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University President Marc Johnson visits with Nevada students in the lobby of The Nevada Living Learning Community, the newest residence hall on campus.

Meet President Marc Johnson

The University's 16th chief executive has shown strong shoulders throughout his life, particularly during his time at the University

By John Trent '85/'87, '00M.A. Photos by Jamie Kingham '93.

Marc Johnson learned responsibility early in life. Growing up on a farm/orchard south of Wichita, Kan., Johnson and his brother, Scott, were in charge of operations related to the family's business. Operations included growing everything from wheat, sorghum and soybeans, peaches, pears, cherries, apples, strawberries, sometimes sweet corn and tomatoes, as well as selling local produce from neighboring farms at the Johnson family country store.

Scott disliked working outside. Marc, who has since gone on to become an avid hiker, always enjoyed working outdoors.

"So we split duties," Marc Johnson recalled. He chuckled lightly at the memory. "My brother took care of the air-conditioned country store, and I did most of the outside work, managing hoeing crews and picking crews.

"We both liked it that way."

Then Johnson, who was appointed the 16th president of the University of Nevada, Reno in April, paused. His experience as a young man, when his parents, Leo and Mary, had given both their sons "an evolving amount of responsibility through time," as Johnson put it, had certainly helped prepare him for much of what was to come.

In April 2011, Johnson, executive vice president and provost of the University since 2008, received the worst possible news: Milton Glick, the University's 15th president, had died of a massive stroke.

For the next year, as interim president, Johnson calmly and effectively led the University through a final series of budget reductions. Yet, even with the reductions, the University, amazingly, was continuing to excel at record levels. Milestones included: record enrollment of 18,004 students in fall 2011; record graduation rates; record number

of National Merit Scholars on campus; record faculty productivity levels, and being classified among the nation's top 100 public universities as a "Tier I" institution by *U.S. News & World Report*.

At a time when the wheels could have easily come off the 138-year-old institution, Johnson provided continuity and stability.

"Marc Johnson has always kept the University's fundamental priorities at the forefront of everything he has done," said English professor Stacy Burton. "My regard for him only increased in the year he was interim president. He hasn't simply kept the ship afloat. Far from it. He has kept the University moving forward."

Nevada System of Higher Education Regent Rick Trachok '74 (plant science), a prominent local attorney, said Johnson has given the community an opportunity to "see how he performs, in good times and in bad. Don't ever underestimate the value of that. He is



LEFT: President Marc Johnson congratulates 2012 Herz Medalist Mathew Neben '12 during Spring Commencement 2012 on May 19. This spring, the University conferred 2,215 degrees and certificates, representing the largest number of graduation applicants in the University's history. RIGHT: President Johnson addresses the audience gathered for the May 31 grand opening ceremony of The Nevada Living Learning Community.

somebody who has a vision, somebody who is a constant presence in the community, someone who took a traumatized institution and kept it moving on its upward trajectory.”

And to think that the personal strengths of accountability and responsibility were sown early, on the family farm in Kansas.

“My father and mother were very good at teaching me by experience,” Johnson, 64, said with a smile. “As long as I was doing well, they always gave me lots of latitude to learn how to do things. That’s been very important. It gave me a very strong work ethic, and it gave me confidence in my own abilities.”

As Johnson begins his first full academic year in August as the University’s permanent president, he has both short-term plans and a long-term vision for the campus. He is quick to point out that the work won’t be easy; however, his confidence in the University’s students, staff and faculty has never been higher.

“The people at our University have been amazingly resilient through tough times,” he said. “We’ve really relied on everybody doing at least their job, if not more. They’ve all pitched in. That’s one of the really remarkable things about our University.”

In a wide-ranging interview with *Nevada Silver & Blue*, Johnson articulated his expectations and hopes for the University:

Short-term and long-term plans: “I think one of our first responsibilities is to build in our faculty and staff the confidence that our finances and opportunities have stabilized and turned the corner. The 8 percent registration fee increase for next year allowed us to identify 15 new faculty positions to start growing our faculty back, and it sends a very strong message that we are building again. We also

now are working on restoring some of what we have lost out of our research infrastructure so that we can help faculty be more successful in competitive research. Also, we are looking at a new opportunity of keeping our tuition and fees on campus, which will assure further growth potential.

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—President Marc Johnson

“Further, we’re developing a new enrollment management strategy so that we can purposely grow our student body, especially among students who will have a high probability of graduating. In this way, we’ll grow, make more revenue, and add back more faculty and staff positions and still increase our graduation rates.

“We’re also reviewing priority facility plans. A couple of projects we have in mind are to build a student achievement center so that we can pull all of our services for the students together, to help them graduate. We are looking at some enhancements to athletic facilities,

as well as to the Church Fine Arts Building. In the longer term, we really need to work on a new building for engineering and sciences. Engineering has some of the oldest facilities of any college on campus.

“The medical school is being transformed in two dimensions, as well. One is to become a truly balanced, statewide medical school in terms of functional and geographic dimensions. The second is to develop a robust clinical research mission to take discovery to treatment.”

The University’s philosophy regarding economic development: “Economic development is based on building a base industry—which means that you have an industry that is bringing in money from outside this economy, and you swirl this money around, inside your local economy. The University does that all the time. Our 18,000 students are living here, they’re studying here, and after about four years, they make themselves available on the job market. So now we have just converted a number of people into highly professionally-educated people, right here in Reno, and they are ready for any of our businesses or nonprofit organizations to hire. Last year we brought in \$81 million of competitive grants—most of it from federal sources, most of it taxpayer money that comes from resources from all over the United States—and we’re bringing it here to Reno, much of it creating professional jobs.

“We also reach out and participate with industry and local community leaders in making the community attractive to bring in other businesses. I carry around a business card with two phone numbers: one to the Technology Transfer Office and one to the Small Business Development Center. I carry these so that any-



Photo by Jeff Dow

The file on Marc Johnson

Family: Wife, Karen Penner-Johnson; son, Joseph; step-daughters, Allison Penner Disbrow, Ashley Penner Coberly; granddaughter, Brooklyn Disbrow; brother, Scott (retired public school teacher).

Parents: The late Leo J. Johnson and Mary Elizabeth Johnson, 88, of Manhattan, Kan.

Education: Bachelor's degree in biology from Emporia State University in Kansas, which named him a Distinguished Alumnus in 1994. Advanced degrees include a master of technology in international development from North Carolina State University, a master of economics from Michigan State University and a doctorate of agricultural economics from Michigan State University. Johnson's research and teaching have been based in economics, with an emphasis on national and international food distribution systems.

Professional career: Prior to joining the University as executive vice president and provost in 2008, Johnson was dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Colorado State University. He joined CSU in 2003 as vice provost for agriculture and outreach and dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, and also served as interim director of Colorado Cooperative Extension and interim state forester of Colorado State Forest Service. From 1992 to 2003, Johnson was dean of the Kansas State University College of Agriculture and director of the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service. Prior to that, he was a member of the faculty at Oklahoma State University and served in faculty and administrative roles at North Carolina State University.

Away from the job you might find Johnson ... hiking: "My wife, Karen, and I have hiked just a bit more than half of the Tahoe Rim Trail," Johnson said. "It's wonderful to be outdoors, getting exercise, and this area is just beautiful, so you can't go out around here without seeing beautiful countryside. It's a great time for my wife and me to be out and have a nice chat, and get some good exercise at the same time."

President Johnson with members of the University's Concrete Canoe Team during the 25th Annual ASCE National Concrete Canoe Competition hosted by the University of Nevada, Reno June 14-16. Nevada's team finished fourth in the competition, which included 22 schools and 400 participants.

one bringing a business to town can gain access and contact the University, and find technical and business services right here. That's one way we interact with the community to help bring businesses here. The University also makes the community a great place to live with arts, sports and speaker events."

Capital campaign goals: "Some of the planning has already started. We're preparing a request for proposal for a campaign consultant. We will need more staffing. We have started some of the nuts and bolts elements, and now we'll really engage the faculty in the fall to work through some of the fine-tuning of strategic plans and turn those plans into gifting goals."

The search for a new executive vice president and provost: "I was given some real opportunities by Milt Glick to work alongside him, not only to handle budget issues on the campus, and to manage the internal workings of the campus operation, but he also involved me with some of our donors and I got to know them pretty well. He prepared me well to step into the president's role in a way that I could carry on in a very consistent fashion with what he was doing before. This is a feature I have asked our search firm to add to the job description. I think whoever's in the provost role will have to be able to do that role and work pretty closely with me. Both minds should be working on strategic developments for the organization.

"But other than that piece, a provost has to have very, very high academic standards so that we're always pressing the campus for quality teaching, quality research, quality outreach to the community."

Most pleasant surprise since coming to Reno in 2008: "Regarding the University, I think maybe my greatest surprise here occurred as I was reading promotion and tenure documents as provost. It became obvious to me, pretty quickly, what a super quality faculty we have here. We have a nationally well-recognized faculty. Talented people have come to our university and they've stayed, and they've done outstanding, nationally recognized work. So it becomes real easy to sell this place as a great place to come to school, because we can tell our students that they will interact and be taught by great faculty."

Membership in the Mountain West Conference: "Our athletic director and our coaches have been very good in paying attention to the welfare of our student-athletes and the academic performance of our student-athletes, and that is shown by the fact that we have one of the higher graduation rates for student-athletes in the country. The institutions in the Mountain West are very like-minded in this way, which is a good thing.

"Moving to the Mountain is going to be quite challenging. Their coaches' salaries are significantly more than our coaches' salaries. The support for scholarships is higher than for our student-athletes. We will have to rise to that challenge, do things like build nicer athletic facilities—not Taj Mahals, but nice facilities—and build our scholarships and build our salaries for coaches. If we do those things, we will be successful." □

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LIVE UPSTAIRS, LEARN DOWNSTAIRS:

The Nevada Living Learning Community is the next generation of student-centered education

Gina Tempel can still remember her residence hall as an undergraduate student at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., in the 1970s.

The building was new. It was considered state-of-the-art. The students loved living in it.

Yet, in hindsight, it was nothing like The Nevada Living Learning Community, the University's newest residence hall, which will open its doors to new students in August.

The Nevada Living Learning Community, as the name implies, will bring together, under one roof, students, living space, classrooms, faculty offices, counseling and advising capabilities, as well social and community engagement opportunities.

Tempel, associate dean in the College of Sci-

ence and director of the University's Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) program, whose first-year students will comprise one of nine academic "learning communities" housed in the new building, said the University is redefining the notion of "new" and what it will mean to students.

"I remember what I had in college, and it was nothing like the Living Learning Community," Tempel said with a gentle chuckle. "I was living in a brand new, state-of-the-art dorm, and it wouldn't even begin to compare to what we have now.

New students arriving on campus in August will live upstairs and learn downstairs in a building created for a new generation of learners.

The \$35 million Nevada Living Learning Community, at approximately 124,000 square feet, has 320 dorm rooms, four classrooms and 12 faculty offices. The nine living learning communities in the building include journalism, business, education, pre-nursing, engineering, first-year, art, honors and WISE. Living group sizes will range from 18 to 64 students, and each floor of the building will have up to four living groups. Faculty offices and classroom space on the first floor will give students frequent contact with faculty, advising and the University's academic offerings.

"They've put a lot of thought into how students will interact in the building," said Tempel, who toured the Living Learning Community in late May.



Photos by Jamie Kingham

OPPOSITE: Gina Tempel, director of the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) program, works with students in one of the classrooms of The Nevada Living Learning Community. ABOVE: Students gather in the Living Learning Community, the newest residence hall on the Nevada campus. The University now offers nine living learning communities, which will all be represented in the new hall, including journalism, business, WISE, education, pre-nursing, engineering, first-year students, art and honors.

"I like the classrooms, and the fact that there will be faculty offices," she added. "It looks like a really positive way to interact with students."

For a program like WISE, which brings together female students majoring in the sciences, mathematics and engineering, the Nevada Living Learning Community has become a prominent selling point for prospective students, Tempel said. WISE began in 2007 and will include 38 students for the 2012-2013 academic year. A record 91 applicants were received for the fall 2012 WISE class, Tempel added.

Tempel envisions The Nevada Living Learning Center becoming a "hub" for WISE's offerings.

"Students love new things, and this is a nice, brand spanking new building," Tempel said. "The students have reacted very positively ... it's a selling point for us."

University President Marc Johnson agreed, noting that The Nevada Living Learning Community's opening, coupled with completion of the Joe Crowley Student Union and the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center in recent years, gives the University an "all bases cov-

ered" approach to the student experience.

"We've taken a great deal of pride in making this a student-friendly, student-centered campus," Johnson said. "With the opening of The Nevada Living Learning Community, every

"I remember what I had in college, and it was nothing like the Living Learning Community."

—Gina Tempel, director of WISE


aspect of a meaningful and memorable student experience has been covered in some way.

"It's a truly remarkable building," Johnson added. "It's going to change how our students interact, and it will certainly enhance their overall

experience, both academically and socially."

Tempel said she is already planning ways to make further use of the building for future recruiting efforts.

She has reserved one of the larger classrooms for the spring semester, when every Friday at 4 p.m., WISE invites a successful female professional from the community to share her experiences in the working world with the program's participants. Tempel plans on inviting high school students to attend some of the seminars.

"It will be large enough to not only fit our WISE students, but additionally any high school students who are interested in the program," she said. "Again, it's a way of using the building to help make our prospective students aware of all the great things our University has to offer. Students have sisters and brothers, and the good word always spreads." 

—John Trent '85/'87, '00M.A.

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The Nevada Living Learning Community Grand Opening

On May 31, The Nevada Living Learning Community grand opening welcomed guests to preview the 124,000-square-foot facility that will help immerse students in all aspects of an enriching and memorable educational experience. The event began with a program where attendees were surprised by a dynamic flash mob performance. The celebration continued inside the new facility with tours showcasing classrooms, dorm rooms and multipurpose areas to allow

guests to experience the thoughtfully designed student living, learning and social environment. The Nevada Living Learning Community represents a unique integration of residential hall living with experiential connections to the University's curriculum and social fabric. This new residence hall will house 320 freshmen, who will be divided among the nine living-learning communities: arts, business, education, engineering, honors, journalism, pre-nursing,

women in science and engineering and first-year majors (undecided and outside of the listed communities).

(1) Flash mob dancers featured College of Science Dean Jeff Thompson; College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources Dean Ron Pardini; assistant vice president of Constituent Relations Patricia Richard '89, '92M.A.; cheerleader Karina Nelson; vice president of Student Services Shannon Ellis; cheerleader Katherine



Crowe; marching band director William Plenk; cheerleader Rodel Maulit '11; Reynolds School of Journalism Dean Alan Stavitsky; and cheerleader Martika Tillman.

(2) *Vice president of Student Services Shannon Ellis.*

(3) *Nevada System of Higher Education Regent Jack Schofield '67M.Ed., chief of staff to the Board of Regents Scott Wasserman, Regent Kevin Melcher '79, '81M.A. and Regent Cedric Crear. Seated behind them is CABNR Dean Ron Pardini and his wife, Lani Pardini.*

(4) *Student volunteers Haley Dressel, Theo Meek, Sarah Haeberlin, Matt Rodman, Rebecca Zug and Emma Crossman.*

(5) *Cheerleaders Katherine Crowe, Martika Tillman and Karina Nelson.*

(6) *President Marc Johnson addresses the crowd.*

(7) *Chief of staff to the Board of Regents Scott Wasserman, Regent Richard Trachok '74, President Marc Johnson, Regent Jack Schofield '67M.Ed. and Regent Cedric Crear.*

(8) *Vice president of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers.*

(9) *Band members Anthony Landers, Kevin Conlin, Jason Joyner, Edson Almachar, Peter Branch and Jesse Kilburn.*

(10) *Vice president of Administration and Finance Ronald Zurek and his wife, JoAnn Zurek, with Chancellor Daniel Klaich '72.*

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Great faculty: Leading Nevada through an era of unprecedented performance

For more than a century, the University's faculty have been the architects of the Nevada experience. They are not only accomplished educators, they are noted researchers who bring the excitement of discovery into the classroom.

The University continues to be a place where students, faculty and staff eagerly look beyond what is possible today, making room for tomorrow's discoveries. Nevada attracts leaders with strong ideals who strive to make a positive difference in the world—scholars who blaze new paths and encourage those around them to do the same.

To honor and acknowledge Nevada's top faculty, the Board of Regents, the University, and local and national organizations present prestigious honors each year. This year's slate of award winners share a commitment to academic excellence that is the hallmark of a University of Nevada, Reno education.

Faramarz Gordaninejad

Regents' Researcher Award

For the past 28 years at Nevada, Faramarz Gordaninejad has had a major role in the advancement and expansion of the University's

Department of Mechanical Engineering. This year, the department was ranked 109th in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Gordaninejad, a University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Professor, received his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Tehran in 1977, and a doctoral degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1983.

He has authored some 200 scholarly publications and has 14 granted patents. Gordaninejad has also mentored more than 50 graduate students and 15 postdoctoral fellows/visiting scholars.

Joseph DeLappe

Regents' Creative Activity Award

Joseph DeLappe is a Department of Art professor and director of the Digital Media program. His online performance and electromechanical installation works have been shown throughout the United States and abroad.

DeLappe directs the iraqimemorial.org project, an online and physical exhibition of memorial projects and proposals dedicated to civilian casualties from the Iraq war. He has lectured throughout the world, most recently

at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. He has been interviewed on CNN, NPR, CBC and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, among others. His works have been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Australian Morning Herald*, *Artweek*, *Art in America* and in the 2010 book *Joystick Soldier: The Politics of Play in Military Video Games*.

