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From the President

Student achievement: Finding a home, and making it real

For the past several years, student success has been at the forefront of our University's multi-faceted mission.

Since 2008, we have retained and graduated more students than ever before in our 139-year history. We've done this because all of us—our faculty, staff and students, our alumni and friends in the community—have embraced a culture of student success.

With the promising gains that have been made over the past four years, our obligation to our ever-growing student body has increased. If we are to truly establish high-performance expectations for our students, we must provide the necessary resources for achievement.

Our proposed Student Achievement Center promises to be a vital connector in ensuring our students continue to learn, grow and perform at the highest levels. Let me tell you why.

In recent years, student-centered capital improvement projects on our campus have been focused on retention (the Joe Crowley Student Union, opened in 2007, and the Nevada Living Learning Community, opened in 2012) and providing our students ready access to knowledge-based resources and enriching learning environments (the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, opened in 2008, the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, opened in 2010).

What is needed now is the "third leg" to complete what I often refer to as the "three-legged stool" on which our University's future ultimately will find its most impactful balance. We have a comprehensive network of effective support services already in place. They run the gamut from writing and mathematics and tutoring to centers for Veterans Services and Cultural Diversity. The Student Achievement Center, which would house all of these services, provides us with this vital "third leg" in our commitment to offering all of our students a remarkable, quality educational experience.

National higher education studies strongly suggest that the most successful academic journeys are provided by institutions with interconnected learning support networks. An institutional philosophy centered on student success, and perhaps even more directly, on talent development of its students, is a winning philosophy where students are more likely to engage, persist and reach graduation.

It is the University's priority to build, within the next two years, a Student Achievement Center building, which would be constructed in place of the vacant Getchell Library. The leadership of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, Reno, and the Graduate Student Association has enthusiastically endorsed this plan. A significant portion of the building will be funded by student capital improvement fees, as well as a strategically targeted fundraising campaign.

We currently have more than 18,000 students enrolled at the University. All 18,000-plus students will be welcome to use the Student Achievement Center, which will be, in many ways, our most socially and academically inclusive building. This new building will foster a culture of support for our campus, and will reaffirm in tangible form what continues to be one of our institution's finest legacies—the success of our students.

Sincerely,

Marc A. Johnson
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President Marc Johnson with University of Nevada, Reno National Merit Scholars in the Mathewson/IGT Knowledge Center.

Photo by Jeff Dow

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About the cover

This issue's cover, shot by photographer Jeff Dow, features student veterans Bradley Johnson, Class of 2013 (left), and David Lee, Class of 2014. Johnson, a student employee for the Veterans Services program, served in the Army before attending the University. Lee, the president of Omega Delta Sigma fraternity for veterans, served in the Air Force. Veterans Services is one of the many programs at Nevada designed to help students forge their own path to success.



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Class of 2015 biology major Emily Eoff works with her tutor, Sig Martinsen, Class of 2013, in the Mathematics Center.

From good to great

New student achievement center to help students reach new heights

By Roseann Keegan. Photos by Theresa Danna-Douglas.

For some students, a little help can bridge the gap between a distant goal and living a life fulfilled.

“It was always my dream to go to medical school and become a doctor,” says Emily Eoff, Class of 2015. “But I was intimidated by the math courses required. Last summer, I decided to conquer my fear, changed my major to biology and started going to the Math Center five days a week for tutoring. I can’t begin to say how much it’s helped—for my last math test, I actually set the curve.”

Assistance comes in many forms at the University of Nevada, Reno, and for all types of students: Honors, veterans, students with disabilities, students seeking to turn a B into an A, students who may be struggling with a certain subject. University administrators hope to construct a Student Achievement Center at the site of the 53-year-old Getchell Library, bringing most of these services—now scattered throughout campus and in cramped quarters—under one roof.

“With the promising gains that have been made over the past four years, our obligation to our ever-growing student body has increased,” President Marc Johnson says. “If we are to truly establish high-performance expectations for our students, we must provide the necessary resources for achievement.”

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student-centered capital improvement projects on campus. The Joe Crowley Student Union, which opened in 2007, and the Nevada Living Learning Community, which opened last year, are both focused on student retention. The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, which opened in 2008, and the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, which opened in 2010, have provided Nevada students with ready access to knowledge-based resources and enriching environments.

