help the association with funding for programs and events. Membership is a great way to stay connected to Nevada. If you have not yet joined or have let your membership lapse, I encourage you to sign up today by visiting [www.unr.edu/alumni](http://www.unr.edu/alumni) or calling 888-NV ALUMS. Take advantage of discounted events, members-only activities and savings offered by more than 250,000 local and national vendors.

Thank you for supporting the Nevada Alumni Association!

Sincerely,  
Mike Dillon, Jr. '94  
President, Nevada Alumni Council



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## Class Chat submissions are due April 17, 2009.



Sharon (Lyman) Quinn '62

### '60s

**Ben Echeverria '61** (chemistry), **'64M.A.** (secondary education) recently formed a Colorado corporation called Old Guys, Inc., doing business as the "Society of Old Guys." The society represents the interests of men 50 years of age and older. The Bucket Brigade (bucket lists) and Memoir Project are key offerings for genuine "Old Guys." All University of Nevada alumni are invited to submit their questions, opinions and applications for membership. See the website found at [www.societyofoldguys.com](http://www.societyofoldguys.com). Their motto is "Old, Wise, & Happy to Be Alive."

**Sharon (Lyman) Quinn '62** (management) has published a book, *Second Beginning: A Story of Adoption*. The book is an inspiring, true account of her daughter-in-law, Mia (Brophy) Quinn's '92 (textile and apparel merchandising) quest to find her birth parents. The book is available at Name Droppers and Sundance Books in Reno. Sharon has been an active residential Realtor for more than 30 years with Dickson Realty.

**Marilyn (Kotter) Clauder '63** (German) was involved in the Barack Obama campaign in New Mexico and is studying the ancient Pueblo Indians while making frequent visits to the Four Corners region as part of her studies.

### '70s

**Judith Winzeler '71** (anthropology), **'81M.A.** (anthropology) is retiring as executive director of Nevada Humanities after 24 years and a multitude of enlightening programs. Judith's long tenure has been



Michael McCabe '76



Jack Prescott '83



Mike Zunini '84



Jackie (Ruiz) Shelton '87



Randy Brown, CPA '89



Randy Gener '92

marked by such signature productions as the long-running Chautauqua Week in Reno and the rapidly expanding Vegas Valley Book Festival. It has also featured Young Chautauqua, the History Day in Nevada Student Competition, a speaker's bureau bringing history and cultural talks to the far reaches of the state and such popular books as *The Donner Party Chronicles* and the *You Know You're a Nevadan If...* series. The most recent innovations are the fledgling online *Nevada Encyclopedia* and the annual north and south Food for Thought Discussion Dinners.

**Karen (Isola) Green '72** (elementary education) has joined her husband Michael Green '72 (renewable natural resources) in retirement. After many happy years teaching math at Spring Creek Middle School in Elko County, she decided to move on to other adventures. After receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching from the National Science Foundation, she became involved in math facilitation, giving workshops for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the state. She is proud that both her children Jason Green '07 (general studies) and Melissa, a current student, are following the family tradition by attending the University. Subbing, traveling, gardening, website development and math consulting keep Karen busy.

**Michael McCabe '76** (managerial science) has joined Colliers International as senior vice president of its industrial group for the firm's Reno office. A 50-year resident of the Reno-Sparks area, Michael brings more than 30 years of management experience to the

Colliers team, including expertise in industrial development, commercial real estate and third-party logistics.

### '80s

**Jack Prescott '83** (agriculture and resource economics) has joined the First Independent Bank of Nevada as senior vice president/real estate lending manager. Jack brings with him more than 20 years of northern Nevada commercial banking experience. He will oversee the bank's commercial real estate division. Jack brings to the bank a varied degree of other occupational experience in aviation and in manufacturing.

**Mike Zunini '84** (managerial science), a Reno financial adviser, has successfully completed the Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor Professional Designation Program.

**Jackie (Ruiz) Shelton '87** (journalism) has been named marketing/communications manager for CLP Resources, Inc., the nation's leading provider of skilled construction trades-people to building contractors. She is also a partner in Realife Publishing & Marketing, which, among other things, produces two monthly magazines—*Family Pulse* and *RLife*.

**Eric M. Boyden '88M.D.** (medicine) has been named medical director of arthroplasty services in the orthopedics department of Renown Regional Medical Center. Eric has practiced at Reno Orthopedic Clinic since 1993. He graduated from Williams College in 1984, and completed his residency at the Mayo Clinic.

**Randy Brown, CPA '89** (accounting) was recently promoted to the director of regulatory and legislative affairs for AT&T Nevada. Randy is the lead lobbyist for AT&T Nevada and responsible for regulatory operations. Randy, his wife, Natalie (Mitchell) Brown '99 (English), and his son, Austin, make their home in Reno.

### '90s

**Scott T. Barnes '91** (civil engineering) has joined the Reno office of Colliers International as an associate specializing in the area of land development. Scott has an extensive background in civil engineering and land development.

**Tim Crowley '92** (geography) is the new president of the Nevada Mining Association. This will be Crowley's second stint working for the NVMA, having served as the association's director of government affairs and community relations from 1998 to 2002.

**Randy Gener '92** (general studies), senior editor of *American Theatre* magazine, has been awarded the annual George Jean Nathan Award for Dramatic Criticism by the heads of the English departments at Cornell, Princeton and Yale Universities. The honor is reserved for "the American who has written the best piece of drama criticism during the theatrical year."

**Jason Michaels '92** (premedical), '95M.D. is a board-certified dermatologist and medical director of Aspire Cosmetic MedCenter and is a member of this year's Leadership Las



Tony Illia '96M.A.



Michelle Depoali '00

Vegas class. He is also involved in charity endeavors, including the nonprofit organization Smiling, the goal of which is to raise money, provide shoes and dental equipment (tooth brushes, floss, tooth paste) for children who can't afford them. He also sits on the board of Sight for Life, another nonprofit organization formed to raise funds for patients with treatable vision loss who are unable to afford the treatment or surgery necessary to correct it.

**Supriya Baily '95** (social work) obtained her doctorate in International Education from George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. in May 2008. Her dissertation, focusing on women's empowerment in rural India, garnered the Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award from George Mason's College of Education & Human Development. She is currently an instructor with the

Initiatives in Educational Transformation Program, a master's program for practicing primary educators, at George Mason's Arlington, Va. campus.

**Tony Illia '96M.A.** (English) was named to the board of directors of the Las Vegas Art Museum.

**Dan Oster '98** (management), '04MBA has been named vice president of NAI Alliance Commercial Real Estate Services. Dan, a partner of the company that formed in 2006, has worked as an industrial broker for the past five years. Dan is an adjunct professor at the University, past president of the Northern Nevada Chapter of Supply Chain Management and an active member of Reno Central Rotary and the College of Business Alumni Association.

'00s

**Michelle Depoali '00** (English), '03M.A. (English) opened Swoon, a bridal boutique in September 2008. After working in the bridal industry in San Francisco for several years, Michelle returned to Reno to open her own boutique specializing in designer wedding gowns, bridesmaid's dresses and accessories.