Cynthia Birk

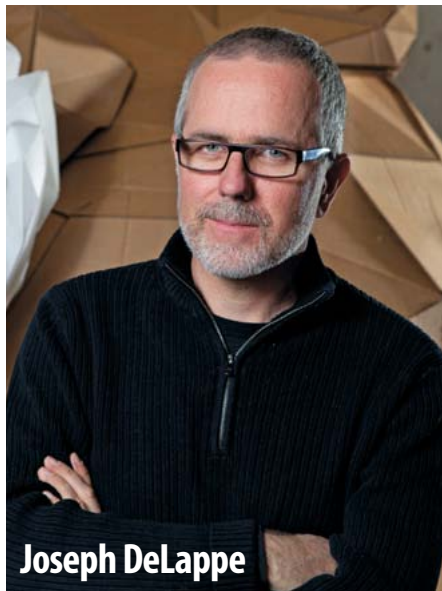
Regents' Academic Advisor Award, Undergraduate

Cynthia Birk, a lecturer and academic in the College of Business, says her role as an adviser isn't limited to helping students pick classes—advising students includes recruitment, orienting students, career counseling and professional networking. Birk says she receives many calls from former students looking for advice on career prospects or updating her on their lives post-graduation.

Birk earned her bachelor's degree in industrial administration at Iowa State University, and master's degrees in business education and accounting from the University of Iowa. She began her career as a lecturer at the University



Faramarz Gordaninejad



Joseph DeLappe



Cynthia Birk

Photos by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Foundation Professors

John Fildes is a professor and vice-chair of the Department of Surgery and medical director and chair of the Department of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care at University Medical Center, the county-operated trauma center in Las Vegas. He joined the University of Nevada School of Medicine in 1996 and has served as the National Chair of Trauma for the American College of Surgeons. He received the White House Medical Unit Certificate of Appreciation in 1998, the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Community Achievement Award in 1998, and the Nevada State Medical Association Physician of the Year in 2006.

Gary Haynes is a professor in the Department of Anthropology and was the department chair from 1998 to 2004. He has received multiple research grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Geographic Society, the Fulbright Scholar Program, the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research and The Leakey Foundation, among others. Haynes joined the University in 1985 and has also received the College of Liberal Arts Dean's Award for Teaching and the Dr. Donald Mousel and Dr. William Feltner Annual Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activity.

Scott Tyler '90Ph.D. (hydrology/hydrogeology) is a professor in the Department of Geological Science and Engineering. He is also director of the Center for Transformative Environmental Monitoring Programs, based in the College of Science and funded through the National Science Foundation. He received the 2004 University of Nevada, Reno and Board of Regents' Graduate Academic Award and the 2010 Geological Society of America Hydrogeology Division Outstanding



Scott Tyler '90Ph.D., John Fildes and Gary Haynes

Service Award. Tyler, who joined the University in 1992, has been appointed to a National Academy of Sciences panel to help chart future directions for hydrological research.

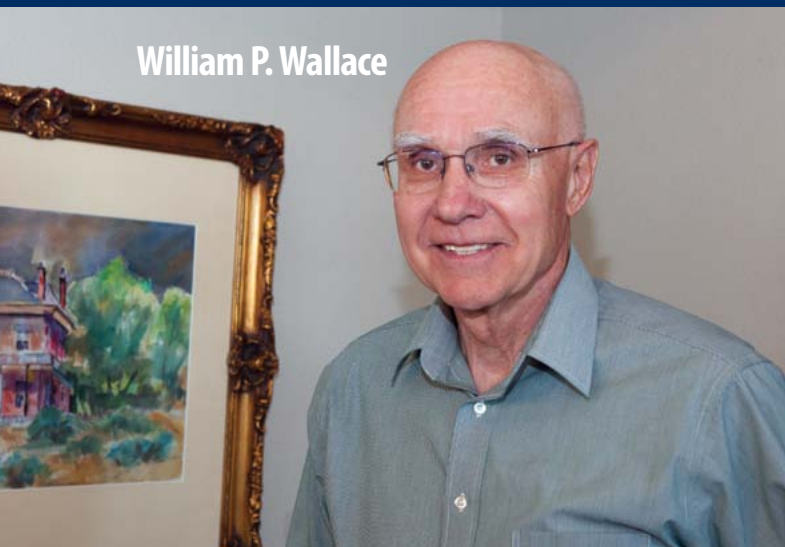
William P. Wallace *Distinguished Faculty Award*

William P. Wallace, professor of psychology in the College of Liberal Arts, is co-author of the academic textbook, *Introduction to Quantitative Statistical Analyses*. His research and teaching interests are focused on human memory, spoken word recognition and statistics. He spent 10 years as chair of the psychology department, nearly three years as interim chair of the educational leadership department at the College of Education, and eight years as associate and acting dean of the College of Arts and Science. He served two terms as president of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association. From 1975 to 1986, he served as the faculty representative for Intercollegiate Athletics.

Sally Morgan *Distinguished Service Award*

Sally Morgan has served as the director of Student Conduct at the University for the past 23 years, working for the fair resolution of student misconduct cases. Morgan has played an instrumental role in several important University health and safety initiatives, including the 2006 collaboration among Student Conduct staff, Residential Life staff and University Police to provide intervention programs for students with alcohol and/or drug problems. She has served for the past eight years as a founding member of the Student Intervention Team, comprised of faculty, staff and police who respond to referrals about distressed students with mental health concerns, in order to promote a safe and secure campus and to provide timely assistance and resources to students in need of support or counseling.

William P. Wallace

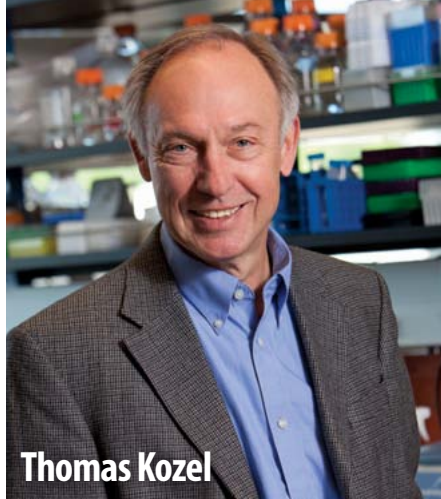


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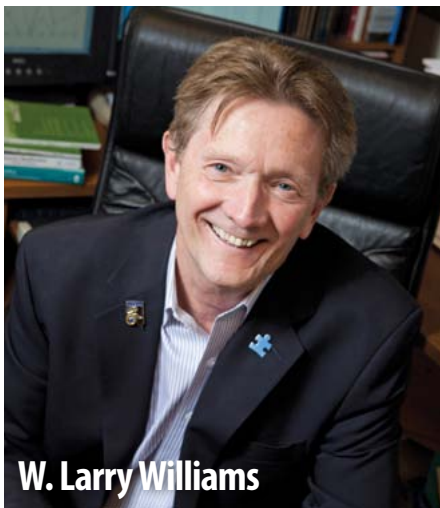
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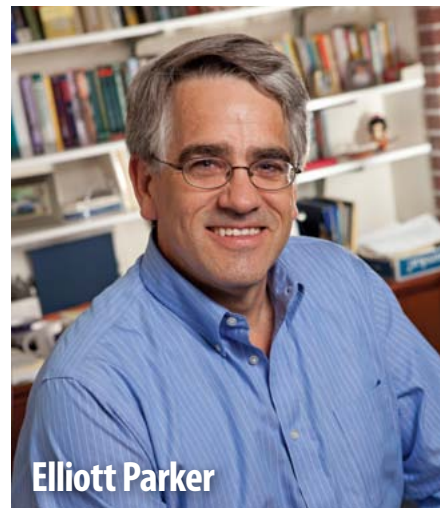
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Guy Hoelzer



Elliott Parker

of Nevada, Las Vegas in 1987, moving to the University of Nevada, Reno two years later. She became an associate professor in 1994. Birk spearheaded the creation of an Accounting Advisory Board, has served on the Faculty Senate, and chaired the University Courses and Curricula Committee from 2007 to 2011.

Qizhen Li

Regents' Rising Researcher Award

Since joining the University in 2006, Qizhen Li has wasted no time in establishing herself as one of the best researchers in the country.

At Nevada, Li has been awarded more than \$1.6 million in research funds from federal agencies, including the Department of Energy, the National Science Foundation and NASA. She is now working on two federally funded research projects involving magnesium-based advanced lightweight structures and materials.

Li has also received the 2012 Young Leader Professional Development Award from the Minerals, Metals & Materials Society.

Thomas Kozel

University Outstanding Researcher of the Year

Thomas Kozel, a University of Nevada, Reno

Foundation Professor, began his academic career at the University of Nevada School of Medicine in 1971. Since then, he has raised nearly \$26 million in grant funding, has had 125 journal publications and is the first member of the faculty to receive a National Institutes of Health MERIT (Method to Extend Research in Time) Award.

Kozel's primary area of study has been in the field of medical mycology, but he has also performed significant work in the fields of opportunistic infections in HIV/AIDS, bio-defense, the immunochemistry of microbial capsules, and more recently, diagnostics for the developing world.

He has served on more than three dozen committees and has held many leadership positions at the University and the School of Medicine, including two terms on the Faculty Senate and chairing the executive committee for the design and construction of the Center for Molecular Medicine.

Susan Ervin

F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Award

Susan Ervin, assistant professor at the Orvis School of Nursing, uses a variety of teaching methodologies to ensure her students are

engaged. Her teaching portfolio reflects this dedication to her profession through strong evaluations and support from her students. Ervin also received the 2011 Division of Health Sciences Teaching Award and was voted Most Inspirational Faculty by students.

W. Larry Williams

Distinguished Outreach Faculty Award

Larry Williams is associate professor and associate chair of the Department of Psychology and the director of the department's Behavior Analysis Program.

Since joining the University in 1994, his outreach activities have included initiatives to train state agencies in serving people with intellectual disabilities and severe behavior disorders. Williams has also developed community partnerships that provide field training for undergraduate and graduate students. A majority of Williams' outreach work is done *pro bono* or has been funded through grants or other sources.

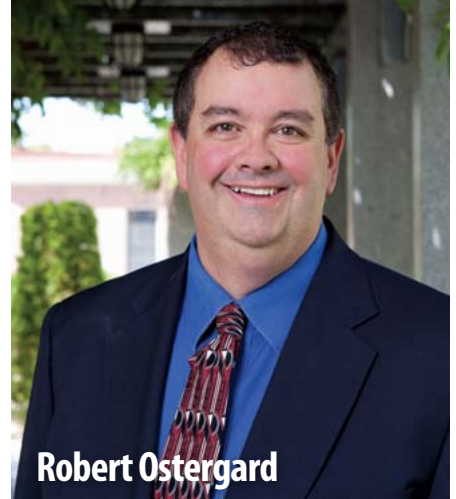
Over the past 18 years and at seven locations in northern Nevada, his department's Person Centered Assessment Training and Habilitation (PATH) program has offered behavioral day service for adults with sig-



Shannon Sisco '91



Derek Kauneckis



Robert Ostergard

nificant disorders, provided by University students via a training hospital model.

He also provides testimony in the state legislature and serves on the Nevada State Autism Commission and a number of boards and committees in support of advocacy and services for people with developmental disabilities.

Guy Hoelzer

Faculty Senate Award for Outstanding Service

Guy Hoelzer, associate professor of biology, says he joined the Faculty Senate to gain a more global perspective on the inner workings of the University. He served as vice chair from 2005-06, and as chair from 2006-07.

Hoelzer holds bachelor's degrees in biology and psychology from Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., a master's in biology from San Jose State University, and a doctorate in ecology and evolutionary biology from the University of Arizona. He also held a postdoctoral appointment in the anthropology department at Columbia University, where he researched the molecular, systematic and historical biogeography of macaque monkeys.

Hoelzer's primary research interest is the evolution of animal social behavior. His recent work includes the reconstruction of macaque phylogeny through analysis of mitochondrial DNA, and the use of DNA fingerprinting to assess the genetic structure of primate populations and determine paternity in wild populations.

Elliott Parker

Faculty Senate Award for Outstanding Service

College of Business professor and Department of Economics chair Elliott Parker joined the University as an assistant professor in 1992. Parker teaches courses in international trade and finance, the economy of China, comparative economic systems and the principles of economics. He has also taught courses for the University Study Abroad Con-

sortium in China, Spain and England.

Parker has chaired many committees for the University, and he also helped create and manage the undergraduate major in international business. He was awarded the College of Business Senior Scholar Mentor Award in 1999 and 2008. He also received the University's Undergraduate Award in 2008, and both the Regents' Academic Award and the College of Business's B.J. Fuller Excellence in Teaching Award in 2009.

When Parker was elected chair of the Faculty Senate for the 2009-10 term, he was a tireless advocate for the University. He has published more than 40 newspaper columns on issues related to the Nevada economy, and is interviewed regularly by local and national media.

Shannon Sisco '91

Distinguished Classified Employee Award

As a child, Shannon Sisco '91 (anthropology) would bargain with her parents over how many books she could check out from the library each week.

Today, she is a library technician at the University's Basque Library and has been named the Distinguished Classified Employee of the Year.

As a student at Nevada, she worked in the Getchell Library from 1989 to 1993. She returned to work in the University Libraries in 1998, and in 2007, began assisting in the Basque Library, now located on the third floor of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.

In 2010, Sisco traveled to Boise, Idaho, to attend the Jaialdi International Basque Cultural Festival, the largest Basque festival in the United States. The University Libraries arranged a delivery of duplicate materials to the Basque program at Boise State. Sisco drove to Idaho with 300 pounds of donated materials in her car.

Derek Kauneckis

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award

Derek Kauneckis is an associate professor in the Department of Political Science, where he teaches environmental policy and public policy analysis.


He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from UC Davis, and he holds a doctorate from Indiana University at Bloomington. He specializes in policy analysis, program evaluation, institutional analysis and policy design. Kauneckis's research examines the evolution of governance arrangements as they relate to environmental and natural resources. His work focuses on the emergence and enforcement of property right institutions, program design and choice architecture, climate change adaptation and policy tools for environmental innovation. His work has been published in numerous journals and he is frequent conference presenter.

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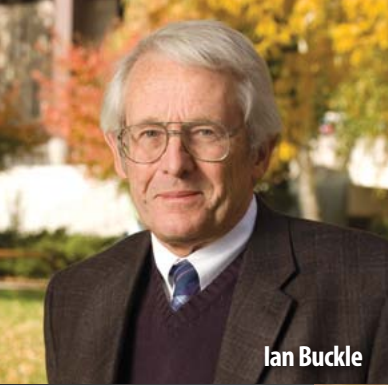
University Graduate Academic Advisor Award

Robert L. Ostergard Jr., associate professor and director of graduate studies for the Department of Political Science, has served as co-editor of the Ashgate book series *Global Health* and as a consultant for the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the Commission on HIV/AIDS and Governance in Africa, the Council on Foreign Relations, UNAIDS and various academic institutions.

His current areas of focus encompass global health and human rights, political assassinations and the impact of women's rights on the spread of HIV/AIDS in Africa.

Ostergard received his bachelor's in political science and economics in 1992 from the University of Massachusetts, and his master's and doctoral degrees in political science from Binghamton University in New York. 

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Ian Buckle



Charles Carslaw



Dev Chidambaram



Christian Conte



Staci Emm '96



Alan Fuchs



Emil J. Geiger



Frederick Harris



Linda Hayes



Eric Herzik

Faculty Awards and Accomplishments (Photos by Theresa Danna-Douglas or self-submitted)

In addition to the faculty featured elsewhere in this issue, outstanding faculty across campus and the state have distinguished themselves with notable accomplishments.

Jessica Angle, Tom Baker, Staci Emm '96, Heather Graham-Williams, Sonya Sistare '01 and Chad Waters '99, '05MBA

Cooperative Extension: University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Award of Excellence.

Dmitri Atapine, music: College of Liberal Arts Dean's Award for Outstanding Research and Artistry.

Jim Barcellos '90 and JoAnne Skelly '97M.S., Cooperative Extension: Bordewich-Bray Elementary School after-school program named best program of its kind in the country by the U.S. Department of Education.

Dr. Josh Bardin, School of Medicine: Dean's Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Miriam Bar-on, graduate medical education, pediatrics: Panel member, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Donald Bear, education: 2011 Marcus Foster Memorial Reading Award, California Reading Association.

Kathy Boardman, English: Women of Achievement Award, Nevada Women's Fund.

Deborah Boehm, anthropology and Gender Race and Identity Program: Mousel-Feltner Award for Excellence in Research and/or Creative Activity.

Dr. Kirk Bronander, Dr. Dean Burkin and Dr. Elizabeth Fildes (Las Vegas), School of Medicine: 2011 Healthcare Heroes, *Nevada Business Magazine*.

Ian Buckle, civil and environmental engineering: President-elect, Earthquake Engineering Research Institute.

Charles Carslaw, accounting and information systems: Beta Alpha Psi Outstanding Accounting Faculty.

Dev Chidambaram, chemical and

materials engineering: Nuclear Regulatory Commission's University of Nevada, Reno Faculty Development Award.

Dr. Donald Clark, School of Medicine: Thomas J. Scully Praeceptor Carissimus Award.

Christian Conte, education: Judith S. Bible Teaching Excellence in Education Award.

Dave Croasdell, accounting and information systems, and **Mark Nichols**, economics: College of Business Graduate Faculty Teaching Award.

Sarah Cummings, chemistry: Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award.

Rod Davis, Bill Evans, Amy Meier and Marilyn Smith '74M.S., Cooperative Extension: Bootstraps named regional qualifying program, Western Extension and Research Directors Awards of Excellence.

Sue Donaldson '81, '90M.S., '94Ph.D.,

Cooperative Extension: Golden Weed Wrench Award for Land Manager of the Year, California Invasive Plant Council.

Lee Dyer, biology: Hyung K. Shin Award for Excellence in Research.

Peggy Dupey '01Ph.D., admissions and student affairs: Chair of the Western Regional Committee on Student Affairs, Association of American Medical Colleges.

William Eadington, economics: Gaming Hall of Fame induction, American Gaming Association.

Staci Emm '96 and Loretta Singletary, Cooperative Extension: 2011 National Extension Diversity Award.

Dr. Michael Epter, emergency medicine: Program Director of the Year, American Academy of Emergency Medicine.

Todd Felts, journalism: Nevada Semenza Teaching Award.



Karen Hinton '81M.S.