With a comprehensive network of effective support services already in place, including math, writing and multi-subject tutoring, as well as centers for veterans services and cultural diversity, Johnson is looking toward the final, vital piece: the Student Achievement Center, which would house all of these services and ensure all 18,000 Nevada students have access to a remarkable, quality educational experience.

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Tutoring Center student employees Annie Trinh, Class of 2013, and Stefanie Nowicki, Class of 2014, prepare to meet with a packed schedule of students during finals week in December. The Tutoring Center, located inside the Thompson Building, provides students one-on-one tutoring appointments and supplemental instruction, as well as walk-in labs at the DeLaMare Library, the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center and the Joe Crowley Student Union.

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Helping students help themselves

It’s December, the week of finals, and seniors Dylan Nettenstrom, Joseph Parnes, James Jensen, James Ross and Albert Claypool huddle around a table in the basement of the

Mackay Science building, the current home of the University Writing Center. The group is not comprised of English majors; rather, they’re polishing the wording on their final project for a capstone course in mechanical engineering.

“We wanted to work with someone who is not in engineering, to see if our points came through clearly,” says Claypool, Class of 2013.

Spreading the word about student support centers on campus entails a bit of myth-busting, says Writing Center Director Bill Macauley.

“We work with students and faculty from

all across campus, from all majors,” Macauley says. “It’s interactive, it’s welcoming and it’s supportive. We don’t use red pens in here because the Writing Center is focused on students developing their own writing expertise, rather than putting students in a position of choosing which red pen to follow.

“We never want to interfere in the relationship between faculty members and their students; our role is very different from the classroom teacher,” Macauley adds.

The various tutoring centers on campus may differ in specialty, but they all share a core mission: helping students help themselves.

“We don’t allow students to simply drop off their work,” Macauley says. “We sit down with them one-on-one. We ask, ‘what are you trying to say here? How can you say this more clearly?’ We want the student to learn, grow and be successful on their own. We want them to be prepared to do any type of writing, for any type of profession.”

In Room 1003 of the William J. Raggio Building, complex mathematical equations fill the whiteboards that canvass the perimeter walls and overflow onto portable whiteboards. The Math Center relocated to the Raggio Building last summer, having outgrown its former space in the Ansari Business Building.

One semester into the new setting and the Math Center is already bursting at the seams. Director Danelle Clarke says the center has already surged in usage since the move, growing from 6,000 visits per semester to almost 9,000 visits last fall.

Clarke attributes this increase—which is seen in student centers throughout campus—to Nevada’s ever-growing enrollment and a state budget climate that has faculty and administrators working hard to do more, with less.

“We just moved into this space, and some days we’re already overcrowded,” Clarke says.

Math Center tutor Sig Martinsen, Class of 2013, says there are students who are at the center morning, noon and night; students like Emily Eoff, who sought out the center to work toward her dream of attending medical school.

“It’s so rewarding,” says Martinsen. “There are students like Emily who come in all the time, thanking us, saying their test scores are because of us.”

As the fall semester was closing and Eoff

was poised to get an A in each of her three math classes, she baked a pie for the tutors at the Math Center and decorated it with the mathematical symbol for Pi.

“I may not be a ‘math person,’ but I can do math,” Eoff says proudly.

Directing traffic

Across campus at the Tutoring Center in the Thompson Building, space is also at a premium. Center Director Marsha Urban ’96M.A. (English), ’02Ph.D. (English) runs a bit of triage at the front desk, directing students to their appointments, or to the center’s walk-in labs in the DeLaMare Library, the

Knowledge Center and the Joe Crowley Student Union.

The one-on-one appointments at the Tutoring Center—which offers assistance in all subjects, including the sciences—were up 64 percent from 1,799 in spring 2012 to 3,113 before the close of the fall semester. Including appointments, supplemental instruction and walk-in labs, there were more than 12,000 visits to all Tutoring Center locations in spring 2012.

Urban says more students are seeking help because they are becoming increasingly aware of the services offered at the University, and less embarrassed to ask for help.

“Rather than beat their heads against the wall for hours, they can come in here and work one-on-one with our tutors,” Urban says. “We help them with the questions they’re afraid to ask in class.”