**Alexia Bratiotis '01** (journalism) has rejoined the staff of the Nevada Museum of Art as director of communications and marketing. Alexia worked for the museum during its grand opening in 2003. Prior to returning to the museum, she worked nearly four years as a public relations business partner for Renown Health.

**Ed Humphrey '01** (criminal justice) recently accepted a position as an associate attorney at the law firm of Jennings, Strouss,

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& Salmon in Phoenix, Ariz. Ed earned his Juris Doctorate from the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he graduated magna cum laude in 2004. His practice focuses on commercial bankruptcy, creditor and debtor rights and business reorganization.

**Dano Kraig P. Fernandez '03** (criminal justice) is staying busy with doctoral studies in public policy and administration with specialization in homeland security policy and coordination at Walden University. Dano is also teaching criminal justice disciplines part-time at Western Nevada College at the Carson City and Douglas campuses.

**Liz Mason '06** (accounting/finance) is the newest senior associate of National Tax Strategic Solutions for the Phoenix office of Grant Thornton LLP. Liz is the Tax Symphony

central region liaison and is helping with the phase II consulting development of Tax Symphony. She is also the firm's e-file responsible official.

**Paula Lee Hobson '08M.A.** (journalism) has been named acting executive director of institutional advancement for the TMCC Foundation at Truckee Meadows Community College. Paula has worked as director of the TMCC public information office for 10 years.



Jennifer (Williams) Hilbert '97 (health education), '01M.P.H. (public health) and Shawn Hilbert were married at Lakeridge Golf Course on Sept. 20, 2008. Shawn is an inspector for the Nevada Department of Transportation and Jennifer is the student activities and leadership coordinator at Truckee Meadows Community College.

# Do you know someone who BLEEDS SILVER & BLUE?

THE NEVADA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS NOW  
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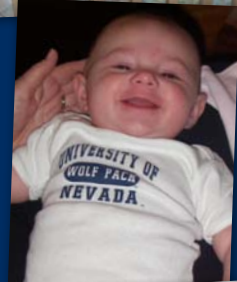


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Please use a separate sheet for additional nominations.



Dennis Flannigan '76 (accounting), president/CEO of Great Basin Federal Credit Union and wife, Mary (Brown) Flannigan '89 (accounting), '01MBA announce the birth of twin granddaughters, Alice and Molly, Aug. 9, 2007 to their daughter Vanessa (Flannigan) Berner '00 (biology), '05Ph.D (cellular and molecular biology) and son-in-law David Berner '93 (biology), '06M.D. (medicine), '06Ph.D. (cellular and molecular biology).



Brian Feleciano '97 (political science) and his wife, Andrea, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Olivia Rose, on July 12, 2008.



Jennifer (Burkhamer) Budge '98 (municipal recreation) and Jeremy Budge are proud to announce the birth of their sons Andrew Joseph and Matthew Scott on Sept. 19, 2008. The twins join big brother, Connor Michael (3).



Sarah (Leca) Hartshorn '98 (English) and David Hartshorn '95 (health science) would like to announce the birth of their twins: son, Jack, and daughter, Maebyn, on July 29, 2008.



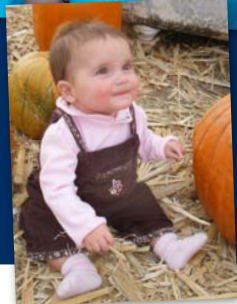
David Taylor '99 (journalism) and Carrie Taylor are pleased to announce the birth of their first child Tori Ann on August 11, 2008.



Alana (Golden) Holland '01 (accounting), '02MACC (accounting) and Paul Holland proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Tayla Eleanor, on July 28, 2008.



Brett Zernich '01 (mining engineering) and his wife, Lisa, are very pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Hazel Pilar, on Aug. 26, 2008. Brett recently completed a subway tunnel for the LA Metro and is now working as project engineer on an 11-mile water tunnel in San Diego County.



Jessie (Rabenstine) Epsteyn '03 (elementary/special education) and Michael Epsteyn happily announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Lee, on April 11, 2008.

## Who do YOU think should win?

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- Alumnus of the Year Award

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A friend or graduate who has demonstrated dedication, commitment and service to the University.

#### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SERVICE AWARD

A friend or graduate who has rendered special and outstanding service to the Nevada Alumni Association.

#### OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD

A graduate who is not more than 15 years past graduation and has an outstanding record of career accomplishments, and/or whose dedication, commitment and service to the Nevada Alumni Association has significantly enhanced alumni programming.

#### OUTSTANDING CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The award recognizes a specific chapter that has made significant contributions to alumni, students and friends of the University of Nevada and the Nevada Alumni Association during the past year.

#### ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

A graduate who has rendered special and outstanding service to the University and by personal achievement has brought distinction to the University.

Please fill out the nomination form, along with 1-4 pages of supporting material, by May 15, 2009. Please mail to:

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## Kickin' it with K-von | Why So Serious?

When was the last time you made it a priority to laugh? Can't remember? It sure seems like the world would rather surround us with negativity. Everyday we are inundated with news (most of it bad), stressed at our jobs, and forced to be formal... you know, an "adult"... So, to quote the Joker from Batman... "Why so serious?!"

Not long ago, I started spending my nights in the world famous comedy clubs of Los Angeles. This proved to be a life-changing experience. Night after night, I witnessed comics of all different ages, backgrounds, and ethnicities entertaining crowds large and small. I loved that their job was to look for the funny things in our everyday life we sometimes miss, to act silly, to say things people aren't supposed to say, and to stay forever young at heart. These people had dedicated their lives to getting giggles. I became addicted to these nights out. Soon I was following comedians the way sports fans profile their favorite teams. It was so much fun I decided to get up there and try it myself.

Now, you don't have to become a comedian, but how about putting laughter on the top of your "To-Do" list? I'm talking about

both giving and receiving. It's amazing how everyone loves to laugh, but ask most people their favorite joke and the reaction you'll get is, "Uhhh, well, hmmm? I don't know any." If you are ready to add more laughter to your life here are three easy ways to do it:

- First, head to your local comedy club for some inspiration. It will be one of the best nights out you can have for under \$30.
- Next, get to the video store and rent a few comedies; however, don't just watch for passive enjoyment. Take an active approach. Think about the funny parts and why you found them humorous. Did a situation hit close to home, take you by surprise, or appeal to the kid in you? A few recommendations to get you started: Forgetting Sarah Marshall, Tropic Thunder, Superhero Movie.
- Research time is over. Here is your chance to share the wealth. Make it a goal to make three people laugh each day. Surely we run into more than that, so whether it's a cashier, security guard, coworker, family member, or complete stranger... catch them