Yoshie Kadowaki '02, '05M.A. and Yuka Matsuhashi



Kwang Kim



Eric Marchand '94, '96M.S.



Sankar Mukhopadhyay



Clayton Peoples



Mehmet Serkan Tosun



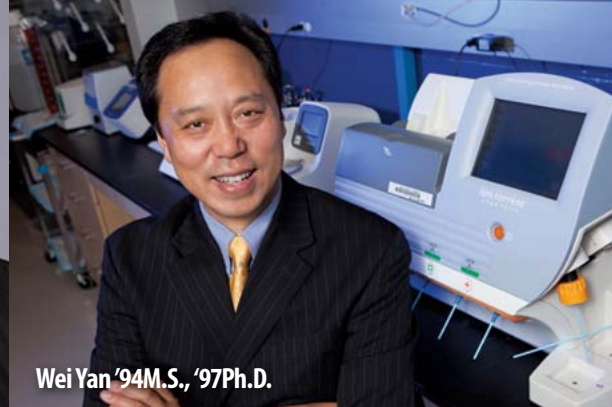
Madeleine Sigman-Grant



Scott Slovic



Deb Stiver '89MBA



Wei Yan '94M.S., '97Ph.D.

Matthew Forister, biology: Mousel-Feltner Award for Excellence in Research.

Alan Fuchs, chemical and materials engineering: 2012 Faculty Adviser of the Year, Nevada Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology.

Emil J. Geiger, mechanical engineering: Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award.

Frederick Harris, computer science and engineering: Senior member status, Association for Computing Machinery.

Linda Hayes, psychology: Inaugural University of Nevada, Reno Global Initiatives Award.

Eric Herzik, political science: College of Liberal Arts Dean's Award for Service.

Karen Hinton '81M.S., Cooperative Extension: Named eXtension Champion by eXtension.org.

Ahmad Itani, civil and environmental engineering: Richard S. Fountain Award, Steel Market Development Institute and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

Yoshie Kadowaki '02, '05M.A. and **Yuka Matsuhashi**, foreign languages and literatures: College of Liberal Arts Dean's Award for Outstanding Teaching and Service by a Member of the Contingent Faculty.

Sergeant First Class Scott King, military science: College of Liberal Arts Dean's Special Award for Professional Excellence.

Dr. Daniel Kirgan, surgery, Las Vegas: Nevada AIDS Project's Lifetime achievement award.

Kwang Kim, mechanical engineering: Best Paper Award, First Asia Pacific Forum.

Dr. Trudy Larson, pediatrics: Black & White Ball Lifetime Achievement Award for HIV clinical care and education.

Eric Marchand '94, '96M.S., civil and environmental engineering, and **Stacy Gordon Fisher**, political science: F. Donald Tibbits Distinguished Teacher Award runners-up.

John McCormack '86M.S., '97Ph.D., geological sciences and engineering: Mackay Outstanding Teaching Award.

Sankar Mukhopadhyay, economics: Beta Gamma Sigma Researcher of the Year.

Dr. Elissa Palmer, family medicine chair, Las Vegas: Bishop Fellow, American Council on Education; Family Physician of the Year, American Academy of Family Physicians, Nevada Chapter.

Clayton Peoples, sociology: College of Liberal Arts Dean's Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Member of the Continuing Faculty; Fellow at Harvard University's Safra Center.

William Rowley, history: Vada Trimble Outstanding Mentor Award.

Brad Schultz '87M.S., Cooperative Extension: APEX Award for Publication Excellence for Weed Management Needs Assessment publication.

Gina Sella '97, '07M.A., admissions and student affairs: Founding adviser for the University's chapter of the Health Occupations Students of America.

Mehmet Serkan Tosun, economics: Affiliate research fellow, Oxford Institute of Ageing.

Kerry Seymour '89M.S., Cooperative Extension: 2011 Role Model Award from the Produce for Better Health Foundation; 2011 certificate of appreciation from the USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.

Robert Sheridan, chemistry: LeMay Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Madeleine Sigman-Grant, Cooperative Extension: Dietitian of the Year, Nevada Dietetic Association; member, Medela Hall of Fame.

Scott Slovic, English: Thornton Peace Prize.

Deb Stiver '89MBA, economics: College of Business Student Council Outstanding Faculty Award.

Wei Yan '94M.S., '97Ph.D., physiology and cell biology: American Society of Andrology Young Andrologist Award.

Robert Watters, geological sciences and engineering: Mackay Faculty Achievement Award.

—Roseann Keegan and staff reports

Riley Beckett

Riley Beckett '68 (accounting)

My maternal grandfather, Ernest John "E.J." Sweetland, grew up in Carson City and was the son of a cobbler. He was an assayer and inventor of the Purolater car filter. He married an Irish nurse, Nellie Reilly, who worked in Ely. They had seven children, including my mother, Kathryn, and I was named for the Irish side of the family. My grandfather was a fighter by nature. He took General Motors all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court when they refused to pay him royalties on his oil filter patent. He won.

When my grandfather died, he left property in Glenbrook to my parents, Ted and Kathryn, where they built their dream house in 1956. I attended Zephyr Cove Elementary School and later Bishop Manogue High School in Reno, graduating in 1964.

I enrolled as an accounting major at Nevada, lettered in boxing and became involved in student government. I also belonged to the Sigma Nu fraternity, and at a joint social with the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, I met my wife, Jane '68 (fashion merchandising). We dated through college—pinning as they called it in those days—and got engaged our senior year. We married while I was attending the University of San Francisco School of Law, where I earned my juris doctorate in 1971.

After law school, I returned to Reno where I worked for the Nevada attorney general and then as general counsel for the Nevada Industrial Commission (which evolved into State Industrial Insurance System and now Employers). At the time, NIC held 86 percent of the Nevada market as a workers' compensation carrier. I went into private practice in 1977, contracted with the state as outside counsel and focused on workers' compensation subrogation, helping the state recover costs from third parties. Over the years, my office has been involved with more than 10,000 personal injury worker's compensation cases.

My biggest and most memorable case involved representing University of Nevada, Reno professor John Rosecrance, who sustained serious injuries during an automobile accident while working on behalf of the University in Australia in 1988. The accident left Rosecrance severely disabled and ended his promising career as a gaming professor. I hired an Australian solicitor and barrister to handle the case, which was tried in Darwin, Australia, and later moved to Santa Barbara, Calif., where Rosecrance was transferred to receive additional medical care near his family. We eventually won a judgment against an Australian third-party insurer which, at the time, was one of the largest in Australia's history.

What I have learned through representing people who have experienced traumatic personal injury is to be compassionate and sympathetic while working to help them as best I can within the system. I love the law. It is a great tool to help people, and that is my greatest reward. I also learned through boxing that, as an individual sport, there can only be one winner in the ring. I switched that competitiveness to the law where I can step into the legal arena and participate in legal jousting. It's you or me, so let's see who wins.

I owe a lot to the University—it helped me toward the right goals. I renewed my connection to the University when President Emeritus Joe Crowley asked me to serve on his Legislative Liaison Committee shortly after I went into private practice. As chair of the Mallory Foundation, I work with trustees Tom Cook and Ellen Shock to maintain the philanthropic legacy of Jean Mallory, who designated the University, among six entities, as a beneficiary. Jean was a client of mine and the primary heir of Marion Mallory Sr., who invented the "Mallory ignition" and held more than 200 automotive patents in the United States and Europe. The Mallory

Foundation has supported many of the recent capital improvements on campus and the recent renovation of the emergency room at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center.

Maintaining close family ties are important to Jane and me. We are very close to our two daughters and their families. My eldest, Karintha (Kari) Karwoski '94 (management), is married to a dentist and has two children.

After college, she worked for Sen. Richard Bryan '59 (prelegal) in Washington, D.C., moved into public relations and now works for the San Francisco 49ers.

My youngest, Meesha Green, graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She is a talented artist and married to a major in the Marines who is being reassigned to Okinawa, Japan. They also have two children.

I encouraged my daughters and others to pursue vocations for which they have a passion. No one will do any good if they are not happy with what they are doing. And a little luck of the Irish—or luck of the Riley, as I like to say—can't hurt either.

From a conversation in June with Crystal Parrish, director of foundation operations. Beckett, a 1968 accounting graduate, is the founding partner of his law firm, Beckett, Yott, McCarty & Spann, Chtd. He served on the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board from 1997 to 2002. As chair of the Mallory Foundation, Beckett helped support numerous campus projects, including the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, the Earthquake Engineering Structures expansion, and programs in business and engineering. Beckett received the 2011 Nevada Alumni Association's University Service Award.

LOOK ONLINE

For the full version of the interview visit: www.unr.edu/silverandblue

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A professional headshot of a middle-aged man with graying hair, smiling warmly. He is wearing a dark pinstriped suit jacket, a white dress shirt, and a blue tie with a gold and red geometric pattern. The background is a plain, light gray.

Attorney **Philanthropist**
Grandfather Boxer
Foundation Trustee Emeritus
Irish-American



Photo by Theresa Danner-Douglas

Dr. Daniel Shapiro is the new H. Edward Manville, Jr. Endowed Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine.

New Internal Medicine chair to help clinicians balance teaching, research and patient care

It is often a balancing act for clinicians to combine all three aspects of academic medicine into their schedule: research, teaching and patient care.

Dr. Daniel Shapiro, the new H. Edward Manville, Jr. Endowed Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, aims to work with faculty members in his department to break down any existing barriers to performing all

three disciplines effectively.

Shapiro's clinical background includes caring for patients in urban, suburban and rural medical centers, and treating illnesses

specific to a geographic location. Shapiro will be in the classroom this fall teaching microbiology to medical students, giving lectures to residents and consulting on inpatients with infectious disease issues.

Anne McMillin, APR, is the public relations manager for the School of Medicine.

The H. Edward Manville, Jr. Endowed Chair for Internal Medicine became the first endowment designated for the University of Nevada School of Medicine in 1968, a year before the school was officially founded. The endowment was established through a \$1 million pledge from the Hiram Edward Manville Foundation. Manville was among the earliest supporters of establishing the medical school and a charter member of its advisory board.

Shapiro, an infectious disease internist with expertise in emerging pathogens including biodefense, comes to Nevada from Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, where he was a faculty member, infectious disease specialist and the director of the clinical microbiology laboratories at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Mass.

Shapiro said the position at the University of Nevada School of Medicine appealed to him on several fronts.

"Here, there is the expansion potential to

grow fellowship and subspecialty programs," Shapiro said. "The medical student class size is also growing, so there are plenty of opportunities to teach. The School of Medicine has collaborations with several hospitals in the area, which is attractive."

In addition to helping his colleagues effectively balance the rigors of academic medicine, Shapiro has set a goal of establishing more subspecialty fellowships in major areas of internal medicine, including endocrinology, cardiology and infectious diseases. He plans to reach out to faculty with expertise in these areas, including infectious disease researchers Tom Kozel and Greg Pari of the microbiology and immunology department, along with other basic scientists.

"We also want to recruit new faculty who have an interest in conducting basic science research, as well as seeing patients," Shapiro said.

In addition to bioterrorism and emerging pathogens, Shapiro's academic interests include zoonotic infections—those that can be transmitted from animals to humans—including mad cow disease and avian flu, which have led to a current textbook project geared toward both human and animal health care providers.

The textbook will be organized by type of animal and the specific diseases they may transmit to humans. Shapiro said this approach toward textbook writing differs from most others, in that textbooks are typically organized by disease, which presents a problem for physicians. If a patient presents with symptoms and the physician can't immediately identify the condition, it may help if the patient says he or she was recently exposed to rabbits, for example. The physician could then refer to Shapiro's book and look under the chapter on rabbits for a possible diagnosis.

Outside of the medical school, Shapiro is a member of the Reno Chess Club and competes in United States Chess Federation-sanctioned chess tournaments.



Photo by Edgar Antonio Núñez

Our Families First offers University employees priority access to care

By Matt Lush and Anne Pershing '83

Dr. Vani Dandolu has achieved several milestones in her 11 short months as chair of the obstetrics and gynecology department at the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

One of her recently completed endeavors was the creation of the Our Families First program, designed specifically for employees of the University Medical Center, the University of Nevada School of Medicine, the University of Nevada, Reno and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

“They will be seen within three days of their phone call for problem visits and within one week for annual exams,” Dandolu said. “To meet increased demand, we are hiring more faculty providers in our 8,800-square-foot faculty practice in Las Vegas.”

Dandolu had the idea to create the program while seeking a way to increase the patient base at the obstetrics and gynecology clinic. According to Dandolu, the simplest way to increase the patient base was to bring in the 5,000 employees who work at University Medical Center and the University of Nevada School of Medicine

and offer employees and their families priority access to care at the clinic. Dandolu also helped to reopen the resident continuity clinic, housed in the 10,000-square-foot Women’s Healthcare Center of Las Vegas facility, which opened in January.

“At the clinic, resident physicians have their own schedules and are able to follow their patients throughout the four years of residency training,” Dandolu said. “Our resident physicians are quite excited about the opportunity to experience their ‘own practice.’”

Dandolu’s career began in India, where she went to medical school and completed her initial residency training. She moved to the United States for an additional obstetrics and gynecology residency at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine.

She completed subspecialty training in urogynecology at Temple University Hospital, where she served as a member of the Institutional Review Board, the steering committee for the Center for Women’s Health Research and Leadership and was the OB/GYN representative on the graduate medical education committee. She joined the University of Nevada School of Medicine last August..

Dr. Vani Dandolu, OB/GYN chair, discusses plans for the Our Families First program with OB/GYN fellow Dr. Joseph Shea.

Along with creating the Our Families First program, Dandolu has been instrumental in obtaining new equipment for the School of Medicine and has greatly improved the efficiency of procedures and interaction with patients.

“We have state-of-the-art channel urodynamic equipment, biofeedback, pelvic floor rehabilitation, anal manometry and pelvic floor ultrasound,” said Dandolu, a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Urogynecologic Society.

Dandolu’s current research projects involve a comparative effectiveness analysis of various management options for urogynecologic conditions, and measuring the physiologic parameters of bladder function and dysfunction in women with chronic disease conditions, including diabetes.

To schedule an appointment with Dandolu or any other physician at the obstetrics and gynecology practice, please contact the School of Medicine’s Patient Care Center at (702) 671-5140.

—Matt Lush, Class of 2015, is a public relations intern at the School of Medicine. Anne Pershing '83 (speech/theater) is a longtime, award-winning Nevada journalist.



Photo courtesy Cooperative Extension

Master gardeners bring University knowledge to Nevada's growers statewide

In 1992, a seed was planted for a community volunteer gardening program in Clark County. Twenty years later, the Southern Nevada Master Gardener program is in full bloom.

Over the years, more than 1,000 individuals have become certified master gardeners in southern Nevada, and 300 are still actively sharing their knowledge in the community.

Marilyn Ming is a marketing/public relations specialist with University of Nevada Cooperative Extension.

Mary Rider (Master Gardener Class of 1992) was looking for a volunteer opportunity that would not only equip her with knowledge for her own backyard garden, but allow her to give back to the community. Shortly after becoming a master gardener, Rider and several others began gathering leftover flowers from various Las Vegas Strip

hotels and arranging them in vases for the senior centers in the community.

"Giving back to the community has tremendous rewards," Rider says.

How the program works

The Master Gardener program, a part of University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, trains local gardeners statewide and works with them to disseminate safe, effective gardening information to their communities. In return for the extensive training they receive from Cooperative Extension faculty and other experts, master gardeners volunteer a minimum of 50 hours annually on community service projects.

Master gardeners in both southern and northern Nevada know how to keep lawns healthy, grow luscious garden vegetables, and choose trees and plants that flourish in a

desert climate. Master gardeners are trained to identify everyday gardening problems and cheerfully recommend an effective, safe treatment to eliminate it.

The northern Nevada Master Gardener program began several years before the program in southern Nevada and continues to grow. Master gardeners in Washoe, Storey, Douglas and Carson counties volunteered more than 9,000 hours (the equivalent of five full-time employees), had face-to-face conversations with nearly 14,000 people and answered nearly 13,000 phone calls and emails in 2010.

Since the local program began in 1992 in Las Vegas, Cooperative Extension master gardeners of southern Nevada have contributed more than 273,827 volunteer hours.

Linn Mills, horticulturist and *Las Vegas Review Journal* columnist, was instrumental in starting the Master Gardener program in southern Nevada. Mills, then the area direc-

A master gardener helps a customer select vegetable plants at the Master Gardener Plant Faire, held every year in Washoe County.

tor for Cooperative Extension, was a strong proponent of volunteerism and saw the Master Gardener program as a good fit for the area.

“Our horticulture staff was busy fielding calls and offering classes, and the community wanted even more,” Mills says. “I had been impressed by the wealth of knowledge of local gardeners and felt we could merge the two.”

Training and volunteering

In 2011, 85 new Master Gardener volunteers were trained statewide.

In northern Nevada, Master Gardener coordinator Wendy Hanson Mazet '96 (agribusiness) says volunteer candidates undergo 54 hours of training. The classes are typically held in Reno in the spring and in Carson City in the fall. The fall training is also offered in Douglas County and presented via interactive videoconferencing.

In southern Nevada, Master Gardener coordinator Ann Edmunds offers 80 hours of training in Las Vegas in the spring and in the fall.

“There are 20 classes consisting of a three-hour lecture followed by a one-hour, hands-on landscape laboratory,” Edmunds says.

The southern Nevada trainings are presented to students in Pahrump, Laughlin and Logandale via interactive videoconferencing.

To earn their certification, new master gardeners in southern Nevada spend 15 hours staffing the Master Gardener Help Desk at Cooperative Extension offices, answering horticulture questions from callers and visitors. They also spend 20 hours on other gardening service projects and attend 15 hours of continuing education for a variety of gardening-related topics.

Hanson Mazet says northern Nevada master gardeners volunteer by answering tough gardening questions by phone or in person, conducting plant clinics, performing soil tests, staffing booths at fairs and other events, and consulting within school and community gardens.

In order to retain their active status each year, master gardeners must donate up to 50 hours of volunteer service time and complete 10 hours of continuing education every year.