Shannon Ellis, vice president for student services, says this type of early engagement translates to higher student retention rates and a timelier path to graduation.

“This new center will bring together our most vital student centers and enable the University to continue to foster a culture of academic excellence at Nevada.”

—University Provost Heather Hardy



Mary Zabel, director of the Disability Resource Center, assists Neil Sorensen-Acosta, Class of 2013, during finals week. An Iraq War veteran, Sorensen-Acosta also utilizes Veterans Services on campus for assistance with the GI Bill.

Paving the road to student success

The University is dedicated to providing high-quality services and helping students succeed in their intellectual pursuits and personal development. Here is a sampling of resources available to students:

University Writing Center

Mackay Science, Room 108

(755) 784-6030, www.unr.edu/writing-center

Services include free writing consultations to all undergraduate and graduate students from any discipline; writing consultations for academic, creative, career, business and personal writing; and free additional writing resources.

Mathematics Center

William Raggio Building, 1003

(775) 784-4433, www.unr.edu/mathcenter

Services include drop-in tutoring, one-on-one support for MyMathLab online homework software, a 30-station computer lab with up-to-date mathematics and statistics software, and placement testing.

Tutoring Center

Thompson Building, Suite 101M

(775) 784-6801, www.unr.edu/tutoring

Services include supplemental instruction, walk-in tutoring labs, weekly group appointments and one-on-one appointments.

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64% more

students made one-on-one appointments at the Tutoring Center last fall, compared to spring 2012.

Academic Advising

Locations vary based on academic unit
www.unr.edu/academic-central

Services include advising based on student type and major, discussing academic performance, exploring graduate and professional options and monitoring progress toward graduation.

Veterans Services

Fitzgerald Student Services Building, Room 217
(775) 682-5935, www.unr.edu/veteran

Services include education benefits advising, one-on-one transition counseling and assistance submitting forms and information to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Disability Resource Center

Thompson Building, Suite 100
(775) 784-6000, TTY: (775) 324-5131
www.unr.edu/drc

Services include accommodation counseling; alternative testing, accessible media, faculty liaison services, interpreters for the deaf and referrals to campus and community services.

The Center for Student Cultural Diversity

Joe Crowley Student Union, third floor
(775) 784-7936, www.unr.edu/cultural-diversity

Services include academic counseling, tribal funding assistance, multi-ethnic and multilingual professional and student staff and an award-winning College Life 101 retention program.

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Air Force veteran David Lee, Class of 2014, found a community of fellow veterans through the Veterans Services office, which is poised to gain a dedicated space in the new Student Achievement Center. Veterans Services is currently a series of walk-up windows in the Fitzgerald Student Services Building.

“The Veterans Services office has helped me in several ways,” says Lee, president of the Omega Delta Sigma co-ed veteran fraternity. “They explained the application process and the GI Bill, and answered all of my questions. I never had any issues with getting classes approved or anything else that came up.”

Veterans Services Director Terina Caserto ’04M.A. (counseling and educational psychology) says the transition from active duty to civilian life poses a challenge to most veterans. At Nevada, or any university setting, veterans have the additional challenge of adjusting to student life.



“Our students are older, they have families and a different perception of the world,” Caserto says.

The University was recently selected as one of 20 colleges and universities nationwide to receive additional resources through the Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership pilot program, or VITAL, to help support the transition of student veterans to and through college.

Through the VITAL program, two Veterans’ Administration employees are now based on campus, including a licensed social worker and an outreach technician, to provide services for up to 500 students who are military service



Writing Center tutor Iris Saltus, Class of 2013, assists mechanical engineering majors Joseph Parnes, James Jensen, Dylan Nettenstrom, all Class of 2013, with their final report for a capstone mechanical engineering course. Located in the basement of the Mackay Science building, the Writing Center helps student writers at all levels of ability, from all disciplines, with any writing project.

members or veterans.

“The transition from service to student is different for every veteran,” says Lee, who deployed twice to Guam. “The transition does take some time to settle in. It doesn’t feel real for a while. It takes a couple of semesters to get used to the environment and being a student. It can be challenging, but most veterans settle in fine.”

An important component to the new center

will be a dedicated space for veterans to gather as a community.

“The center will put student veterans more out in the open and will hopefully raise awareness of veterans on campus,” Lee says. “The new center is a step in the right direction.”