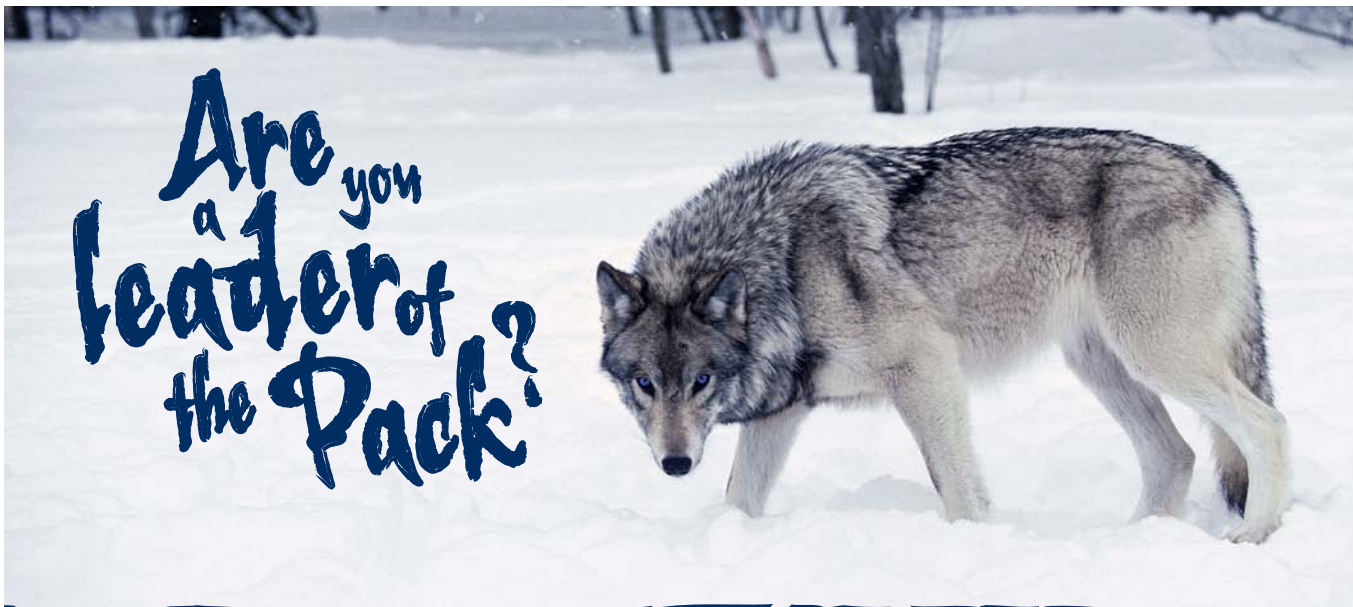
by surprise and tell them something funny you've seen recently or even tell a good old-fashioned joke. You can find an unlimited supply online. (Please make it appropriate, wouldn't want you to lose your job.)

If you aren't good at telling a joke right off the bat, it's okay. It takes some practice; so don't give up too soon. Here are some of the great things that happened right after I made someone laugh:

1. Got the girl's phone number
2. Landed the job
3. Made the sale
4. Didn't get the speeding ticket
5. Received the employee discount

Try it out and see where the laughter leads you. I think it's time we were all a little less serious!

*K-von '03 (marketing) is both a Nevada alum and comedian. He is currently on a national tour with Maz Jobrani and Jamie Kennedy. Look for him coming to a town near you. Check out his schedule at [www.K-vonComedy.com](http://www.K-vonComedy.com)*



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## Chapter Updates



Rick Angold '07, Megan Brant '06, Shawn Smith '98, '03, Melissa Molyneaux '06, Rosalia Nunez '07, Dan Flowers '97 and Jimmy Blamire '06 attend the COBAA Rink on the River ice skating event in January.



Justina Benner (Schurz, Nev.), a freshman pre-business major, will serve as head woman dancer at the 2009 University Spring Powwow, May 2-3.



Joey Thomas (Owyhee, Nev.), a junior majoring in English, has been named head man dancer for the 2009 University Spring Powwow, May 2-3.

All Fallon Alumni Chapter activities help raise funds for scholarships. For additional information regarding upcoming events, visit [www.unr.edu/alumni/connect](http://www.unr.edu/alumni/connect).

### Native American Alumni Chapter

Sherry Rupert '05, [srupert@nic.nv.gov](mailto:srupert@nic.nv.gov)

On February 21, the Native American Alumni Chapter hosted its first Bagna Cauda at Coney Island Bar. The event was full of delicious food, socializing and friendship.

The Chapter is preparing for the upcoming University of Nevada, Reno Spring Powwow, May 2-3 at the Manzanita Bowl. Co-sponsors include the Center for Student Cultural Diversity, Native American Alumni Chapter and Native American Student Organization.

The Chapter and Nevada faculty assisted in getting the Ethnic Studies (ETS) 280 Native American Culture and Identity course approved this summer. Two Chapter members are teaching the course—Dr. Dave Kempainen and Kari Emm '01. The Chapter's goal is to establish a Native American Studies minor at the University by next year.

The Chapter meets monthly at various locations. If you are interested in joining, please contact Sherry Rupert.

### Nevada Football Alumni Chapter

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A reunion of the 1969 Pack Football team, which won the very first game between Nevada and UNLV (30-28), is planned for October 3-4. Players and spouses will enjoy a reunion dinner, tailgate and game day recognition during the 2009 Nevada-UNLV football game. Please contact Mike Reid '73 ([flytyer5@charter.net](mailto:flytyer5@charter.net)) or Tom Reed '70 ([treed@tmcc.edu](mailto:treed@tmcc.edu)) for additional information concerning this reunion. Alumni Football's annual golf tournament is May 29. For details, visit [www.nevadawolfpackfootballalumni.com](http://www.nevadawolfpackfootballalumni.com).

### Nevada Rep Alumni Chapter

Sarah Potts '08, [sarahpotts@gmail.com](mailto:sarahpotts@gmail.com)

The Nevada Repertory Company Alumni Chapter is new to the Nevada Alumni Association. In 2008, we celebrated our 35th anniversary with the Andrew Lloyd Weber musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," which several theatre alumni

### Alumni & Friends of the Reynolds School

Kristin Burgarello '97, [kburgarello@unr.edu](mailto:kburgarello@unr.edu)

The Reynolds School of Journalism's Dean's Council has resurrected the Alumni and Friends of the Reynolds School Alumni Chapter. This group will help direct and support alumni activities, keep alumni connected to the school, encourage burgeoning careers and bolster professional development. For the group's first official event, professionals from the community assisted students with resume and portfolio preparation and interview skills.

This will also become a way for alumni to network, while supporting the Reynolds School of Journalism. Group members will be asked to pay \$15 annual dues for membership.

Please contact Kristin Burgarello for more information and a list of upcoming activities.

### Alumni Band

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The Alumni Band is thrilled (and relieved) to announce that the Pride of the Sierra Wolf Pack Marching Band will be back in the fall, under the continued direction of Alan Sullivan. A huge thanks goes out to those current and past band members, as well as community members, who rallied to raise awareness and funds to keep the group going. As the band will continue to rely on donor funds, please continue to give as you are able.

The Alumni Band would also like to belatedly congratulate Jeffrey Shellfo and Lana Tyson, this year's recipients of the John Montgomery Memorial Scholarship.