Master gardeners also put on several free gardening presentations each year. One popular series in northern Nevada is “Gardening in Nevada.” The sessions are on a variety of topics held each Tuesday evening in February and March at Bartley Ranch in Reno. On average, more than 100 people attend each session.

In southern Nevada, master gardeners answer calls to the Home Gardening Help Line weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., staff weekly “Ask a Master Gardener” information tables at farmers markets and other community locales, and volunteer their expertise at more than 30 community gardening projects.

Community partners include Nellis Air Force Base, the Springs Preserve, Nathan Adelson Hospice, Nevada Division of Forestry and municipal parks departments.

Growing from the ground up


Joy Mandekic became a Clark County Master Gardener in 1998, but she's been an integral part of the program since the beginning, serving as its first staff person. As the Master Gardener program coordinator from 1992-1998, Mandekic recruited students, supported instructors and developed volunteer projects.

“We had so much fun charting uncharted territory,” Mandekic says.

Although the Cooperative Extension is associated with the University of Nevada, Reno, one of the first Clark County Master Gardener projects was at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where every year the group designs and plants a living, flowering UNLV sign and helps with landscape maintenance.

In the early years, the Master Gardener office in Las Vegas was located above an X-rated bookstore, so first impressions were critical.

“Once we had people in the doors, they were avid supporters of the program,” Mandekic says. “In fact, I loved the program so much that I stayed with it as a volunteer.”

To learn more, please visit www.unce.unr.edu/programs/sites/mastergardener/. 

Master gardeners advise farmers, too

While the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension's Master Gardener program has done wonders for the success of backyard farmers, the program provides resources to commercial growers as well.

One example is the Cooperative Extension's new Beginning Farmer and Rancher program. This three-year program begins this year with a series of workshops designed solely to help less-experienced farmers and ranchers learn both the business and agricultural production sides of their chosen profession.

“Farmers and ranchers already face some pretty steep odds against success,” says Staci Emm '96 (journalism), a Mineral County Cooperative Extension educator who is helping launch the new program. “This program will give them the support they need.”

Beginning farmers and ranchers are defined as individuals who have been involved in agriculture for less than 10 years. This could include a spouse or an offspring who is starting work on a long-standing family farm, or even a longtime farmer or rancher who is diversifying his or her operation.

The first year's program will include workshops on field crops, like alfalfa and grass hay; locally grown meat products, including lamb, beef and poultry; and vegetable farming. Classes began in March at Cooperative Extension office sites around the state and will continue into the fall.

“Everyone in Nevada wins when we can trace the origin of our agriculture products, helping Nevada producers ensure that our state can feed itself and that purchasing power stays in our state,” says Loretta Singletary, Lyon County extension educator and area director.

To learn more about the Beginning Farmer and Rancher program, please visit www.unce.unr.edu/programs/sites/bfr/.



Photo by Amy Beck

Members of Nevada's debate team are pictured at the annual Griffin-Santini Awards Ceremony in May. The University's team was ranked 14th in the nation at the National Parliamentary Debate Association's Championship in March.

Griffin/Santini endowment honors Nevada legends

For the past 15 years, the Robert S. Griffin/W. Clark Santini Memorial Endowment has honored those who embody the character of two men who left indelible marks on the campus and the community.

Robert Griffin, considered to be the father of forensics at Nevada, was recruited to campus by University President Walter Clark and helped found the Intercollegiate Debate Program in 1928. He taught at Nevada for four decades and gave oratorical training to some of Nevada's top lawyers and political figures.

One of Griffin's protégés was Clark Santini '65 (prelegal), the grandson of President Clark and a community activist who helped establish Rancho San Rafael, among other efforts. Santini had a 25-year career in law enforcement,

including work as a Gaming Control Board investigator. When he passed away in 1996, friends and supporters created the endowment to honor Santini and his mentor.

The endowment provides financial support for the debate team and funding for three annual awards: the Robert S. Griffin Medal for a member of the debate team, the W. Clark Santini Cup for performing good works in the community, and the Dr. Robert S. Griffin Scholarship for student debaters. This year, the Griffin Medal was awarded to sophomore Jonathan McGuire, and the Santini Cup was presented to Ginnie Kersey, faculty emerita, and Larry Struve, former state government official and legislative advocate.

The endowment committee, includ-

ing Kersey, Bill Isaef '66 (economics), Bob Gabrielli '78 (journalism) and emeriti faculty Gordon Zimmerman is working to boost the endowment through a planned gift drive.

"All students can benefit from debate and communications studies, says Isaef, retired special assistant to the city manager for the City of Sparks. "All of us have to communicate regardless of our profession."

To learn more about making a planned gift to the Griffin/Santini Memorial Endowment, please contact Lisa M. Riley, Esq., director of the Office of Planned Giving, (775) 682-6017 or lriley@unr.edu. To learn more about supporting the College of Liberal Arts, please contact Stuart Golder '91, '97M.A., director of development, (775) 784-1222 or sgolder@unr.edu.

—Roseann Keegan

Nevada camp traditions endure

For elementary and secondary school students in Nevada, learning doesn't end as summer begins. The Northern Nevada Girls Math and Technology Camp and the Nevada Boys and Girls State programs help youth return to the classroom with fresh perspectives on civics and the sciences.

Since 1947, civics lessons have come to life for students at the Boys State and Girls State programs. More than 250 delegates each year chosen from high school juniors from across Nevada participate in academic and leadership programs that simulate city, county and state government. Boys State was held on campus June 10-16, while Girls State was at the University Cooperative Extension 4-H



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

High school students Won Kang, Jason Xu and Andrew Arjana at the Nevada Boys State program on the University campus June 10-16.

Camp in South Lake Tahoe July 1-7.

Philanthropic support from individuals, businesses and organizations, including the Union Pacific Foundation, continues to build the Nevada Boys Endowment. Earnings from the endowment, along with the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, help support the program.

During the Girls Math and Technology camp, now in its 14th year, middle school students spend five days on campus expanding their skills. As a program of the College of Education, the camp aims to encourage girls of all abilities and backgrounds to increase their knowledge, skills and confidence in mathematics and learning technology. This year's camp is July 15-20. The program receives support from the Frances C. and William P. Smallwood Foundation, Newmont Mining Corporation and Barrick Gold of North America, among others.

To learn more about supporting the College of Education, please contact Mitch Klaich '02, director of development, (775) 784-6914 or mklaich@unr.edu. To learn more about supporting the Girls State and Boys State programs or the Nevada Boys State endowment, please contact Lynda Buhlig '84, executive director of development, (775) 682-6013 or lbuhlig@unr.edu.

—Roseann Keegan

Redfield Foundation supports women's athletics at Nevada

The Nell J. Redfield Foundation made recent gifts to benefit the women's basketball, volleyball and soccer programs at the University of Nevada, Reno. The Foundation is also a major sponsor of the AAUN Blue Tie Ball, an annual fundraising event in support of the University's student-athletes.

Women's athletics have a strong tradition of success at Nevada, including 140 All-America certificates and nine individual national championships. Wolf Pack women's teams won 11 Western Athletic Conference championships during Nevada's time in the conference.

The University fields 11 women's varsity sports teams overall, with more than 270 female student-athletes.

"The Redfield Foundation appreciates the

importance of a strong athletic program to the University and we recognize the special needs to provide financial support to women's athletics," says Jerry Smith, Redfield Foundation trustee.

The Redfield Foundation has been a champion of the University for decades, including substantial support for the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building, the Nell J. Redfield Foundation Auditorium in the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, the Orvis School of Nursing Student Outreach Clinic, the Redfield Campus and the Nell J. Redfield Foundation Scholarship for University of Nevada, Reno National Merit Scholars.



Photo by John Byrne

Janelle Batista, Class of 2013, celebrates with her Wolf Pack teammates during a volleyball match against Hawaii last year.

Earlier this year, the foundation pledged \$1.6 million to support research efforts at the School of Medicine, including \$100,000 to the Student Outreach Clinic and the Sports Medicine Fellowship.

—Roseann Keegan

Sontag Award winners create mining tool

A team of four Nevada physics majors was selected as the inaugural winner of the Sontag Entrepreneurship Award Competition, earning the first \$50,000 award from a \$1 million endowment fund established by alumnus Rick Sontag '66M.S. (physics) and his wife, Susan.

The winning team of Mining Environmental Technology and Services (METS), including sophomores David Karr and Bryan Rainwater, and seniors Ben Sumlin and Heather Zunino, developed optical instruments to detect airborne particulates in mining workplaces. The competition was established to develop the entrepreneurial capacities of University students and facilitate the creation of new businesses in Nevada by awarding \$50,000 each spring to a student or student team that clearly demonstrates the innovative spirit for which Nevada is known.

Thirty-five student teams submitted proposals and six finalists were selected to submit business plans and present to the board of the Nevada Capital Investment Corporation, a state-funded organization established to promote job creation in Nevada, chaired by state Treasurer Kate Marshall. NCIC judges chose the winner, and the Sontags announced the results via Skype during a May 9 reception for the finalists.

"You all need to keep your dreams alive, even those who don't win today. I have fallen on my face many times—don't worry, just keep try-



Photo by Theresa Bama-Douglas

Rick Sontag '66M.S. and his wife, Susan, announce the winner of the 2012 Sontag Entrepreneurship Award Competition via Skype with College of Business Dean Greg Mosier during the awards reception May 9.

ing," Rick Sontag said.

To learn more about supporting entrepreneurship programs at Nevada and the College of Business, please contact Kristen Kennedy '98, director of development, (775) 682-6940 or kristenk@unr.edu.

—Roseann Keegan



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College of Business Dean Greg Mosier and President Marc Johnson join Envirohaven team members and Sontag finalists Manpreet Kaur, Vicki Bischoff, Clint Borchard, Shaun Cameron and Adair Melendez at the Governor's Cup on April 18.

Student success in competitions shows entrepreneurship focus on campus

The University of Nevada, Reno has seen increasing student interest in entrepreneurship, a phenomenon not unique to Nevada. In a recent nationwide survey by the Kauffman Foundation, 54 percent of 18- to 34-year-olds said they wanted to start their own business or had already done so. State leaders are also looking to entrepreneurial efforts to help fuel the state's economy.

"The University has the ability to enhance economic development in a variety of ways, and promoting student entrepreneurial efforts is just one way we aim to do that," said College of Business Dean Greg Mosier.

The college began offering a minor in entrepreneurship a few years ago, which is open to students from any discipline. A student Entrepreneurship Club is also housed in the College of Business and is open to students across campus.

This spring, the College of Business held its inaugural Sontag Entrepreneurship Award competition, open to students from all disciplines. A team of physics students, Mining Environmental Technology and Services (METS), walked away with the \$50,000 prize. Alumnus Rick Sontag '66M.A. (physics) and his wife, Susan, funded the competition last September with a \$1 million gift to the University. The METS team plans to develop, produce and market optical instruments to detect potentially harmful airborne particulates in mining workplaces, improving safety in the mining industry.

The University's student entrepreneurial teams have fared well in state and regional entrepreneurship competitions as well. This year, 13 student teams from the University were among the 18 teams named as finalists in the statewide Donald W. Reynolds Governor's

Cup Collegiate Business Plan Competition, presented by Nevada's Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology.

University student teams walked away with three awards. In the undergraduate category, Envirohaven took first place and Deep End took third place. Envirohaven also received the Lt. Governor's Award, presented to the team that best employs clean, renewable or efficient energy technologies. Alan Fuchs, chair of the University's Chemical and Materials Engineering Department, received one of only two Faculty Advisor Awards presented this year.

Three University teams were also among about 30 teams in the West that advanced to the final round of the First Look West (FLoW) Competition, one of six regional business plan competitions for clean energy sponsored by a \$2 million Department of Energy program.

—Claudene Wharton '86, '99M.A.

Concrete canoe team shines as hosts and competitors

It was double duty for civil engineering students as they both hosted and competed in the American Society of Civil Engineers' 25th Annual National Concrete Canoe Competition.

First, the University of Nevada, Reno was selected to host the June 14-16 competition. Then, the University's concrete canoe team won the regional competition, hosted by UC Berkeley in March, qualifying them to compete at the national level for the seventh consecutive year.

The three-day competition began with 22 teams from top U.S. and Canada engineering schools reporting to the University's historic Quad. At the conclusion of the competition's academic events on campus and races at the Sparks Marina Lake, the University's team had earned a fourth-place finish.



Photo by Theresa Damm-Douglas

The statue of John Mackay looks on as the 22 teams competing in the 25th Annual ASCE National Concrete Canoe Competition pose on the University's historic Quad.

Uplift tracked by scientists shows Sierra Nevada is on the rise

From Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the United States at 14,000 feet in elevation, to the 10,000-foot peaks near Lake Tahoe, scientific evidence from the University shows the entire Sierra Nevada is rising at the relatively fast rate of 1 to 2 millimeters every year.

“The exciting thing is we can watch the range growing in real time,” said Bill Hammond, lead researcher on the multiyear project to track the rising range. “Using data from before 2000, we can see it with accuracy better than 1 millimeter per year. Perhaps even more amazing is that these minuscule changes are measured using satellites in space.”

The new research suggests the modern Sierra could be formed in less than 3 million years, which is relatively quick when compared to estimates using some geological techniques.

Hammond and his colleagues in the University’s Nevada Geodetic Laboratory and University of Glasgow use satellite-based GPS data and InSAR (space-based radar) data to calculate the movements to this unprecedented accuracy. The calculations show that the crust moves upward compared to Earth’s center of mass and compared to relatively stable eastern Nevada.



Photo by Jean Dixon

Bill Hammond, professor in the University’s Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology and member of the Nevada Geodetic Laboratory, displays a GPS installation overlooking Lake Tahoe.

The data may help resolve an active debate regarding the age of the modern Sierra Nevada of California and Nevada in the western United States. The history of elevation is complex, exhibiting features of both ancient (40 to 60 million years) and relatively young (less than 3 million years) elevation. Hammond and colleagues are tracking the “young” elevation.

“The Sierra Nevada uplift process is fairly unique on Earth and not well understood,” Hammond said. “Our data indicate that uplift is distributed along the entire length of the 400-mile-long range, between 35 and 40 degrees north latitude, that it is active, and that it could have generated the entire range in less than 3 million years, which is young compared

to estimates based on some other techniques. It basically means that the latest pulse of uplift is still ongoing.”

Possibly contributing to the rapid uplift is the tectonic extension in Nevada and a response to flow in the mantle. Seismologists indicate the mountain range may have risen when a fragment of lower plate peeled off the bottom of the lithosphere allowing the “speedy” uplift, like a ship that has lost its keel. In comparison, other ranges, such as the Alps or Andes, are being formed in an entirely different process caused by contraction as two plates collide.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

GPS technology is basis for NASA quake-monitoring test

GPS technology developed and implemented at the University of Nevada, Reno will be the centerpiece of a major test this year by NASA to pinpoint the location and magnitude of strong earthquakes.

“We invented the technique to predict tsunamis using GPS, and it will be used in real-time with a network of 500 reporting stations along the West Coast,” said Geoff Blewitt, professor in the University’s Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology and director of the Nevada Geodetic Laboratory. “This is intended to see abrupt changes in GPS station

positions, such as from a great earthquake, though we have recorded movements using GPS in a magnitude 5.0 earthquake—the smallest earthquake ever recorded by GPS.”

The software processes information from satellite-reporting stations, in real-time, to show changes in ground positions greater than 10 centimeters. “This allows us to see large, rapid ground motions that can then be used to predict tsunamis,” Blewitt said.

Better information from the GPS satellite orbits and next-day processing result in extremely accurate calculations as small as 1

centimeter. These small changes can be used to model earthquakes and stresses that could lead to further earthquakes.

The NASA monitoring-network project runs along the San Andreas Fault in California, and the Cascadia fault line that extends from northern California to Vancouver, Canada. Its development is supported by the National Science Foundation, the Department of Defense, NASA and the U.S. Geological Survey.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

Faces on the Quad

SHILPI GARG,

University of Nevada School of Medicine Class of 2012, joined a 15-member team of physicians, surgeons, intensive care nurses and technicians as they traveled to Panama City for a week to perform catheterizations and cardiac surgical procedures on children. She is the first medical student selected for this opportunity offered by the Children's Heart Center of Nevada. Garg, who speaks Spanish, will complete her pediatric residency at the University of California, San Francisco.



ANNA KOSTER, a senior majoring in chemistry and music, has been awarded a nationally competitive Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship.

Koster is the University of Nevada, Reno's third Goldwater Scholarship Award recipient in the past two years. She was also awarded a Pfizer-sponsored Division of Organic Chemistry Undergraduate Research Fellowship to help fund her research in organic chemical reactions, and will present her work at the pharmaceutical company's headquarters in Connecticut this fall.

MATHEW NEBEN was awarded the 2012 Herz Medal for outstanding scholarship. The Herz Medal is the University's oldest and most



prestigious award, established in 1910 by brothers Richard, Carl and Otto Herz. It is presented annually during the spring commencement ceremony, and funding for the award is now provided by the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation and the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation. Neben, who earned a 4.0 GPA as an economics and finance major, was active in many co-curricular activities and was elected to the Associated Students of the University of Nevada Senate. Neben was inspired to succeed through the encouragement of fellow students and University faculty.

—Jane Tors '82



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University Summer Session celebrates 100th anniversary

Summer 2012 marks a special milestone for the University of Nevada, Reno's Summer Session Program. As it celebrates its 100th anniversary, today's program is almost unrecognizable compared to the 1912 version.

Summer Session was originally created to increase certificate standards of elementary teachers and increase their proficiency. At the time, 12 courses were offered, and 87 students were enrolled in the program. Now, the program offers more than 550 classes and attracts

On July 20, 1912, students took the train to Virginia City to visit the C and C Mine during the inaugural Summer Session. The students went down in a cage to the 2,000-foot level of the mine.

about 7,000 students annually.

"A large number of students in a variety of majors take advantage of the opportunity to take a class or classes in a condensed-time format," said Kerri Garcia, Summer Session executive director. "It's very useful in helping students work toward timely graduation."