For more information on the Alumni Band, the Montgomery Scholarship, supporting the college band, or to receive our monthly newsletter, please contact Kiara Wolf.

### College of Business Alumni Association

Dan Flowers '97, [dan.flowers@gt.com](mailto:dan.flowers@gt.com)

The College of Business Alumni Association (COBAA) rented the entire Rink on the River in downtown Reno for a night of ice skating. The event, held in late January, joined family and friends of the College of Business Alumni to say "thank you" for their support throughout the years.

The 18th Annual COBAA Golf Tournament will be held at Lakeridge Golf Course on May 14. Proceeds support much needed College of Business scholarships and student organizations. Show off your skills on the green as a player and/or sponsor and support the University and the College of Business. To sign up or for more information please contact Melissa Molyneaux '06 at [mmolyneaux@colliersreno.com](mailto:mmolyneaux@colliersreno.com).

As always, please remember to visit at [www.unr.edu/alumni/connect](http://www.unr.edu/alumni/connect) for information on upcoming events and membership.

### Fallon Alumni Chapter

Tina Dakin '71, '84, [jtdakin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jtdakin@sbcglobal.net)

A group of alumni and friends enjoyed a roter bus trip on January 17, which ended with an exciting Nevada win as the men's basketball team played Fresno State.

Two additional trips to Reno are planned for sporting events this spring: a Wolf Pack softball roter bus and an excursion to watch Reno's new minor league baseball team, the Reno Aces.

Organizers are also planning a mystery bus trip for late spring or early summer.

Our major scholarship fundraiser for the year is a Western BBQ at the beautiful Norm Frey Ranch on the Carson River in Fallon on August 9 at 4 pm. Please plan to attend this social event.



Alex Willis '79, Joe Isaia '70, Jim Farley '99, Tom McCarthy '85, Chris Vargas '95, Matt Airoldi '95, Coach Chris Ault '69, '73, Tom Reed '70, Billy Daniels, Tom Matter '94, '01, Adam Kiefer '05 and Todd Wilcks '83 attend the 2008 Football Awards Banquet.



JaVale McGee meets with Sacramento Alumni Chapter members and fans before the start of the Kings vs. Wizards basketball game at Arco Arena.

(also known as "Reppies") attended. Afterward we held a reunion banquet celebrating and reminiscing the last 35 years; we were regaled with parodies of favorite musicals, awards were distributed and we drank like we were all still in college (the drinking was sanctioned, since the event was closed to anyone under twenty-one).

Last fall, our beloved professor Dr. Bob Dillard finally entered into retirement. Equally adored professor Dr. Jim Bernardi '64 will retire this May. We wish them well and hope they embrace retirement, but continue to direct every now and then since their presence will be greatly missed.

## Northeastern Nevada Alumni Chapter

Danny Gonzales '90, '95, '04, [dannyg@gmail.com](mailto:dannyg@gmail.com)

On November 7, 2008, approximately 30 alumni and supporters watched the Nevada-Fresno State football game at Matties Sports Bar in Elko. After the game, several alumni stayed and worked on the new chapter application. With the application of the new chapter being approved in December 2008, alumni in the region are reviewing/approving bylaws and selecting officers. Preliminary discussions with local alumni reflect an interest in quarterly events centered around football games, basketball games, wine tasting and golf.

## Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association

Linda Clift '74, [orvis\\_alumni@hotmail.com](mailto:orvis_alumni@hotmail.com)

Thanks to the support of its membership, OSNAA is excited to report that the formal criteria is now in place for its first scholarship; \$1,000 will be offered to a level four Orvis nursing student this fall. While the future of this scholarship depends on membership support, we hope to make this an annual gift. Plans for 2009 include a continuing education opportunity as well as a social event. We encourage membership and participation in our organization. There are no first year fees for new Orvis graduates. Subsequent yearly fees are \$10. To join, please visit [www.unr.edu/alumni/connect](http://www.unr.edu/alumni/connect), or call 888.NV.ALUMS.

## Sacramento Alumni Chapter

Steve Park '99, [spark@ccarey.com](mailto:spark@ccarey.com)

In January, the Sacramento Alumni Chapter held the "It's No Mystery Bus Trip" to raise money for the Eppie G. Johnson Scholarship Endowment. Over 30 alumni and friends enjoyed touring the Sierra Nevada Brewery in Chico, Calif. and tasting specialty brews! There was also an unannounced "mystery stop" at Granzella's Restaurant in Williams, Calif.

Also in January, alumni gathered to support former WolfPack player



Nevada "Reppies" commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Nevada Repertory Company. Front: Tom Sorce '76, Joannie Hambacher '79, Gregg Stokes '80. Back: Barbara Hancock '77, Jan Mahood '76, Bob Dillard, Craig Questa '75, Greg Artman '74, '96,

JaVale McGee, 18th pick in the 2008 NBA draft, when his Washington Wizards played the Sacramento Kings. Alumni from both Sacramento and Reno met JaVale prior to the game and were able to ask many questions. "The difference between the NCAA and NBA is the speed and size of the players," JaVale told the group. Following the Q&A session, he gave autographs and posed for photos. JaVale played 11 minutes, grabbed 6 rebounds and scored 1 point for the Wizards, who were victorious 110-107.

## UNSONM Alumni Chapter Update

Dr. Peter Verhey, '97, '02, [ptverhey@yahoo.com](mailto:ptverhey@yahoo.com)

The UNSONM Alumni Chapter has been very active since being reestablished in 2008. Enrollment of alumni has been excellent and we are excited about the prospect of eventually reaching all of our graduates. We are continuing to plan for this fall's UNSONM Alumni Chapter annual event, during which we will be presenting awards to outstanding alumni. Information about these awards and how to submit nominations will be available soon.

You are an important part of the school's legacy. We encourage you to give back by being an active member of the UNSONM Alumni Association. To learn more, reconnect with colleagues, become a member, update your contact information, and/or participate in chapter leadership, please visit [www.medicine.nevada.edu/alumni](http://www.medicine.nevada.edu/alumni) or contact Christina Sarman at [christinas@unr.edu](mailto:christinas@unr.edu) or 775.784-6009.

## Washington D.C. Alumni Chapter

Elisabeth Williams '04, [elisabethw3026@gmail.com](mailto:elisabethw3026@gmail.com)

The Washington D.C. Alumni Chapter met at the Crystal City Sports Pub (a.k.a. Lawlor East) to watch the Nevada vs. New Mexico State



The Young Alumni Chapter bonds over Bagna Calda 2009 at Coney Island in Sparks. Dave O'Mara '99, Courtney Miller-O'Mara, Rosalia Nunez '07, Derek Zielinski '05, Brent Cunningham, Sam Donahoe '05, Lea Jensen '05, Kiley McElroy '07, Neetra Childs '06, Melissa Molyneaux '06 and Erin Elliott '07.

game on February 7. Event attendees from Maryland, Virginia and Washington D.C. enjoyed beer, wings and the company of fellow Nevada alumni while watching the Wolf Pack!

The Chapter is now on Facebook! We hope the page will become a place where alumni of all ages can share stories, get in touch with fellow D.C. area alumni and submit meeting or reunion ideas. Please visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search "UNR Alumni in Washington D.C." to join! Please contact Elisabeth Williams if you would like additional information.

## Young Alumni Chapter

Melissa Molyneaux '06, [yacpresident@gmail.com](mailto:yacpresident@gmail.com)

YAC kicked off 2009 with one of our favorite traditions, Bagna Calda, at Coney Island. Bagna Calda is a wonderful dish from Italy. Guests use skewers to warm a variety of vegetables, meats and cheeses in a combination of butter, olive oil, garlic and anchovies.

At the close of 2008, we elected new Board Members: Melissa Molyneaux '06, President; Laura Stone '06, Vice President of Programming; Neetra Childs '06, Treasurer; Lea Jensen '05, Secretary; Erin Elliot '07, Vice President of Marketing; Maria Perez '06, Vice President of Membership; Julie Kealy '00, Scholarship Chair; and Rosalia Nunez '07, Historian. General Board Members: Paul Klein '03, Brandon Towne '02, Jason Moore, Arkaitz Aldecoaotalora '01, David O'Mara '99, Joe Goodnight '00 and James Lowey '06. We celebrated the Holiday Dinner at La Vecchia.

Visit [www.NevadaYAC.com](http://www.NevadaYAC.com), to learn about upcoming events (including BeerFest '09) and how to get involved.



Edwin and Agnes Steng, circa 1945.



Carolyn, Margaret, Dorothy, Ed and Patricia Monsanto, circa 1971.

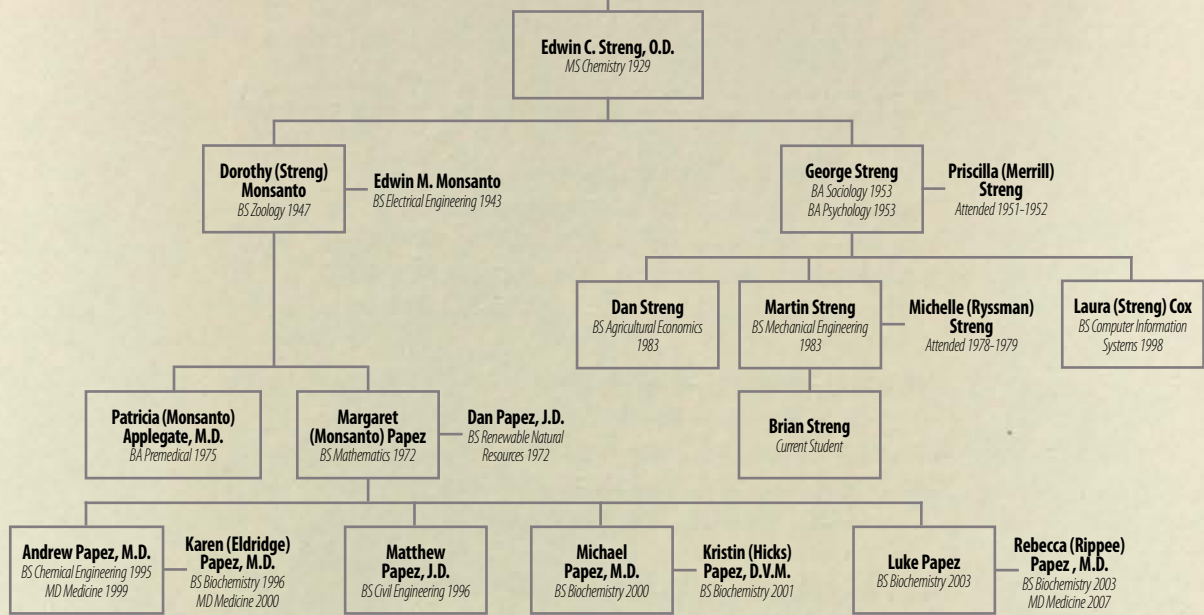


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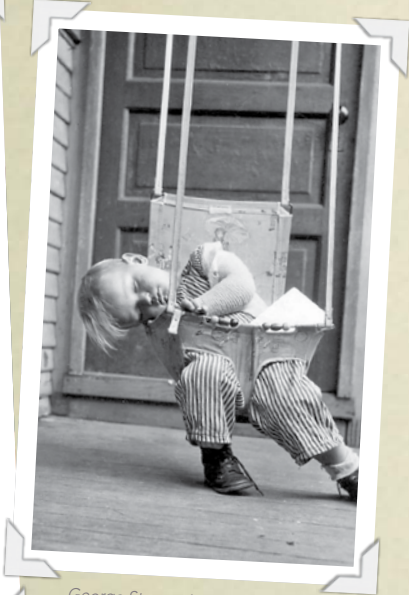
Edwin Steng was the first in the family to attend Nevada, earning his master's in chemistry in 1927. From there, he began teaching science and math at Reno High School, at which point he had the Reno High shop class build his house on West Street behind the Tri Delta House, where he and wife Agnes raised Dorothy and George and lived the rest of their lives until passing away in their 90s. Edwin and Agnes may be gone, but their memory lives on through family—many of whom have also attended the University—and a lasting place in Nevada's history.

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# Streng Family Tree



Mike, Dan, Margaret, Andrew, Luke and Matt Papez, circa 1996.



George Streng circa 1932

How many University of Nevada, Reno alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in the next issue of *Nevada Silver & Blue*. For details, visit [www.unr.edu/alumni](http://www.unr.edu/alumni) or call 888.NV ALUMS.

## Remembering Friends

**Richard “Dick” Theodore Dankworth**, former athletics coach, died Dec. 24, 2008. Dick was born on Nov. 29, 1928 in Los Angeles, Calif. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp. from 1946 to 1948 after which he married his high school sweetheart, Carla Snoddy, on May 1, 1949. He moved to Reno in the summer of 1956 with his wife and their two sons, Gary and Jeff.

Dick earned his bachelor’s in education from Pepperdine University, where he was also a “Little All-American” football player. After graduating from college, he coached football and taught at Gardena, Hamilton and Hawthorne High Schools in Los Angeles, while earning his master’s degree. Dick was later recruited to become assistant football coach and head track and field coach at the University of Nevada. In 11 years as the University’s track coach, Dick recruited world-class athletes, won eight consecutive Far Western Conference Championships, coached 71 individual champions, 18 small college All-Americans and six internationally ranked stars. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1986.

Dick loved athletics, but pursued broader opportunities in higher education. Dick did graduate work at Stanford University and Utah State, acquiring his doctorate in education. Subsequently, he handled a variety of important administrative assignments at the University and served as a top executive to four University presidents. Dick was then tapped to take on one of his most important and toughest challenges, leading the University foundation as its chief fundraiser.

His success raising funds for the University attracted the attention of the National Judicial College located on Nevada’s campus. Upon retirement, Dick was persuaded to raise funds for the college. During those years, he was one of the busiest “retirees” in Reno. While continuing his “retirement,” Dick also became involved with Youth with a Mission’s (YWAM) University of the Nations. In working with YWAM, Dick helped the institution achieve what it needed most, administrative organization and increased funding for growth. He would also go on to develop YWAM’s first ever youth sports outreach camps. Because of his great faith and love of God, family and friends, Dick was deeply respected and loved.