—Megan Akers, Class of 2013

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Photo by Theresa Danne-Douglas

Another record-breaking commencement

The University of Nevada, Reno's historic Quadrangle was once again the setting for two Commencement ceremonies, one for advanced-degree recipients and one for baccalaureate-degree recipients. The University conferred 2,215 degrees and certificates, nearly a 10 percent increase over the prior year and representing the largest number of graduation applicants in the University's history.

Between the Winter 2011 and Spring 2012 Commencement ceremonies, the University awarded a total of 3,762 degrees. The number of baccalaureate degrees awarded by the University has increased 59 percent over the past 10 years.

—Natalie Savidge '04

Pseudoscorpions exhibit effect of antibiotics

Male pseudoscorpions treated with the antibiotic tetracycline suffer significantly reduced sperm viability and pass on this toxic effect to their untreated sons. In a paper published in *Scientific Reports*, University of Nevada, Reno biologists suggest a similar effect could occur in humans and other species.

“Tetracycline has a significant detrimental effect on male reproductive function and sperm viability of pseudoscorpions—reducing viability by up to 25 percent—and now we know that effect is passed on to the next generation,” said David Zeh, chair of the Department of Biology in the College of Science.

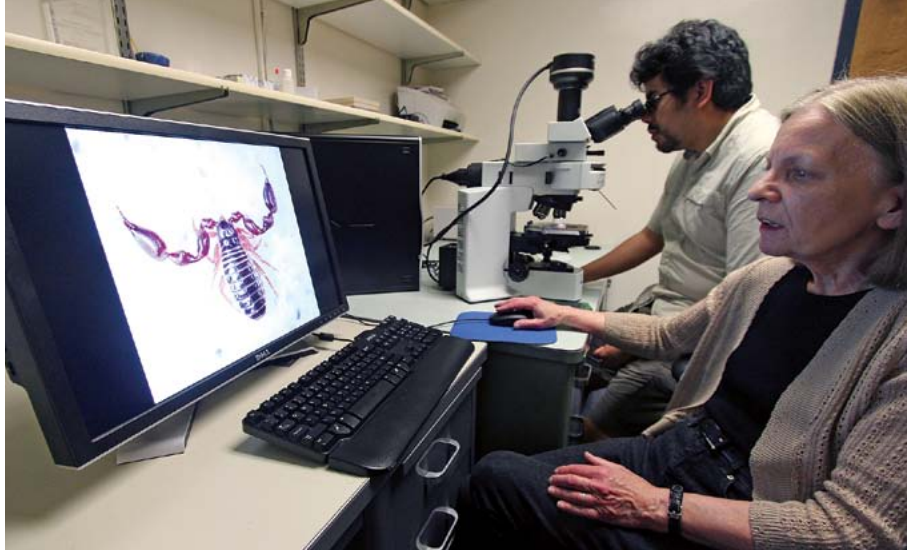


Photo by Mike Wolterbeek

Biologist Jeanne Zeh examines a pseudoscorpion using a microscope operated by graduate student Melvin Bonilla.

In the article, lead author and assistant biology professor Jeanne Zeh surmises that tetracycline may induce epigenetic changes in male reproductive tissues that may be passed to sons—changes that do not alter the sequence of DNA, but rather alter the way genes are expressed.

Despite more than six decades of therapeutic and agricultural use that has resulted in the evolution of widespread bacterial resistance,

tetracycline is still commonly used as an additive in animal feed and as an accessible antimicrobial therapy in developing countries.

The research involved University undergraduate and graduate students and was part of a project funded by the National Science Foundation, which is investigating factors contributing to low male fertility.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02



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- July 18:** Disney (Reno Municipal Band)
- July 25:** JellyBread
- Aug. 1:** Whitney Myer Band
- Aug. 8:** HomeMade Jam
- Aug. 15:** Tim Snider and Sound Society



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Research discovery signals new hope for patients with congenital muscular dystrophy

The nation's leading scientists and clinicians exploring treatment breakthroughs for congenital muscular dystrophy convened this spring at the University's Center for Molecular Medicine, where research by Dean Burkin has led to a potential therapy.

Burkin, a University of Nevada School of Medicine pharmacological researcher and faculty member, presented his work on a naturally occurring protein showing promise as a therapy for muscular dystrophy. Initially shown to be an important finding for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, the most common form of muscular dystrophy, Burkin's continued research, recently published in the *American Journal of Pathology*, shows the protein to

be an effective therapy for congenital muscular dystrophy in mice. The University has licensed the protein to a biotech company working to develop a human version of the protein for further testing and clinical trials.

Congenital muscular dystrophy is a rare group of diseases that causes muscle weakness at birth. The first national conference on congenital muscular dystrophy was held in Atlanta in 2009 and took a broad look at the science and therapeutic options being explored at that time. Since then, findings have led the scientific community to center its work on the myomatrix, which is the junction between muscle and the extracellular matrix.

"The singular focus of our conference (on

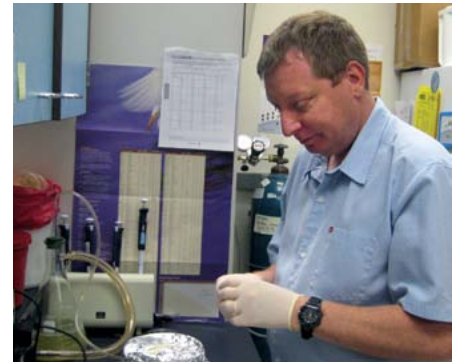


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Pharmacological researcher Dean Burkin is working with a biotech company through a licensing agreement to develop a therapy for muscular dystrophy.

the myomatrix) marks a step ahead since the last meeting," Burkin said of the conference, which received grant funding from the National Institutes of Health and the support of three NIH research institutes.

"It's possible that if we discover a common pathway or mechanism, we might be able to treat the diseases with a single drug," he added.

—Jane Tors '82



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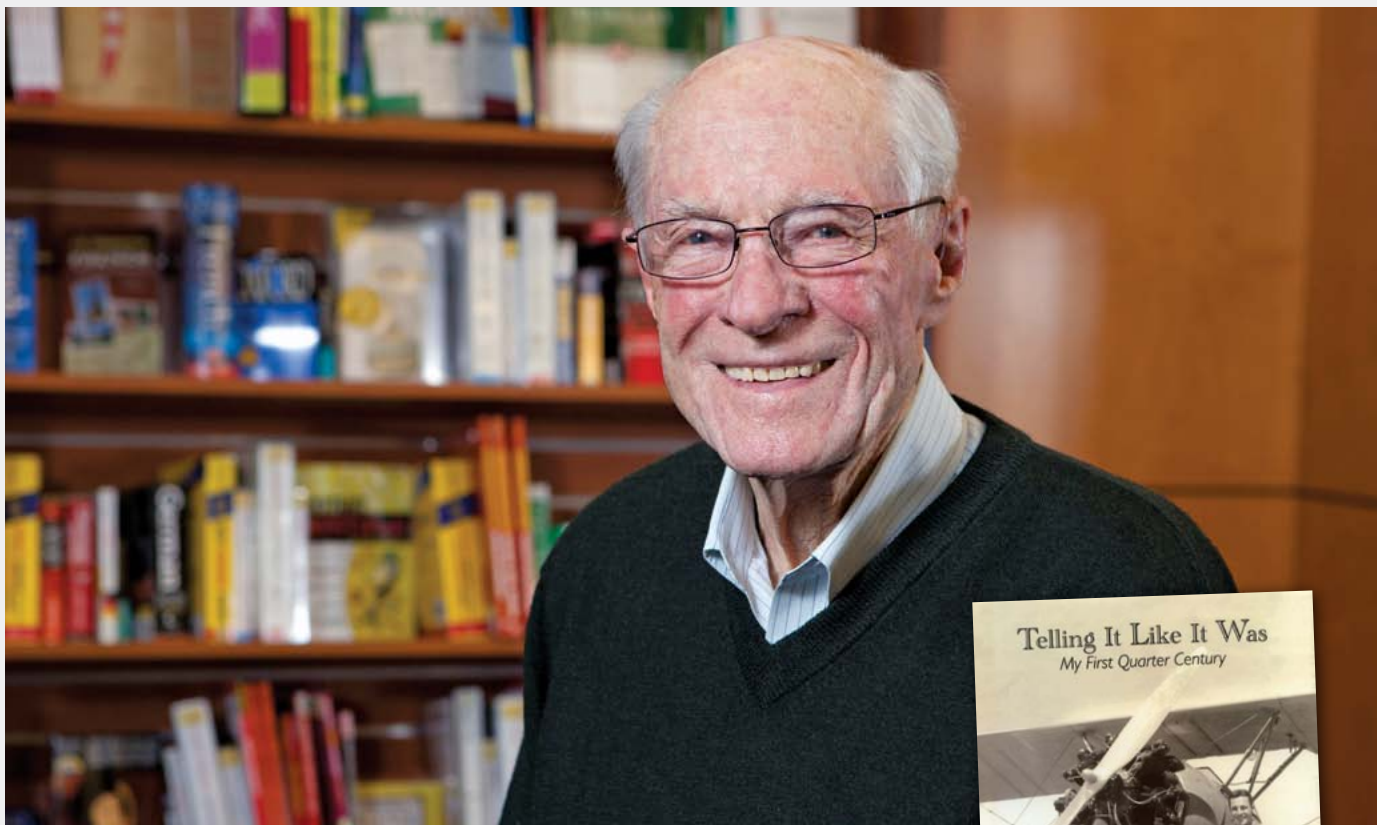


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Memoirs provide a glimpse into the past and a path to healing

What began as a way for Lloyd Root '48 (mining engineering) to recover from a minor stroke grew into the autobiography, *Telling it Like it Was: My First Quarter Century*.

For five years, Lloyd, 92, and his wife, Diane, sat side-by-side, working to recall his earliest memories, which spanned two world wars, Prohibition, the Great Depression and the expansion of air travel. They created a timeline and filled in the gaps with Lloyd's recollections of his ancestry, early family life and the changes all around them. His hometown of San Francisco was completing its resurrection after the 1906 earthquake. Politics, music and technology were transforming the American landscape. And a young Basque boy was coming of age in an Italian, French, Irish, Latino, Serbian and Greek neighborhood, where kids still played ball in the streets, settled their own fights and had a heck of a good time.

"I've had a very good life," Lloyd says, "and in writing this book, it was like being able to

live it all over again."

A longtime supporter of the University's Basque Studies Program, Lloyd's maternal grandparents were both Basque. Sunday dinners were a feast for 20 that included meats, sweetbreads and other Basque delicacies.

His father, Lloyd Root Sr. '16 (mining engineering), was a state mineralogist who ran gold mines in Mexico, California and Alaska. His mother, Elvira, guided him through the years. Lloyd says the best part about writing this book was revisiting memories of her.

Along the way, he helped his father make bathtub gin during Prohibition, followed in his father and grandfather's footsteps in mining, found and lost love as many did during wartime, and settled a score or two with his fists (before vowing to find a better way to resolve conflicts).

But for young Lloyd, it was aviation that had the most impact. By the time he was 25, Lloyd was a World War II Navy pilot, an arduous



Lloyd Root '48 is the author of the book, *Telling it Like it Was: My First Quarter Century*.

journey that included mountains of red tape and time in the "brig" at Mare Island for speaking up about safety issues.

The couple kept the book a secret until it was done. Lloyd presented a copy of the book to his son, an avid reader, by simply saying, "I hope you haven't read this one."

They are now working on a book chronicling 30 years of marriage. Lloyd has recovered from the stroke; few know it ever happened.

Telling it Like it Was: My First Quarter Century is available at the ASUN Wolf Shop in the Joe Crowley Student Union.

—Roseann Keegan



Photos by John Byrne/Nevada Media Services

Roy, Darby win Doc Martie and Ruth Russell awards

Brett Roy '12 (speech communications) and senior Mallery Darby have been named the 2011-12 Doc Martie and Ruth I. Russell Award winners as the University of Nevada's top male and female senior student-athletes.

"Brett Roy and Mallery Darby are very deserving recipients of our department's most prestigious awards," said Cary Groth, Nevada director of Athletics. "Brett and Mallery turned in outstanding careers and have left their mark in the Nevada record book. They are both great representatives of what student-athletes should be on the field, in the

classroom and in the community."

The awards are named for J.E. "Doc" Martie, a former Nevada men's basketball coach and administrator, and Ruth I.

Russell, a former director of women's athletics. Student-athletes are nominated by their head coaches and must be in their final year of eligibility and in good academic standing. The award winners are chosen in a vote by the athletics department staff.

A defensive lineman from Yucaipa, Calif.,

Roy earned first-team All-America honors from *Sports Illustrated* in 2011, the only player from a non-BCS conference school on the first team. He led the Western Athletic Conference in tackles for loss (18.5) and sacks (10) in 2011. A 2011 first-team All-WAC honoree, Roy ends his career tied for third on the Nevada single-season list for tackles for loss, eighth in career TFLS (33.0) and tied for fourth in both career and single-season sacks (18 career and 10 in 2011). He helped the Wolf Pack to bowl games in each of his four years as well as a 13-1 record and a WAC co-championship in 2010 as a junior. A starter in all games in each of his last two years, he was second on the team with 14.5 TFLs and 8.0 sacks in his breakout junior year. He won the team's Blackout Award as a junior and was named the Outstanding Special Teams Player as a sophomore in 2010.

"Brett was an absolute pleasure to coach," said Wolf Pack football coach Chris Ault. "As an All-American and now the senior athlete of the year, he will always represent the very best about our university and program."

A pitcher from Sparks, Nev., Darby is leading the team with a 3.42 ERA, six wins and eight complete games in 2012. She won 12 games in 2011, going the distance 24 times.

Football's Brett Roy '12 and softball's Mallery Darby, Class of 2013, are Nevada's top senior student-athletes this year.

She also recorded two shutouts, including her second career no-hitter against Boston College at Hixson Park on March 6, 2011. Darby ranks third in the Nevada career record book in nearly every pitching category, including wins (40), appearances (12), starts (98), complete games (5), shutouts (9), innings pitched (607.2) and strikeouts (510), while her two career no-hitters are also the best in school history. She produced the finest freshman season by a Wolf Pack pitcher in 2009, turning in a 12-8 record with a 3.11 earned-run average and 177 strikeouts on the year. She also tossed the first no-hitter of her career and the third in school history with an 8-0 shutout of Boise State on April 11, 2009.

"Winning the prestigious Ruth Russell Award is a great honor for Mallery Darby, and is a wonderful culmination to a great career at Nevada," said Matt Meuchel, head softball coach. "Mallery has achieved many great things in the classroom, on the diamond and in the community during her career at the University of Nevada, Reno, and it is nice to see her honored for that commitment."

Pack Track stories by Rhonda Lundin, associate athletics director for communications

2012 Nevada Football Schedule

Sept. 1	at California
Sept. 8	South Florida
Sept. 15	Northwestern State
Sept. 22	at Hawaii*
Sept. 29	at Texas State
Oct. 6	Wyoming*
Oct. 13	at UNLV*
Oct. 20	San Diego State*
Oct. 26	at Air Force*
Nov. 10	Fresno State*
Nov. 17	at New Mexico*
Dec. 1	Boise State*

* Mountain West Conference game.
Schedule subject to change.

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Nevada gears up for first season in Mountain West

The 2012-13 season will mark the University of Nevada's first full season in the Mountain West Conference with all of the Wolf Pack teams welcoming a host of new opponents to Reno.

Coming off its eighth consecutive bowl appearance, the Wolf Pack football team is gearing up for another exciting campaign in 2012. Nevada will have six games at Mackay Stadium as part of the Wolf Pack's 12-game schedule.

After a strong non-conference schedule, which includes the Sept. 1 season opener at Cal and a home game against Bowl Championship Series foe South Florida on Sept. 8, Nevada will play host to Mountain West opponents Wyoming, San Diego State, Fresno State and Boise State at Mackay Stadium. The Wolf Pack will play road games against Hawaii, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas,

Air Force and New Mexico.

"I am looking forward to this transition to the new conference and becoming more familiar with the teams in this league," said Nevada coach Chris Ault. "I like the balance of home and away games as you go through the schedule with no long stretches one way or the other. I also like where the bye week falls in the schedule. Overall, it's a good schedule and we're ready to get going."

Season tickets are available in all areas of Mackay Stadium with prices ranging from \$85 for general admission to \$150 for reserved (some areas require an additional donation to the Pack Educational Fund).

For information or to purchase season tickets, please call or visit the Link Piazza Ticket Office at Legacy Hall at (775) 348-PACK (7225) or online at www.nevadawolfpack.com.

53 Wolf Pack student-athletes and spirit team members celebrate graduation

A combined 53 Wolf Pack student-athletes representing 15 sports teams graduated this spring and summer.

The Wolf Pack football team is represented by 10 student-athletes, while Nevada's skiing program has seven graduates. The Wolf Pack baseball team is represented by six graduates, while Nevada's softball and track and field teams announced five student-athlete graduates each. Nevada's men's basketball, women's basketball, rifle and soccer teams have three graduates each, the men's golf and men's tennis teams are each represented by two graduates, and the Wolf Pack women's golf, swimming and diving, women's tennis and volleyball team have one graduate each.

In addition, eight members of the Wolf Pack spirit squad have earned their degrees this spring and summer.

Nevada's graduating student-athletes rep-

resent a variety of majors, including: biology, general studies, community health sciences, marketing, speech communications, business management, criminal justice, human development and family studies, communication studies, animal science, international affairs, psychology, mechanical engineering, health ecology, international business, journalism, civil engineering, accounting and information systems, social work, elementary education and economics.

Including the 53 spring and summer graduates, Nevada has seen 469 of its student-athletes graduate in the past seven years. The Wolf Pack's graduation success rate is at its all-time high of 78 percent and has improved in each of the last seven years.