Dick is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Carla, and his three sons, Gary, Jeffrey and Stephen. He and Carla have 10 grandchildren, Devon, Bria, Rachel, Jason, Brittany, Graham, Piper, Jon, Quentin and Annelise, and five great-grandchildren, Kendra, Carson, Bryan and Coral.

**Rose M. Bullis ’33** (education), ’55M.A. (administration and supervision), Nevada’s first female school administrator, died on Jan. 19, 2009. Rose was born in Frantktown, Nev. in 1912. Her parents, Savina and Antonio Sala, owned a ranch in Washoe Valley which later became known as the Lightning W and Thunder Canyon Golf Course. Her early education was in a one-room schoolhouse on this ranch, built by her father.

In the 1920s, her parents sold the ranch and moved the family to Reno. Rose attended Southside Elementary, Northside Junior High, Reno High School and the University of Nevada, where she received a bachelor’s degree and teaching credentials in 1934. She later received a master’s degree from the University in administration and supervision. Rose taught at Billingshurst Junior High, Veterans Memorial Elementary School and Northside Middle School.

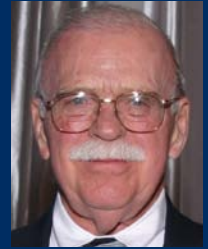
In the 1950s, Rose became the first female administrator in Nevada. She is credited with pioneering administrative positions for women in the district. In the mid-1960s, Rose was appointed director of school/community relations, a position she held until her retirement in 1979. She then volunteered at the University’s College of Education for 22 years, teaching graduate level classes and advising graduate students.

Rose’s accomplishments as an educator are numerous. She wrote *Let Freedom Ring*, a textbook for teaching patriotism and the history, developed and directed the district’s summer school program and directed the first local Headstart program. Her weekly television show, *Lifelong Learning*, aired on Channel 4 from 1964 until 2003.

Rose was a member of the National School Public Relations Association, American Association of School Administrators, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Delta Kappa, Soroptimist International of Reno and the Assistance League of Reno. She was also a founding



Rose M. Bullis '33



Brad Roberts

member of Reno Little Theatre. Her awards include a Distinguished Service Award from the College of Education, President’s Medal from the University, Soroptimist Woman of Achievement, PTA Excellence in Education News Reporting Award and the Nevada Education Hall of Fame. The Rose Bullis Center for Teaching and Learning is named in her honor.

Rose was preceded in death by her brother, Frank. She is survived by her son, Gary (Louise); grandson, Eric; granddaughter, Jennifer (Mark) and their son, John; and nephew, Frank, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Bullis Education Scholarship Endowment, account #175001. UNR Foundation, Mail Stop/0162, Reno, NV 89557-0162.

**Brad Roberts**, Presidential Medal winner, died on Feb. 13, 2008. Brad was born on Jan. 23, 1927 in New Rochelle, N.Y. to Bob and Grace Roberts. Brad graduated from The Governor’s Academy in South Byfield, Mass. and entered the U.S. Navy in 1945. After military service, Brad attended Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. where he graduated in 1950 with an AB in economics. To support his college education he sold men’s shoes door-to-door and was convinced that his idea to send direct mailings to prospective customers increased his sales. This was the beginning of his remarkable 35 years in advertising. In 1950, he moved to Chicago to join Swift and Company as a brand manager. That year he also married Jean (Hypes) his college sweetheart. In 1957, he went to work for Needham, Louis and Brorby as an account executive. In 1965 Brad was named to head the Los Angeles office of Needham. He retired from Needham in 1981 as vice chairman of the parent company and president of Needham West.

Moving to Nevada in 1983, Brad taught advertising at the University of Nevada, Reno’s Reynolds School of Journalism. In 1985, he took a two-year assignment as





Robert Whittlemore '47



V. James "Jim" Eardley '63M.Ed

a lobbyist for the advertising agency business, serving as executive director of the Washington office of the American Association of Advertising Agencies. While there, he met and married his soul mate, Chickie.

Brad served on the University's Foundation board for two terms. He also served as chairman of the College of Business Advisory Committee and chairman of the Nevada Small Business Development Center. In 1996, Brad was awarded the President's Medal from the University. He and his wife have been nail-biting season ticket holders to Wolf Pack football, baseball and basketball games. A man of character, integrity and always quick with a smile, he will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved him.

Brad was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Grace, and his beloved first wife and the mother of his three children, Jean. Brad is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Vivian (Chickie); son, Brad Jr., and daughters, Kim and Sarah. Also surviving is his sister, Barbara, four grandchildren, Jennifer, John, Emmy and Zach; nieces and nephews, Leila, Mark, Peter, Susie, Chris, Stephen, Loyd and Billy. He also leaves behind his furry good pal, Ragamuffin. (According to Brad, life wasn't meant to be lived without a good dog by your side).

His family asks that you honor him by raising a glass of your favorite beverage and wish him Godspeed on his new journey.

**Robert Whittlemore '47** (economics), a longtime Nevada educator whose career stretched from Mineral County High School in Hawthorne to Las Vegas to Washoe County, died Dec. 28, 2008.

The son of a teacher, Robert was a lifelong advocate of education and instilled that passion for learning into his five children and generations of students whom he taught and counseled.

Robert was born July 24, 1925, in Grand Junction, Colo., and graduated from high school there at 15.

He attended Mesa College in Grand Junction and graduated at 17.

He joined the Army to serve in World War II and was assigned to the 44th tank battalion in the Pacific theater. The 44th participated in several liberation missions, including freeing the Allied internees at Santo Tomas Internment Camp in the Philippines.

After the war, Robert attended the University of Nevada, Reno. He graduated from the University in 1947, and earned a master's degree in economics at the University of California, Berkeley in 1949. He later earned a doctorate in educational psychology and counseling from Arizona State University.

Robert's first teaching job was at Mineral County High School in Hawthorne, where he taught English. While working on his Master's at Berkeley, he taught at Visalia Union High School in California, and then taught at Reno High School. At 31, he became the principal at Yerington High School.

In 1959, Robert joined the faculty at the University of Nevada where he was a lecturer in secondary education. After earning his doctorate at Arizona State in 1963, he worked for the Clark County School District before returning to Reno where he spent 10 years at the university as director of counseling and testing and as dean of the university's extension division.

He served two terms on the Washoe County School District's Board of Trustees, first elected in 1982, and was a strong advocate for vocational education. Throughout Robert's life, he counseled troubled youth and adults

Robert was an avid supporter of University of Nevada athletics and an avid fisherman, both affording him the opportunity to spend time with his children and grandchildren. At age 70, after returning from an Alaskan fishing trip that he called one of his lifelong goals, he took a ride on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle to fulfill another.

**V. James "Jim" Eardley '63M.Ed** (school administration), '86HDG died Dec. 25, 2008. Jim was born in Ruth, Nev. on June 20, 1927 to Vernon and Ruth Gardner Eardley. He was the youngest of six children and the only son.

Jim was reared in White Pine County and attended schools in Ely. He was only a teenager during World War II, but he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he

served as a signalman on a troop transport ship. After completing his military service, Jim married his high school sweetheart, Barbara (Callahan) Eardley. A short time later, the young Eardley family moved to Logan, Utah where Jim attended Utah State. He received his bachelor's degree in 1952. For a short while, he pursued a dream and played semi-professional baseball in several leagues across the United States.

Eventually he turned to his true passion and began his career in education at Carlin High School in Elko County. He later moved to Sparks, Nev. with his family and was a teacher and coach at Reno High School. During this time Jim began working towards his master's degree at the University.

Jim would go on to become executive vice president of Western Nevada Community College. In 1979, he was appointed as the first president of a fledgling Truckee Meadows Community College. He served in this capacity until 1986. Upon his retirement, Jim ran successfully for a seat on the Board of Regents. During his 12-year tenure, he would often redirect debates by simply asking the one question that was his main philosophy: "What will this do for the students?"

So it is with little wonder that over the years he was awarded several honors for his service and dedication to students across the state of Nevada: first an honorary degree from the University; then in 2000, he was named as a Distinguished Nevadan; and finally in 2004, the V. James Eardley Student Services Center at TMCC was named for him.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and sisters JaNeil, Maureen and Maxine. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Barbara, his children, Larry (Marlene), Jim (Diana) and Tracey (Darin); grandchildren, Mark (Denise), Lance, Brandon and McKenzie; and great-grandson, Mason. He is also survived by two sisters Merle and Faye, as well as several nieces and nephews.

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## Former Wolf Pack basketball coach Sonny Allen's remarkable recovery leads to 'My winning season'

**T**here is really no earthly explanation for it.

Former Wolf Pack men's basketball coach Sonny Allen shouldn't be alive on this rainy January afternoon in Reno.

Sometime in August 2006, the then-70-year-old Allen lapsed into a 10-day coma at Renown South Meadows Hospital as a severe case of West Nile Virus gripped his body. His life should've been over.

The West Nile Virus—contracted when Allen and his wife, Donna, had visited New Orleans for five days a month earlier—had taken over so completely that it had led to secondary cases of meningitis and encephalitis.

"With an elderly patient who has West Nile Virus and secondary cases of meningitis and encephalitis, most of the time they may not make it," said Guy Gansert '80 (zoology), '86M.D., a Reno emergency physician and Allen family friend whose brother, Gary, led Allen's treatment. "There just isn't a lot you can do. When Sonny first got sick, to be honest with you, I wasn't sure he would survive."

Added Donna Allen: "It was just so devastating. Once the doctors determined that Sonny had West Nile Virus, it didn't make all that great of a difference because they told us, 'Really, there is nothing for you that we can do.'"

And yet, more than two years later, as a soft rain falls in Reno, Allen is alive. In fact, after remaining in the hospital for a month after he finally pulled out of his coma, and after months of hard work to regain the use of his left side, which was temporarily paralyzed, and after losing—and then re-gaining—20 percent of his sight and his hearing, Allen's recovery has been remarkable.

"It really is a miracle," says Allen's son, Billy '83 (physical education) the Wolf Pack Hall of Fame guard from 1982-83 now living in Dallas.

A miracle, yes.

And maybe something more.

*Former Wolf Pack men's basketball coach Sonny Allen, who was at the helm for Nevada from 1980-1987, has made a miraculous recovery from a near-fatal case of West Nile Virus in 2006. Here he is shown in January in the den of his west Reno home.*

"Throughout it all, it would've been easy to give up," said Allen, who celebrated his 73rd birthday on March 8. "When people get sick or hurt, they don't always have people to help them. That wasn't the case with me. When I came out of the coma, there was never any doubt in my mind that I was going to be OK. I had too many people helping me and encouraging me along the way not to recover."

## The fast break coach

More than 20 years after coaching at Nevada, Sonny Allen remains one of the Wolf Pack's most successful coaches. He was the first coach to ever lead the Wolf Pack to the NCAA Tournament—twice, in fact, in 1984 and 1985. It would take Nevada another 20 seasons before it appeared in another NCAA Tournament.

Yet the soft-spoken Allen, whose words have a gentle sway to them, like a willow branch in motion, has coaching accomplishments that reach much farther than NCAA Tournament bids. He has helped change college basketball for the better, both in strategy and in cultural substance and significance.

Allen is credited with creating what is known today as the "numbered fast break." In 1966, to simplify the fast break offense at Old Dominion University, he assigned each player on the floor a number and a responsibility on the fast break. To this point, teams traditionally ran a "three-man" break. Allen's "five-man" break, with its new lexicon—point guard became a "1," shooting guard a "2," etc.—revolutionized the game and made it next to impossible to defend. And, Allen's position numbering system has become permanently ingrained in the language of basketball. Today, everyone—from television commentators to college coaches to fans—knows that a "2"

guard is a shooting guard, thanks to Allen.

The acclaimed novelist Pat Conroy, in his lyrical and poignant memoir of being a college basketball player during the 1966-67 season at the Citadel, *My Losing Season*, vividly described what kind of havoc Allen's numbered break wreaked when Allen's ODU team met the Citadel early that year: "Let it be known that the two five-foot-eleven guards Bob Pritchett and Arthur Speakes (of ODU) were that night kingly with their gifts and magical with their skills. The guys, as they say, lit it up, and we white boys looked as though our Converse All Stars had been glued to the floor."

As Conroy noted, both Pritchett and Speakes, who was known as "Buttons," were black. With little fanfare, Allen had quietly welcomed them to Old Dominion—the first black athletes to ever play basketball for a predominantly white school in the state of Virginia.

Donna, a tall, lithe woman with a ready smile, said moments such as the one Conroy described are what make her most proud of her husband's coaching career.

"Kids like Buttons Speakes and Bob Pritchett weren't allowed to eat in restaurants at that time," she said. "Sonny would park the bus, and he would say to the people in the restaurant, 'We've got some black players on our bus, will you serve them?' And they would say, 'No.' And Sonny would go back on the bus and say, 'You know what guys? Their food is crummy in there. This isn't good enough for you guys.'"

"And then he would find a restaurant that would serve his team."

Allen, when he had played basketball at Marshall University in Huntington, W.V., in the late 1950s, had been the road roommate for a silky smooth guard named Hal Greer, who would go on to become a 10-time NBA All-Star for the Philadelphia 76ers. Greer was black, and no one on the team would room with him on road trips—except for Allen, who didn't think twice about it.

"Hal was a guard... I was a guard," Allen said. "It didn't seem like it was that big of a deal."

Said Donna: "Sonny has never seen anything, black or white. To him, all of his players

were just people. They were just athletes, and they were just people."

As a coach, though he was clearly always in charge, Allen was no snap-jawed tyrant.