"We are so proud of all of the Wolf Pack student-athletes who have reached the ultimate goal of graduation this spring and



Basketball student-athletes Tahnee Robinson '12 and Dario Hunt '12 are among the 53 Wolf Pack student-athletes who earned their degrees this spring and summer.

summer," said Cary Groth, Nevada director of athletics. "We wish them the best of luck as they leave the University of Nevada with their degrees and enter the next phase of their lives."

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Message from the President

Dear alumni family,

Good news abounds.

With a record number of graduates during Spring Commencement, I am happy to report that last month we added over 2,200 graduates, who join the 1,443 graduates from winter and summer 2011, to add more than 3,600 to our family of more than 80,000 alumni.



Jeff Pickett '89
President

It was a great privilege to address the Class of 2012 and include in my remarks that our alma mater is ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* in the top 100 for public schools, and for another year, has moved up in the Tier 1 University rankings, to 181.

I'm sure we would all agree that although we are proud of our recent Tier 1 status and nudging up the ranks, we will not rest on our laurels at 181.

As alumni, we have a direct influence on improving that ranking, which is based in part on alumni support. The easiest way for you to have an impact is to become a dues-paying member of the Nevada Alumni Association.

I encourage you to visit alumni.unr.edu and join as a new member, or renew if your membership has lapsed. You can also look for the Nevada Alumni Association tent this summer on the Quad during the Pack Picnic events—always a good time.

I always say that the best part of being an active alum is that you get to enjoy all of the fun aspects of college life, without the mid-terms and final exams.

Mark your calendar for October 4-6 because Homecoming will be here before you know it. You'll want to join us to kick off the football season with a big opening game against Cal—that's right, we open our season on Labor Day weekend on the road against the Bears from Berkeley.

Keep your eyes and ears open for information on the alumni pre-game party in Berkeley, and don't forget to stop by Legacy Hall during all home games for the Nevada Alumni Association tailgate ... and Lifetime Members get in free!

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Jeff Pickett '89, President
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'50s

Eppie G. Johnson '51 (business administration) was recently recognized by the State of California for decades of accomplishments and community involvement. Eppie founded Eppie's Great Race, known as the world's oldest triathlon, in 1974. The race, which will be held July 21 and benefits Sacramento County Therapeutic Recreation Services, features a 5.82-mile run, 12.5-mile bike and 6.35-mile paddle along the scenic American River Parkway in Rancho Cordova and Sacramento.

'60s

Susan A. (Carey) Cuddy '69 (nursing) retired from the United States Navy after 38 years as a captain in the Navy Nurse Corps.

Gary C. Johnson '69 (elementary education) retired from public education after 40 years of service. Gary finished his professional career one and a half months after the birth of his grandson, Cohen James Johnson, and four months before his wife, **Celeste M. (Tavernia) Johnson '73** (medical technology), retired from the University's College of Science.

James F. Huckaby '71M.Ed. (school administration) was recently inducted into the Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association Hall of Fame. James has spent 29 of his 30 years of school service working for Lander County. He is serving his third term as a Lyon County School District trustee 2010 was awarded the Nevada Association of School Administrators' School Board Director of the Year award.

'70s

Don C. Wood '72 (accounting) is the director of risk management at Sunsweet Growers Inc., responsible for overseeing property and casualty insurance, claims, natural condition inventory analysis and crop pool funding. Don was recently honored by Certified Risk Managers International for his leadership and professionalism in the field of risk management. Don was awarded a certificate

Class Chat



Don C. Wood '72



Mary-Ellen (Cain) McMullen '73



Valerie (Rose) Glenn '76



Michael J. McCabe '76

of achievement recognizing five consecutive years of active affiliation with Certified Risk Managers International.

Mary-Ellen (Cain) McMullen '73 (English) is the newest member of the Nevada Women's Fund Hall of Fame, which recognizes individuals whose philanthropy and volunteer work on behalf of northern Nevada's women and families have made a significant and lasting difference. In addition to her board positions with the Nevada Women's Fund, she has served as vice-chair of the Reno Commission on the Status of Women and as a board member of Planned Parenthood, United Way, Nevada Humanities Committee, Friends of the College of Education and the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board of Trustees. She also chaired the Bishop Manogue Catholic High School Board of Trustees and served as vice president of Junior League of Reno.

Mark C. Shonnard '74 (mathematics) has been named senior vice president, business development of IC Potash Corp. Mark is a mining executive with 25 years of management in natural resource development. His responsibilities at the company will include strategic planning, formulating and negotiating joint-venture agreements, establishing and negotiating commercial relationships, and coordinating with regulators and other stakeholder groups.

Valerie (Rose) Glenn '76 (journalism) was named chairwoman of the 2012 Salute to Women of Achievement event by the Nevada Women's Fund. She previously served as chairwoman in 1993. Valerie is CEO of The Glenn Group.

Michael J. McCabe '76 (managerial sciences) has joined Coldwell Banker Commercial in Reno as a senior vice president and principal. He will work in all areas of commercial and industrial real estate. Michael is a past board member of the Dermody Properties Foundation, has served as vice-chairman and chairman of the City of Sparks Planning Commission and as vice chairman of the Truckee

Meadows Regional Planning Commission. He is a 25-year member of the Reno Elks Club, has served on the board of directors of the Greater Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce and spent five years on the board of trustees for the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority. Michael also serves on the board of directors of the Reno Air Race Association.



Tahoe Resources senior executives and family members applaud as the company rings the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange May 8. The Canadian company with headquarters in Reno is also listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange. From left, VP Investor Relations Ira Gostin; Maureen Rovig; Priscilla Hofmeister; Chairman of the Board Dan Rovig; Senior VP NYSE of Euronext John Merrell; Founder, President and CEO Kevin McArthur '79 (mining engineering); Chuck McArthur; Michelle McArthur; VP & General Counsel Edie Hofmeister; Olivia Sassy; EVP and COO Ron Clayton; VP Exploration Brian Brodsky '78 (geology); VP and CFO Jaime Mondragon.

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Senior Scholars

The University of Nevada, Reno and the Nevada Alumni Association were proud to recognize graduates with one of the most prestigious awards at the University of Nevada—the Senior Scholar distinction—on May 17. The top graduating student and his or her faculty mentor from each college were honored at an awards ceremony in the Joe Crowley Student Union. **FRONT ROW:** Aaron Benedetti and Charley Voos. **SECOND ROW:** Mentor Leah Skladany, Patricia Milham, mentor Rosemary McCarthy, Catherine Stokes, Cassandra Allen, Gina Rosa and Mathew Neben. **BACK ROW:** Mentor Scott Mensing, Matthew Barnes, mentor Dale Holcombe, mentor James Mardock, mentor David Crowther, mentor Rahul Bhargava and mentor Kam Leang.

*College of Agriculture, Biotechnology
and Natural Resources*

Cassandra Allen - GPA 4.00
Mentor: Dale Holcombe

College of Science

Matthew Barnes - GPA 4.00
Mentor: Scott Mensing

College of Liberal Arts

Aaron Benedetti - GPA 4.00
Mentor: James Mardock

College of Education

Gina Rosa - GPA 3.97
Mentor: David Crowther

Division of Health Sciences

Patricia Milham - GPA 3.969
Mentor: Leah Skladany

College of Business

Mathew Neben - GPA 4.00
Herz Gold Medalist
Mentor: Rahul Bhargava

Reynolds School of Journalism

Catherine Stokes - GPA 3.938
Mentor: Rosemary McCarthy

College of Engineering

Charley Voos - GPA 3.971
Mentor: Kam Leang

'80s

Denise C. (Flynn) Hausauer '83 (business education), '92M.Ed. (educational leadership), principal at Damonte Ranch High School in Reno, has been named the High School Principal of the Year by the Washoe County School District for the 2011-2012 school year.

Gregory P. DeSart '87 (geological engineering) has more than 20 years of experience with geotechnical and environmental engineering, drilling operations, materials testing and construction inspection. In 1992, Greg founded GES, which now employs 30 people. GES is

conducting construction inspections for the City of Henderson at Cornerstone Park and for the City of Las Vegas at a parking structure for the new City Hall. The Clark County Water Reclamation District recently selected the firm to perform the geotechnical engineering for a 13-mile pipeline through the middle of town.

P. Craig Gibson '87M.S. (geology), '92Ph.D. (geology) was appointed to the board of directors of Garibaldi Resources Corp. Craig is a certified professional geologist and member of the American Institute of Professional Geologists. He is the founder of Prospecccion

y Desarrollo Minero del Norte, S.A. de C.V., a geological services company based in Chihuahua, Mexico, and has more than 25 years of professional experience in economic geology in the U.S. and Latin America with numerous publications to his credit.

Carol C. Baisinger-Criddle '88 (logistics management) has completed her first year as the customer service coordinator at the Sparks distribution center of Exel, the world's largest third-party logistics provider. She is in charge of customer relations with current customers and assists with special projects. Carol was the



Denise C. (Flynn)
Hausauer '83



Gregory P. DeSart '87



Carol C. Baisinger-
Criddle '88



P. Nicolaus Brunson '88



Rodger W. Stone '88



Kerri L. Garcia '92

first logistics graduate from the University and has been working in the industry since 1985.

P. Nicolaus Brunson '88 (management) is a fourth year adjunct faculty member of Organizational and Interpersonal Behavior at the University of Nevada, Reno. Nick recently authored and self-published *Don't Bully Me For My Lunch Money—Or My Vote!* He received his MBA from the University of Phoenix in 2003.

Rodger W. Stone '88 (finance) has accepted a position as vice president and senior loan officer with First Independent Bank. A Reno native, Rodger has 26 years of banking and commercial lending experience and specializes in commercial/industrial and real estate lending. He is secretary of the Nevada Dispute Resolution Coalition, a committee member of the Associated General Contractors, and a member

of the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada, the Builders Association of Northern Nevada, Western Industrial Nevada, the CCIM Institute and the Nevada Museum Association. Rodger is an honors graduate of the National Commercial Lending Graduate School of the American Bankers Association at the University of Oklahoma.

Julie L. Ardito '89 (journalism) joined Gov. Brian Sandoval's senior staff as the director of community affairs and constituent services. She will oversee external communications, community outreach, and constituent correspondence and service. Julie has more than 20 years of experience in Nevada with a background in economic development, tourism, and corporate and nonprofit communications. In 2010, she became certified as an Accredited Public Relations Professional.

'90s

Kevin D. Lazarcheff '90 (veterinary science) has been elected to the board of governors of the California Veterinary Medical Association.

Kerri L. Garcia '92 (journalism) has been named the community relations and development manager for Microsoft Licensing in Reno. Kerri will be assisting Microsoft in developing relationships and shaping the way external audiences view and interact with the company in northern Nevada through focused community and public relations, project management and business development.

Gregory D. Reeder '92M.A. (counseling and educational psychology) retired from education after completing 30 years of service in Elko County, Nev., and three years in



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knowledge, deciding that this person would have to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind . . . OK, who am I kidding? This person would have to not bug the hell out of me.

Shall I choose my girlfriend? Well, first I'd have to find one. Plus, that would just cost me more money in dinner, travel and entertainment fees in the long run. Family members were out because they don't live near me. Friends were busy and couldn't up and leave every time I jump on a plane . . . oh yeah, and I don't have many of those left either.

I began to panic, thinking this pass would soon go to waste. Then I remembered my buddy, Say Em, an up-and-coming comedian of Cambodian descent. Say lives at home in Long Beach, Calif., and has never ventured outside of the city limits in his entire life. On my standup tour he'd be able to see the sights, help with my writing sessions and 'open' for me at all the colleges. He jumped at the opportunity and excitedly journeyed with me to places that I've already been to several times. As we traveled, I realized perhaps I had taken these great locations for granted and

fell in love with them all over again. The mundane uncomfortable plane rides became fun.

There was excitement even in the little things: Say had never been through the TSA metal detectors before. Waltzing right through the security checkpoint, I turned back to see him fumbling around with his shoes, his belt and the laptop. Say was being reprimanded, and all his liquids were being confiscated while he was swabbed for bombs. Truthfully, it brought a tear to my eye, reminding me of a younger version of myself . . . back when I was 5.

Six months and 40 flights later, it's as if I've adopted a full-grown adult child from a Third World country. As I write this, Say is looking through his window from 30,000 feet, shouting, "Everything looks so little from up here!" to anyone who will listen.

Now the question is, who to pick for next year?

K-von '03 (marketing) is a Nevada alum and comedian. His videos and tour schedule are available at www.K-vonComedy.com

Never one to keep track of my credit card benefits, last year I flew more than usual, unwittingly racking up over 100,000 points—enough to qualify for a Southwest Airlines Companion Pass. My first thought was "Woohoo!" followed by, "What's a companion pass?" Turns out it allowed me to pick one person and bring them along for free on any flight I took in 2012.

The card arrived and I could hardly believe it. This must have been how Charlie felt discovering the Golden Ticket into the chocolate factory. Who would I bestow this honor upon? Who would be the lucky recipient of more than \$15,000 worth of free airfare? Like lottery winners who keep their success private, I discreetly screened people without their



Donald L. Freeman '93



Bruce E. Meissner '94



Caryn S. Tijsseling '94



Eric A. Escobar '99 and
Julio E. Escobar '02

California. Greg is currently the operations supervisor for Coach America. The company transports workers to the gold mines in eastern Nevada.

Donald L. Freeman '93 (marketing) has been promoted to associate vice president and financial advisor of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney's wealth management office in Reno.

Bruce E. Meissner '94 (history) has been named the Middle School Principal of the Year

by the Washoe County School District for the 2011-2012 school year. Bruce is the principal of Clayton Middle School in Reno.

Caryn S. Tijsseling '94 (political science), a partner at Lewis and Roca LLP, has been named a board member for the Nevada chapter of the March of Dimes. Caryn is also a member of the Nevada Bankruptcy Bar Association, the Northern Nevada Attorney Disciplinary Panel, the Northern Nevada

Women Lawyers Association and a board member of the State Bar of Nevada, construction law section.

Eric A. Escobar '99 (health science) and his brother, **Julio E. Escobar '02** (biology), both have private dental practices in northern Nevada. Eric and Julio completed their doctor of dental surgery studies at the University of Michigan and have returned to Reno to serve the community.

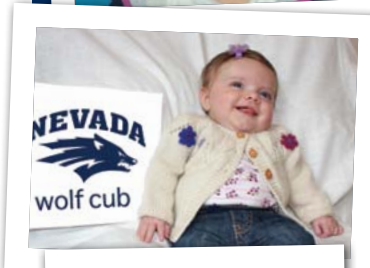
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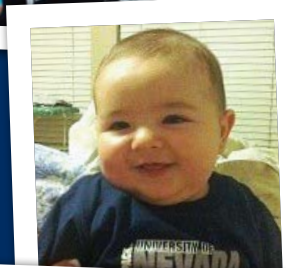
RoLayne L. (McClure) Allen '02 (English) and Steve Allen would like to introduce their daughter, McKenzie Ann Allen, born May 26, 2011. She joins older brother, Austin, age 2.



Teresa A. (Kulesza) Goodwin '02 (civil engineering) and **Elliott R. Goodwin '03** (civil Engineering), '05M.S. (civil engineering) welcomed their first daughter, Mackenzie Grace Goodwin, on Oct. 10, 2011.



Allison (Remillard) Anderson '09 (journalism) and **Cole E. Anderson '10** (geography) welcomed Grace Everleigh Anderson on Nov. 8, 2011.



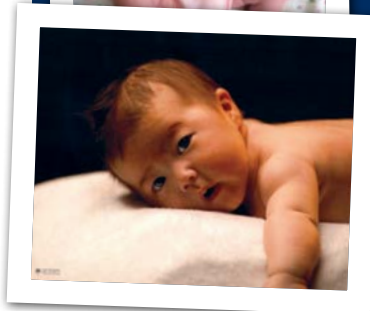
N Nichole B. (Warren) Jensen '07 (management) and **John D. Jensen '05** (finance) celebrated the birth of their first son, Justin Dyer, on Nov. 3, 2011.



Christa K. (Avena) Bowman '08 (elementary education/special education) and **Matthew R. Bowman '09** (accounting) welcomed their daughter, Adalene Lawrence, on March 3, 2012.



Summer (Sanders) Kaufman '00 (art) and **Charles E. Kaufman '98** (interior design) are the proud parents of Chloe Anne, born in January 2010, and Carter Edwin, born in July 2011.



Natalia Callahan '12Ph.D. (educational leadership) and her husband, **Silas R. Callahan '07** (civil engineering), '10M.S. (civil and environmental engineering), are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Grayson Brodrick Callahan, on Nov. 30, 2011.



Shannon R. Michelson '08M.D. and **Andrew C. Michelson '08M.D.** are pleased to announce the birth of their son, William Wayne, born April 20, 2011.



Aaron C. Robyns '00,
'09MBA



Deanna R. LeBlanc '01



James F. Gibson '02

'00s

Aaron C. Robyns '00 (gaming management), '09MBA is the executive director of marketing at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino. Aaron has experience and expertise in marketing and gaming from beginning as an intern with Harrah's to his previous position as vice president of marketing with Red Hawk Casino in northern California.

Benjamin S. Rogers '01 (mechanical engineering), '02M.S. (mechanical engineering)

recently published his debut novel, *The Flamer*. Ben has published short stories and essays in various journals and is the lead author of *Nanotechnology: Understanding Small Systems*, a university textbook in its second edition. Ben received the Nevada Alumni Association's Outstanding Young Alumnus Award in 2011. He lives in Reno with his wife and daughters.

Linda R. Bedell '01 (accounting) married Richard Bedell Jr. in February of 2011. Linda retired from the University of Nevada, Reno

with faculty emerita status in business and finance in June of 2011. She has enjoyed travel to Boston, New York City, New Orleans, Toronto, Atlanta, Italy, Florida and Cancun since retiring.

Deanna R. LeBlanc '01 (elementary education/special education) is Nevada's Teacher of the Year for 2012. Deanna recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to receive her award. While there, she met President Barack Obama and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. She also

Emeriti Notes



Vernon D. Luft



Alice T. (McMorris) Good
'78M.A.