"It's pretty amazing, really," Billy said, "when people come up and they know you're Sonny Allen's son, and then they go on to tell you that there is no one nicer or better than your dad." Billy's voice breaks for a moment. He gathers his emotions, perhaps remembering that his father always coached from a place of basic kindness, that his father has always spoken of "following the golden rule... you treat everyone the way you would want to be treated... and that you can be firm, but there is no reason to ever be mean or nasty to a player."

"When you hear about how your dad cared for everybody," Billy finally continued, his voice regaining its strength, "and wanted to see everybody succeed... you feel really blessed to have him as your dad."

## 'My Winning Season'

Sonny Allen always believed that he could win every game he ever coached. Often, the odds were against his teams. When Old Dominion ran the Citadel out of its gym in 1966-67, Old Dominion was a Division II school—the Citadel was Division I. When he coached at Southern Methodist, Arkansas and Houston cast extraordinarily long and talented shadows that often reached to the Final Four. At Nevada, the Wolf Pack toiled in the obscurity of the Big Sky Conference.

Yet Allen, whose playing and coaching career has found places in the athletic halls of fame at Marshall, Old Dominion and Nevada, has always believed.

"I always felt that if we could do certain things, and played the way we were capable of, we could win," he said. "Basketball, after all, is a team game."

As Allen learned, so is recovering from West Nile Virus.

"You can't do it by yourself," he said. "Having a great team, a great support system, can make all of the difference. It's just like basketball: If you work together, you can get it done."



Sonny Allen and wife Donna enjoy the view from the back yard of their home in west Reno.

Allen had no idea, though, how far-reaching his support system would be.

He was released from Renown after a month, and attended physical therapy for several weeks. It didn't seem like it was enough. Gary Gansert, along with his brother Guy, began visiting Allen regularly. The two physicians encouraged Allen to push the calories and protein needed to regain the 20 pounds lost from his 175-pound frame.

Gary Gansert began taking Allen for walks, with a walker, around the block of Allen's neighborhood in west Reno. Soon they graduated to a lap or two around the track at nearby Reno High School. It took several months, but soon the two were walking a few miles together, as Allen gradually weaned himself from his walker, then from his cane.

"Sonny never whined or complained," Gary Gansert said. "He was always motivated. He's one of the most receptive guys. You can see why he was such a great basketball coach. He doesn't beat around the bush, and he's a great decision-maker. Once he makes a decision, he really knows how to make a commitment to it."

Guy Gansert, who received both his undergraduate and medical degrees from Nevada, said he was amazed at Allen's resiliency.

"Not once, during this whole time, has he ever seemed, or did he ever feel sorry for

himself," he said. "He was just always going to get better. He was not going to let this thing defeat him."

Allen said he found support from surprising places. His step-son, Jim Warner, often would meet Allen at the Olympic-sized pool at Lakerridge Athletic Club. Early on, Donna would have to take Sonny to the sessions in a wheelchair. Jim would have to hold Sonny upright as Allen thrashed forward in the water, trying to re-awaken his left leg from its paralysis.

The hard work helped; it also impressed a group of a half-dozen elderly ladies working out at the other end of the pool.

"They would start cheering when I would get in the water," Allen recalled, his brown eyes seeming to shimmer from the memory. "One day I told Donna, 'Let's go in without the wheelchair.' So I walked in, and those ladies all jumped out of the pool and started clapping.

"It just made their day. It made mine, too."

### 'Lots of Love'

The blessings of the great mystery behind Allen's recovery have been many—a kind of confetti shower that seems to happily fall on Allen's shoulders each morning when he awakes for a new day. He has regained his strength and learned to walk again without even the slightest bit of a limp because of the thoughts, prayers, words and actions of many.

Recently, as Donna and Sonny prepared to join members of their church, The River, to help feed and hand out jackets, gloves and sleeping bags for 90 homeless citizens in Barbara Bennett Park in downtown Reno, as the light of day vanished and the temperature plunged into the 30s, a phone message was left for Allen.

It was a voice from the past; a ghost from the 1966-67 season, when Allen and "Buttons" Speakes and Bob Pritchett chased the out-manned players of the Citadel off their court in a small gym in Charleston, S.C. It was the first time black players had ever competed on the beautiful hardwood of the Citadel's Armory, a small moment that would help open the floodgates of integration throughout the south in the coming months and years.

Pat Conroy, the author of best-selling novels such as *The Prince of Tides*, *The Lords of Discipline* and *The Great Santini*, had taken a moment in the flurry of finishing his latest novel in January to leave Allen a message.

Conroy, his voice slender, patient and kind, said the following:

"This is Pat Conroy... I was horrified to hear about what had happened to Sonny Allen. West Nile Virus? I had no idea it was that serious. Please tell Coach Allen that I was very concerned about him, but I maintain my admiration for his team all these years... and Bob Pritchett and Arthur Speakes.

"And tell him my cousin is named Ed Conroy and now he is the head basketball coach at the Citadel. And tell Coach Allen also that most of the Citadel basketball team today is black... and he had a large part to play in that.

"Lots of love, Pat."

Allen, clearly touched by Conroy's message, couldn't believe his good fortune.

"And you know what the best part was?" Allen said. "Once Donna and I got there to help out at Barbara Bennett Park, it stopped raining. None of us got rained on at all. It was great."

A miracle?

Lots of love, indeed. **N**



## Nevada Science Foundation combats nursing shortage

The projected shortage of qualified nurses in the United States could reach a half million by 2025, according to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The Nevada Science Foundation is battling the nursing shortage in Nevada through a substantial scholarship endowment to support students in the Orvis School of Nursing.

Through the endowment, both graduate and undergraduate nursing students receive scholarships that continue through four terms and completion of their degrees. To be eligible, students must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.0, with preference given to Nevada residents from Carson City, Douglas, Lyon and Storey counties. The scholarship is named in memory of the National Science Foundation's founder, Josef Waxler.

Waxler was an electrical contractor with a life-long interest in education and in helping others. In 1990, Waxler established the Nevada Science Foundation to carry out his charitable giving, with an emphasis in providing scholarships.

Waxler served as executive director of the Nevada Science Foundation until he passed away in 2006. Waxler's philanthropy was directed toward education throughout his lifetime because he believed that "education is

something you can always take with you—it can't be taken away."

Waxler was an explorer from his youth, serving in the merchant marines so that he could see the world. Over an eight-year period later in life he visited Easter Island annually, promoting and providing opportunities for education to island children who might otherwise not have progressed beyond grade school.

Lavina Atkinson worked as a nurse for more than 40 years and has served as the president of the Nevada Science Foundation since its inception. "It was Mr. Waxler's desire to help with the nursing shortage through scholarships," says Atkinson. "The Nevada Science Foundation's purpose in supporting scholarships is to acknowledge the life of Josef Waxler and illustrate the importance he placed on education by providing financial aid to those worthy of assistance in the pursuit of studies in nursing."

Mary Powers, a graduate student in nursing, says, "Getting the Waxler Scholarship this year meant being able to afford additional credits for my master's degree. I had never experienced receiving a scholarship. I will always remember how wonderful a surprise that was and hope to be in a position to do that for another student some day."



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