Leonard B. Weinberg

Vernon D. Luft, emeritus faculty of curriculum, teaching and learning, retired in December 2010. Vernon and his wife, Liz, sold their Reno home and moved to Fargo, N.D., to be closer to family. Since the move, they have spent time getting settled into their home and community. They are enjoying their grandkids' athletic events and music concerts.

Alice T. (McMorris) Good '78M.A. (journalism), emerita faculty of Cooperative Extension, and **Joan S. Zenan**, emerita faculty of medicine, traveled to Tucson, Ariz., for a 50th anniversary celebration of their UCLA Chi Omega sorority.

raise and sell all-natural bison meat (American buffalo), grass hay for horses and free-range chicken eggs.

Keith A. Pierce, emeritus faculty of counseling and educational psychology, and his wife, Doris, retired in 1994 to Bothell, Wash., to be near their granddaughters and family. They have enjoyed travel, timeshares and summers at Priest Lake, Idaho.

Leonard B. Weinberg, emeritus faculty of political science, retired from the University of Nevada, Reno in June 2011. Leonard spent the Fall 2011 term in London as a visiting professor

Steven G. Oberg, emeritus faculty of environment health and safety, and his wife, Bev, own and operate the Powell Butte Bison Ranch in central Oregon. They

in the department of war studies and as a senior fellow at the International Center for the Study of Radicalization and Political Violence, both at Kings College, University of London. While in London, he attended a commemoration of the 9/11 attacks, which were held at the British Academy. He also participated in a conference on the future of terrorism held at Pennsylvania State University. Leonard's book, *The End of Terrorism?*, was published by Routledge in October 2011.

Gordon I. Zimmerman, emeritus faculty of speech communications and theater, performs communication consulting and training for judges, lawyers and managers in the U.S. and Canada. The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center is his favorite "office" when he is not traveling, and he attends many campus events. Gordon has retained his University email address, gzimm@unr.edu.

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Dean R. Byrne '04



Steven E. Rose '04



Kyle R. McCann '05,
'11M.S.



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Sutherland '07



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met with Senator Harry Reid and discussed the importance of a growth-based assessment model and the need for funding to help with the implementation of the Common Core State Standards. The National Teacher of the Year Program is run by the Council of Chief State School Officers.

N James F. Gibson '02 (management) has been promoted to regional sales manager for Red Rock Financial Services. Most recently, James served as the sales manager for Red Rock Financial Services northern Nevada operations. He will now oversee the northern and southern Nevada operations, as well as the company's expansion into neighboring states.

Dean R. Byrne '04 (finance) recently earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. Dean is a senior portfolio manager for the Whittier Trust Company of Nevada, serving high net-worth families and foundations. This designation is globally recognized as the definitive standard used to measure investment professionals. The CFA Institute promotes the highest educational, ethical and professional standards in the investment industry. Dean is a member of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Investment Committee.

Steven E. Rose '04 (journalism) was recently named to the board of trustees for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of northern Nevada. He will serve on the scholarship and finance committees. Steven is also a partner and lead financial advisor at Abowd & Rose Financial Group.

N Kyle R. McCann '05 (finance), '11M.S. (finance) is principal at Prutzman Wealth Management, an independent, fee-only wealth management firm in downtown Reno. Kyle provides comprehensive financial planning services to individuals, estates, trusts, charitable organizations and small businesses.

N Kerry L. (Colburn) Sutherland '07 (journalism, French) has opened a boutique public relations and marketing agency, K. Sutherland PR. With offices in Reno and Irvine, Calif., the agency specializes in healthcare, travel, lifestyle brands and corporate communications.

'10s

Maureen J. Mensing '10 (accounting) has joined the Community Foundation of Western Nevada as an accounting associate. Maureen has 20 years of accounting experience in technology and gaming marketing.

Brittany L. Rubenau '10 (journalism) joined the Glenn Group as a media coordinator. Brittany is responsible for media buying at the Nevada-based advertising, interactive and public relations agency. She works with clients including Renown, the Smith Center for the Performing Arts, the Mob Museum, Grand Victoria Casino and Buffalo Thunder Resort. Brittany represents the Glenn Group as director of communications for Ad2 Reno, the American Advertising Federation's local organization for young professionals.

Timothy G. McCarthy '11 (economics) is the managing director of Ferrari-Carano Vineyards. Tim brings more than 30 years of experience in the wine industry. In his new position, he is responsible for sales in all markets throughout the country, establishing and maintaining effective contacts and relationships with key partners, and working with Ferrari-Carano's regional sales managers and distributors.

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Chapter Updates



LEFT: Brady Gilkey, son of Cristie (Long) Gilkey '98, says: "It's never too early to start planning for Alumni Band!" MIDDLE: Francis Tran '12, Mel-Anizi Abante Bersaba '12 (front row), Jovanna Casas '12, Majid Reza Beheshtian '12 and Elaine Abante Bersaba '12 (back row) celebrate at the AAPI Graduation Celebration. TOP RIGHT: Kappa Delta Chi Sorority alumnae Elizabeth Sedano '11 and Ebeth Palafox '10 pose with current Kappa Delta Chi sister Citlali Hernandez Vite at the 5th Annual Stompin' with the Pack Step Show April 7 at the Joe Crowley Student Union. RIGHT: Center for Student Cultural Diversity Alumni Chapter members Monika Mala '10 and Jen Lau '08, '10MSW flank Shontarius Webb '10.

Alumni Band

Kiara (Donohue) Wolf '92, '97M.Ed., unrbandalum@hotmail.com

It's that time again: Time to start thinking about Alumni Band. Now that we have a Homecoming date—Oct. 6—put it on your calendar. Then, fill out your vacation request; see which friend will let you stay with him; dig out your blue polo and make sure it fits; buy reeds, sticks or valve oil. Finally, call the friends you marched with and convince them to come, too.

Do you need more information? Email unrbandalum@hotmail.com and get the answers you need. As a bonus, you will receive the monthly newsletter delivered to your inbox at no charge. But wait, there's more. If you act now, you won't have to wear plastic shoes, polyester or anything with plumes or fringe.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Alumni Chapter

Jennifer Lau '08, '10M.S.W., unr_aapi@yahoo.com

The Asian American and Pacific Islander Alumni Chapter, along with the Center for Student Cultural Diversity, co-sponsored the AAPI Graduation Celebration May 11 in the Joe Crowley Student Union. Approximately 150 attendees, including graduates, family members and friends, gathered to celebrate the academic achievements of our AAPI graduates. The ceremony began with opening remarks from University President Marc Johnson, followed by an inspirational speech from two of our student leaders and graduates, Elaine and

Mel Anizi Abante-Bersaba. More than 30 graduates graced the stage to be pinned by Dr. Meredith Oda and Dr. Christina Samathanam. The ceremony was immediately followed by a wonderful reception, where everyone was able to congratulate our new alumni and mingle.

To join or learn more about the AAPI Alumni Chapter, please visit the Nevada Alumni Association website, alumni.unr.edu/chapters/.

The Center for Student Cultural Diversity Alumni Chapter

Ellen (Wofford) Houston '95, '05M.A., thecenter@unr.edu

Center alumni proudly supported the Multicultural Greek Council's 5th Annual Stompin' with the Pack Step Show April 7. The exciting event was attended by 500 students, faculty and community members, as well as center alumni from all over the country who proudly wore their Greek letters. The competition was once again fierce, but Sisters on a Move earned first place with their dynamic performance.

The fun continues this summer. Be sure to check out the center's website at www.unr.edu/thecenter for the Summer Adventures blog, which follows current students and alumni. Learn what it's like to be the newly crowned Miss Cinco de Mayo. Tag along with students on humanitarian trips to Peru and Cambodia. Share the experiences of a new alumnus as he tries to become a big screen star. And, if you are a center alumnus with your own summer adventure to share, please email your story to thecenter@unr.edu.

Cheer & Dance Alumni Chapter

Pamela (Andres) Rutherford '94, alumninevada@yahoo.com

The chapter invites all former team members to visit us and join or renew their membership at the Nevada Alumni Association's Pack Picnic on the Quad Aug. 15. This event includes a free concert, fun activities for the kids, food and more.

Stay tuned for details on our 2012 Homecoming weekend events, which include a Homecoming social Oct. 5, and a Homecoming tailgate and group outing to the big game Oct. 6 to cheer on the Wolf Pack like only we can. Chapter and membership information are available at alumni.unr.edu.

College of Business Alumni Association

Melissa Molyneaux '06, mmolyneaux@colliersreno.com

The College of Business Alumni Association held its 21st Annual Golf Tournament May 10 at Wolf Run Golf Club. Major sponsors included Wells Fargo, Sierra Nevada Corporation, Muckel Anderson CPAs and Downey Brand. First place, with a score of 60, went to the MetLife team of Brock Meyers, John Dayao, Jorgen Gustafson and Carl Rueckl '83. Second place, with a score of 62, went to the Nevada Franchised Auto Dealers team. Third place was awarded to the Nevada State Development Corporation, with a score of 62. More than \$8,000 was raised by the event for scholarships, student career activities and improvements to the college.



TOP LEFT: The MetLife team of Brock Meyers, John Dayao, Jorgen Gustafson and Carl Rueckl '83 took first place at the College of Business Alumni Association Golf Tournament May 10 at Wolf Run Golf Club. MIDDLE: Dr. Susie Bender '03Ph.D. (center) poses with 2012 international graduates May 17. TOP RIGHT: Dr. Lisa Lyons '88, '97M.D. (left) and Dean Thomas Schwenk (center) congratulate Dr. Frieda Hulka '87, '92M.D., the University of Nevada School of Medicine's 2012 Alumna of the Year. RIGHT: University of Nevada School of Medicine alumni and friends tour the medical school campus April 27.



COBAA will co-sponsor a Pack Picnic on the Quad this summer. Also this summer, watch for the new College of Business Alumni Association magazine. Look for more information on our membership mixer during Business Week, Sept. 17-21.

Fallon Alumni Chapter

Tina (Luke) Dakin '71, '84M.Ed., jtdakin@sbcglobal.net

The Fallon Alumni Chapter recently presented four scholarships to Churchill County High School graduates who will attend Nevada in the fall. Two of the scholarships are the result of a generous donation from Susan Warren '76. Thank you Susan! As always, our chapter has been busy planning events to raise additional scholarship money.

Our chapter will co-sponsor a Pack Picnic on the Quad July 18. It will be great fun.

We're packing a bus to join the Nevada Alumni Association for Alumni Night at Aces Ballpark July 27. We'll host a mystery bus trip sometime in September. Finally, plans are progressing for an overnight trip to Las Vegas for Wolf Pack vs. Rebel football Oct. 13.

For more information about upcoming events or our chapter, please visit our Facebook page, University of Nevada Alumni Association Fallon Chapter, or email fallonunralumni@yahoo.com.

Greek Alumni Chapter

Mike McDowell '03, mdmcdowell@gmail.com

Tune into our Facebook page, [facebook.com/NevadaGreeks](https://www.facebook.com/NevadaGreeks), to keep track of our summer events, including our famous Reno Aces Poker Walks, which raise funds for undergraduate scholarships.

We're all ears when it comes to suggestions for great ways to bring Greek alumni together and support our Greek Community. Show your pride—go Greek ... again!

International Alumni Chapter

Susan Bender '03Ph.D., bender@unr.edu

The International Alumni Chapter held a reception May 17 to honor graduating international students. Students, staff, faculty and friends from the U.S., Japan, China, Pakistan, Iran, South Korea, Turkey and Switzerland were represented.

Native American Alumni Chapter

Sherry Rupert '05, srupert@nic.nv.gov

The Native American Alumni Chapter hosted its annual graduation reception May 6. Each of the eight graduates in attendance received an honorary stole to wear at graduation and networked with alumni. The chapter would like to thank Mona Buckheart '72, '79M.Ed. for providing an inspirational speech during the reception.

Along with the University's Native American Student Organization, the chapter co-sponsored a 5K Fun Run, Walk, Roll or Stroll May 12. After the race, participants enjoyed a barbecue, complete with hamburgers, hotdogs and desserts. All proceeds from the event will benefit next year's Powwow.

If you are interested in joining the chapter or renewing your membership, please contact Kari Emm '01, (775) 682-5928 or kemm@unr.edu, or Sherry Rupert, (775) 687-8333 or srupert@nic.nv.gov.

Sacramento Alumni Chapter

Steve Park '99, spark@ccareynkf.com

The Sacramento Alumni Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month for lunch. For additional information, please visit our

website at www.nevadaalumnisacramento.org or contact Steve Park, chapter president, (916) 367-6345 or spark@ccareynkf.com.

University of Nevada School of Medicine Alumni Chapter

Helen Gray, '03, '08M.D., hgray@medicine.nevada.edu

The University of Nevada School of Medicine Alumni Chapter held its inaugural Alumni Day April 27, which included lunch with the dean of the medical school and current medical students. The day also included a tour of the new facilities on the medical school campus. That evening, Dr. Frieda Hulka '87, '92M.D. was honored as our alumna of the year during the annual alumni reception. The class of 1987 also celebrated their 25th reunion.

The alumni chapter looks forward to the upcoming matriculation of new medical students, along with welcoming the 2012 class to the alumni chapter. As always, we would like all alumni of the medical school, including residents, to become involved.

Young Alumni Chapter

Derek Zielinski '05, yacpresident@gmail.com

We would like to thank to everyone who came out for Beer Fest. We had another successful event, raising \$18,000 for University scholarships.

Congratulations 2012 Nevada graduates! You can join the Young Alumni Chapter for just \$10 a year. We have a full summer calendar, so please check out nevadayac.com for more information about upcoming events and how to join. [N](#)



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2012 Spring Commencement

The University of Nevada, Reno's Spring Commencement conferred 2,215 degrees and certificates, the largest number of graduates in the University's history. Advanced degrees were presented May 18, while bachelor degrees were awarded May 19. Between the Winter 2011 and Spring 2012 Commencement ceremonies, the University awarded a total of 3,762 degrees. Baccalaureate degrees awarded by the University have increased 59 percent over the past 10 years.

(1) Travis McCurry '12, Joe Zikakis '12, Alexa Standerfer '12, Lisa Wheeler and Elyn Morrill.

(2) Dean McCabe '12, Logan Adams '12, Amaia Oiz '12 and Jose Bobadilla '12.

(3) Graduates show off their new diplomas.

(4) Shelace Shoemaker '12 receives her master's in education.

(5) Business graduates Bryce Richardson '12, James Dunn '12 and Christian Talavera '12.

(6) Esra Erdin '12 received a master's in computer science and engineering.

(7) Alexander Kamikawa '12, Robert Smalley '12 and Jamie Loyola '12.

Herz Gold Medalist

Mathew Neben '12 (economics and finance) received the 2012 Herz Gold Medal, presented at each Commencement ceremony to the graduating senior with the highest GPA.

(1) Mathew Neben '12 with President Marc Johnson at Commencement May 19. Neben graduated with a 4.0 GPA.

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Alumni Graduation Celebration

The Nevada Alumni Association hosted a luncheon for new graduates, complete with entertainment from Nevada alumnus K-von '03 (marketing).

(1) Amaia Oiz '12, Chelsea Currie '12, associate vice president student life services Rita Laden '96Ed.D., Derek Nance '12 and Kerry Booth '12.

(2) Comedian K-von '03 entertains the crowd of new graduates with stories of life after graduation and first jobs.

(3) Veronica Arinze '12, Robert Reed '12, Loretta Williams '12, Michael Terry '12 and Jenna Gomes '12.

Golden Reunion

Golden Reunion brought the Class of 1962 back to campus May 18-19. The group became reacquainted with campus, swapped (and denied) stories and led the Commencement processional on the Quad clad in gold robes.

(1) Members of the Class of 1962 pose for a class photo during the May 18 Golden Reunion dinner at the Joe Crowley Student Union.

Distinguished Nevadan

Historian Stanley Paher '69M.A. (political science), state archivist Guy Louis Rocha and the late Sen. William Raggio '48 (political science) were honored as Board of Regents Distinguished Nevadans during the May 18 Commencement.

(1) Regent Jason Geddes '90, '95Ph.D., Chancellor Daniel Klaich '72 and wife, Denise '73, and Board of Regents chief of staff Scott Wasserman at the Morrill Hall reception.

(2) Stanley Paher '69 with Dale Raggio, on behalf of her husband, the late Sen. William Raggio '48, and Guy Rocha.



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Photos by Dave Smith



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Student Recruitment Events

The Nevada Alumni Association and Office for Prospective Students wrapped up this year's student recruitment receptions in Las Vegas on May 19 at DragonRidge Country Club. Overall, more than 500 prospective students attended one of the eight receptions throughout Nevada and California. Attendees were able to speak with University of Nevada, Reno administration, deans, alumni, students services representatives and current students, as well as finalize their

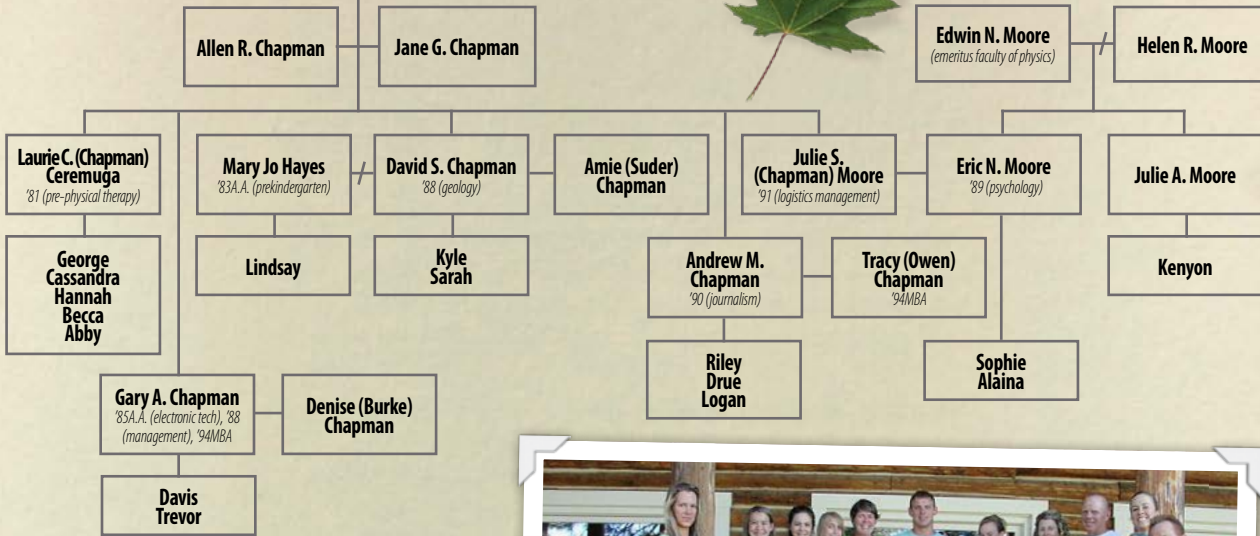
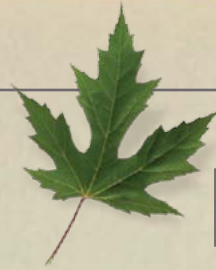
enrollment at Nevada. Special thanks to Barrick North America and Newmont for sponsoring the northeastern Nevada reception.

- (1) Southern Nevada prospective students meet University representatives during a Las Vegas area recruitment reception at Canyon Gate Country Club April 18.
- (2) Alumni Council member Jim Dakin '74, '79M.Ed. and his wife, Tina '71, '84M.Ed., speak with event attendees at the northeastern Nevada recruitment reception April 24 at the Western Folklife Center in Elko.
- (3) University student ambassador Geoff Green and executive vice president and provost Heather Hardy speak

with Emily Srok during the recruitment reception April 19 at the Las Vegas Country Club.

- (4) Nevada System of Higher Education Regent Kevin Melcher, former Regent Thalia Dondero and President Marc Johnson at the Las Vegas Country Club event.
- (5) Prospective students speak with Nevada alumni council member Jill (Johnson) Fielden '91 at the northern Nevada recruitment event in the Joe Crowley Student Union May 12.
- (6) Gabriella Fiorelli, center, with parents John and Juli, and Thierh Burgener, with parents Todd and Tracy, at the northern Nevada recruitment event.

Chapman Family Tree



TOP LEFT: George, Becca, Laurie, Hannah, Cassandra and Abby, 2012. LEFT: Eric, Al, Lindsay, Julie, Amie, Dave (top row), Kyle, Sarah, Sophie, Alaina and Jane (bottom row), 2012. TOP RIGHT: Family Vacation in Graeagle, 2009. RIGHT: Trevor, Denise, Davis and Gary, 2012.

For these siblings, Nevada has always been part of the family.

The Chapman family may have five siblings, but they've always considered the University of Nevada to be one of their own. Although there are 11 years separating the oldest, Dave, and youngest, Julie, most of their college years overlapped, making the University campus sort of like a second home to them. From spending nights listening to live music on the Quad to cheering on the Pack in football, basketball and baseball, the Chapmans will never forget the times that brought them closer together—both as Nevada fans and a Nevada family.

How many University of Nevada, Reno alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in an upcoming issue of *Nevada Silver & Blue*. For details, visit alumni.unr.edu or call 888.NV ALUMS.



Remembering Friends



Richard O. Kwapil



Deane A. Stites



John "Jack" A. Goetz, Jr. '43



Alice R. (Doyle) Leggett '48



Deloy H. Anderson, Jr. '51, '57M.Ed.



Cecilia A. (Clayton) Cluff '61



Melinda M. (MacKie) Denton '61



Steven W. Griswold '82



Trinda L. (Choquette) McDaniel '91



Cassidy D. Williams '94

Faculty

Don C. Prusso '58 (botany), emeritus faculty of biology
April 3, 2012—Fernley, Nev.

Deane A. Stites, School of Medicine clinical instructor
April 23, 2012—Reno, Nev.

John H. Woodbridge, School of Medicine professor
March 28, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Friends

Roger R. Block
April 15, 2012—Washoe Valley, Nev.

Joseph E. Duhart
March 3, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Richard O. Kwapil
April 18, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Edward C. Spoon, Sr.
May 11, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Alumni

Terri L. Sonner
March 29, 2012—Sparks, Nev.

John "Jack" A. Goetz, Jr. '43 (electrical engineering)
March 12, 2012—Reno, Nev.

H. Allen Gallaway '47 (mechanical engineering)
April 21, 2012—Fernley, Nev.

John R. Gamble '48 (agriculture), '56M.Ed. (education)
Feb. 29, 2012—Carson City, Nev.

Alice R. (Doyle) Leggett '48 (psychology)
April 13, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Kenneth C. Williams '49 (education), '58M.Ed. (education)
April 12, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Laurence W. Johnson '50 (geological engineering)
Feb. 12, 2012—Arroyo Grande, Calif.

Venus (Jolley) Marriage '50 (physical education)
April 14, 2012—Carson City, Nev.

Deloy H. Anderson, Jr. '51 (history), '57M.Ed. (school administration)
March 1, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Lelan A. Ceccarelli '55 (economics)
April 3, 2012—Sparks, Nev.

Virginia S. Palmer '55 (education)
March 2012—Reno, Nev.

Donald L. Damon '60 (electrical engineering)
April 3, 2012—El Cerrito, Calif.

Cecilia A. (Clayton) Cluff '61 (English)
March 12, 2012—Shafter, Calif.

Melinda M. (MacKie) Denton '61 (business education)
March 5, 2012—Tiburon, Calif.

Harvey J. McKibben '61 (accounting)
March 29, 2012—Mesa, Ariz.

John R. Gent '65 (arts & science)
March 4, 2012—Sparks, Nev.

Ivan C. Slotto '67 (counseling and educational psychology)
March 16, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Richard K. Macauley '68 (journalism)
May 3, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Chris E. Harris '71 (business)
May 7, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Donald J. Decker '72M.S. (geology)
April 16, 2012—Bend, Ore.

Laura E. (Kersten) King '75 (anthropology)
April 30, 2012—Chico, Calif.

Steven W. Griswold '82 (social services corrections)
May 1, 2012—Sparks, Nev.

Mitchell E. Larson '85MBA
March 8, 2012—Reno, Nev.

James P. Martin '85 (accounting)
March 25, 2012—Washoe Valley, Nev.

Sharon M. (Nelson) Meade '85 (nursing)
April 14, 2012—Yuma, Ariz.

Jeffrey E. Heath '88 (biology)
April 2, 2012—Reno, Nev.

George E. Fry '91 (electrical engineering), '98MBA
April 16, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Trinda L. (Choquette) McDaniel '91 (social work)
April 17, 2012—Sparks, Nev.

Cassidy D. Williams '94 (general studies)
March 8, 2012—Schurz, Nev.

Michael T. Johanns '95 (finance)
Feb. 20, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Jessica M. Smith '07 (interior design)
May 8, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Jacqueline F. Gartrell-Lane '09 (psychology)
Dec. 16, 2010—Reno, Nev.

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Bruno Benna '53 (physical education)
April 1, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Bruno Benna played basketball at Nevada under coach Jake Lawlor and co-founded C.B. Concrete Company with teammate Ingvart Christensen. Together with his wife, Edna, he created the Bruno and Edna Benna Endowment for Excellence in the Fine Arts. They were named Distinguished Nevadans in 1991. Bruno, a Foundation trustee emeritus, was a 1993 Alumni Association Alumnus of the Year.



Theodore Nigro
June 6, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Theodore "Ted" Nigro was a tireless advocate for the Orvis School of Nursing. Through his work with the Arthur and Mae Orvis Foundation and other foundations, he stewarded numerous nursing scholarships and the Arthur Orvis Endowed Chair of Nursing. Ted studied pre-medicine at the University of California, Berkeley until the attack on Pearl Harbor. He went to work on the family olive ranch in Calaveras County, Calif., and was drafted into the Army in 1943. He later became a well-respected banker and trust officer in Reno.

These Mackay School alums dig their alma mater.

Cory Hunt '08
Member since 2012

Jack Crowell '53
Lifetime member

Dan Inouye '07MS
Lifetime member

Richard Harris '69, '95MS
Member since 2007

Margery Carr '51, '64M: Ed.
Member since 2009

And they have the card to prove it.



Their disciplines range from geography to hydrogeology to mining engineering to geological engineering. Yet each of these Nevada alums share two common bonds—they all graduated from the Mackay School and they all support the Nevada Alumni Association. By staying connected to their alma mater through news updates, special events, campus happenings and more, these leading scientists are our kind of rock stars.

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What I've Done With My Life

Gene McClelland '71 (chemistry), '78M.S. (metallurgical engineering)

In 1986, Gene McClelland '71 (chemistry), '78M.S. (metallurgical engineering) started McClelland Laboratories with \$10,000 borrowed from his MasterCard. Twenty-six years later, he remains president and CEO of Sparks-based McClelland Laboratories, Inc., which has 100 employees, including a number of University of Nevada, Reno graduates, and serves the mining industry throughout the world.

Like many students, Gene juggled work, life and academics. His plate was particularly full with plans to become a dentist, two full-time jobs, a full course load of credits, and a family at home that included his wife, Patricia (Smith) McClelland '93 (English), '99M.Ed. (secondary education), and their young daughter.

Before graduating, Gene changed his major to chemistry, taking a job as a laboratory technician at the U.S. Bureau of Mines, Reno Research Center. He thought having one full-time job would improve his grades, but his scores still suffered in the midst of his juggling act. So he decided to take two additional years of Army ROTC at Nevada and was awarded an Army scholarship, enabling him to fully focus on his studies. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army in June 1971 and served as an infantry officer from 1971 to 1975.

After his military service, Gene returned to work at the U.S. Bureau of Mines as a metallurgical research chemist. He earned a master's degree in metallurgical engineering from the Mackay School in 1978. Gene managed a metallurgical laboratory for Bateman Engineering N.V. from 1983 to 1986 before establishing McClelland Laboratories.

Through his career, Gene has authored more than 100 publications and obtained several metallurgical process patents. He is a distinguished member of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration; a director of the Mining & Metallurgical Society of America; chairman of the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering Executive Advisory Board; a member of the College of Science Advisory Council; and this year, he became a trustee of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation.

In 2009, Gene was named Mackay Alumnus of the Year and received the Nevada Alumni Association's College of Science Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Gene and Patti have four children and six grandchildren.

—Roseann Keegan



Photo by Theresa Dams-Douglas

Gene '71, '78M.S. and Patti (Smith) McClelland '93, '99M.Ed., at their Sparks, Nev., home. Gene is president and CEO of Sparks-based McClelland Laboratories, Inc., which has 100 employees, including many University of Nevada, Reno graduates. Gene is chairman of the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering Executive Advisory Board. This year, he became a trustee of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation.

What is your fondest memory from your days at Nevada?

I have many memories, even though the first three years of undergraduate study was somewhat a blur because I was working two full-time jobs. I remember fondly my professors giving their knowledge and time to help me complete my bachelor's degree, and being selected as a tutor during my senior year to help younger chemistry students. I remember everyone at Nevada helping me develop a "can do" attitude. Most of all, I remember my graduation and commissioning with my wife and 4-year-old daughter by my side.

There may be no truth to the rumors that my Volkswagen Bug was on the stage in the chemistry and physics lecture building (I didn't put it there, but did drive it out), or that Dr. Frank Baglin wanted to expel me for riding my racing motorcycle in the basement halls of the chemistry building.

What have you done that you are most proud of?

I am proud that my wife and I raised wonderful children and are watching their families and careers develop. I am proud that I could balance family, the highest priority, with

career and community activities. Running a successful business for more than 25 years is a pretty good feather for my cap. I am honored to serve the University on various boards and remain involved in volunteer community activities. I am proud that the University has grown in number and reputation. There were about 4,000 students when I graduated in 1971. Now enrollment is at 18,000 and Nevada is a Tier 1 University for programs and research.

What advice would you give someone just starting out from college?

It's all right to become discouraged, tired and frustrated, but never give up on achieving goals you've set. Remember: If it were easy, anyone could do it. Always treat others with respect and be humble and you'll gain respect. Don't plan to start your career at the top unless you plan to dig holes. Knowledge gained at the University provides the basis for a good career, but experience is gained during your career. Be honest and ethical in all that you do. Your honor is the only thing that truly belongs to you and only you can give it away. Remain engaged with the University and your community and you'll enrich the lives of others.

Gene E McClelland

Hopping Endowed Professorship in Entrepreneurship to boost innovative spirit of Nevada

The spirit of entrepreneurship is thriving at Nevada, with great thanks to the ingenuity of enterprising students, the generosity of successful alumni and friends and the strong support of the College of Business—one of the most elite business schools in the West.

A new College of Business professorship endowment, established by the Charles and Ruth Hopping Foundation, will further boost the University's efforts to ensure that students are offered every opportunity to further innovate and electrify the business world.

"We appreciate the generosity of the Charles and Ruth Hopping Foundation," says Greg Mosier, dean of the College of Business. "This

gift provides the college an opportunity to leverage the sound business fundamentals in our academic programs into the innovation and creative practices of entrepreneurship."

The Hopping Endowed Professorship in Entrepreneurship will have the primary role of enhancing the entrepreneurship program of the college, including the Sontag Entrepreneurship Competition, established through a \$1 million endowment fund established by alumnus Rick Sontag '66M.S. (physics) and his wife, Susan. The competition awards \$50,000 each spring to a student or student team that demonstrates performance potential and the innovative spirit for which Nevada is known.



The late Ruth and Charles Hopping.

This year's winning team, Mining Environmental Technology and Services, developed optical instruments that detect airborne particulates in mining workplaces. (Read more about the competition on pages 20 and 22.)

"The Sontag Entrepreneurship Competition inspired the Hopping Foundation to make this gift," says Steve Johnson '77 (accounting), Hopping Foundation trustee. "The College of Business is making great strides in encouraging the entrepreneurial spirit in Nevada's students.

"We hope to build upon the Sontags' vision and help the college prepare its students for entrepreneurial career opportunities and positively impact Nevada's economic development and diversification efforts," Johnson adds.

The late Charles and Ruth Hopping married in 1941, and Ruth taught elementary school while Charles served in the 263rd Battalion, Infantry Division, in World War II. When Charles returned from his tour of service, Charles joined the Roberts Company in southern California, where he later became board chairman and director of the international division. There, Charles helped revolutionize the carpet installation industry by working with Roy Roberts to develop and market innovations including the tack strip, an instrument used to install carpeting. Charles and Ruth retired and moved to Reno in 1962, where they became longtime supporters of the University and were later inducted into the Honor Court.

—Roseann Keegan



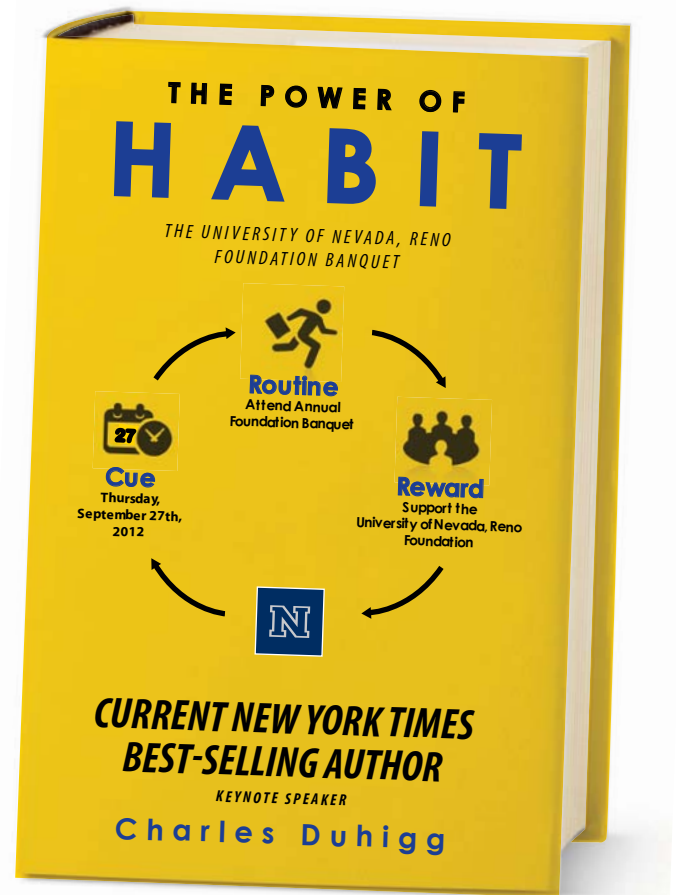
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The Mining Environmental Technology and Services team received the inaugural Sontag Entrepreneurship Award May 9. College of Business Dean Greg Mosier and President Marc Johnson join team members Ben Sumlin, Heather Zunino, Bryan Rainwater and David Karr. Not pictured: Pat Arnott, team adviser and Department of Physics professor.

To learn more about supporting the College of Business, please contact Kristen Kennedy '98, director of development, (775) 682-6940 or kristenk@unr.edu.

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Charles Duhigg is a current *New York Times* best-selling author and an award-winning investigative reporter for the business section of *The New York Times*, and he contributes to the *Times* Magazine. His many honors and awards include being a Pulitzer Prize finalist (Public Service Medal), 2009; the George Polk Award, 2007; the Gerald Loeb Award, 2008; and the National Journalism Award, 2009.

In addition to his reporting for the *Times*, Duhigg is a regular contributor to television and radio, including the *Newshour with Jim Lehrer*, *Dr. Oz* and various programs on CNBC and NPR. Duhigg's recently published book, *The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business*, takes us to the thrilling edge of scientific discoveries that explain why habits exist and how they can be changed. As Charles Duhigg shows, by harnessing this new science we can transform our businesses, our communities, and our lives. Find out how to understand your habits at this year's Foundation Banquet.

Tickets are \$200 per person or \$2,000 per table. Event sponsorships are also available.

Make your reservation today by calling Julie Gillen at (775) 682-6014 or email jgillen@unr.edu. Reservation forms are also available at <http://giving.unr.edu/>.



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