Army veteran Joe Metzgar, president of the Nu Phi veteran fraternity, says the center will give veterans a space to gather socially and support one another during their transition

from active duty to student life.

“You never lose the military brotherhood,” says Metzgar, Class of 2013. “It will be nice to have a place to meet. It centralizes us.”

By putting numerous student services under one roof, the Student Achievement Center will also make it easier for center directors and tutors to refer students to additional services at the University.

“We can direct a student across campus,



Honors Program graduate assistant Kety Luna assists Honors students Rama Raja, Class of 2015; Kaylee Nelson, Class of 2013; and Steven DeLaCruz, Class of 2015. Back row: Honors students Elysia Tjong and Erin Becker, both Class of 2013. The Honors Program offers high-achieving students enhanced educational opportunities in a challenging and supportive academic environment compatible with all academic majors.

like we do now, or we can walk them down the hall,” Caserto says.

Neil Sorensen-Acosta, Class of 2013, is an Iraq War veteran. Born with cerebral atrophy, Sorensen-Acosta says he learns at a slower rate than other students, but is able to learn the same material. He receives guidance and assistance from Veterans Services as well as the Disability Resource Center.

“It doesn’t matter what you were born with,” he says. “If you want to learn, you can learn.

It’s just figuring out how to get over some obstacles.”

Sorensen-Acosta visits the Disability Resource Center in the Thompson Building up to three times per week for alternative testing services and homework assistance.

“For any future students, I just can’t stress this enough: There is a center here, and a whole staff of people for anyone who has a disability,” Sorensen-Acosta says. “There are people here willing and able to take the time and help these

individuals be successful at the University.”

Director Mary Zabel says the Disability Center had a marked increase in new students last fall, with up to 10 new student intakes each week. Despite the increase, students are connected with the resources they need with little-to-no wait time.

“We’re here to ensure that students with disabilities have the ability to contribute to and participate in all University programs and services,” she says.



A working model of student success

The Honors Program at the University, based on the first floor of the Jot Travis Building, offers students a challenging and supportive academic environment. Admission to the program is selective and competitive, but the support model is the same as other student centers across campus, with a mission of providing students with an engaging student experience at Nevada.

The Honors Program will remain in its current location overlooking Manzanita Lake. The office offers what the new Student Achievement Center will seek to duplicate: offices for

advising and tutoring, accompanied by a wide, open space for studying and socializing.

Honors student Elysia Tjong, Class of 2013, says she was intimidated by the transition from high school to college, but the Honors Program helped her successfully navigate her time at the University.

“The Honors Program has supported me and challenged me to take on experiences I never would have imagined for myself, including spending a semester abroad in France,” Tjong says.

Program Director Tamara Valentine says there are about 500 students enrolled in the Honors Program.

“We provide the Honors Program students with the opportunity to be a part of an outstanding community of scholars,” Valentine says. “We work to provide a challenging and supportive academic environment, and nurture that kind of climate on campus.”

The new Student Achievement Center will be built with precisely that climate in mind, says University Provost Heather Hardy.

“We want to ensure that our students are able to learn, grow and perform at their highest level,” Hardy says. “This new center will bring together our most vital student centers and enable the University to continue to foster a culture of academic excellence at Nevada.” **N**

To learn more about supporting the Student Achievement Center, please contact John Carothers, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, (775) 784-1352 or jcarothers@unr.edu.

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9,000

approximate student visits made to the Mathematics Center during the fall 2012 semester, up from 6,000 in the spring.

Counseling Services

Thompson Building, room 202

(775) 784-4648, www.unr.edu/counseling

Services include individual, couples and group counseling; psychological assessments as a part of treatment; and national and regional standardized tests, including the LSAT, the MAT, and the PRAXIS.

Office of International Students & Scholars

Fitzgerald Student Services Building, room 120

(775) 784-6874, www.unr.edu/oiss

Services include providing a smooth transition from a home country to the U.S.; assistance with University policies, procedures and resources; expertise on federal laws for international students; and intercultural understanding and training.

TRIO Programs

Thompson Building, room 200

(775) 784-6874, www.unr.edu/trio

Services and programs include Upward Bound, a free college preparatory program for first-generation, low-income students; the TRIO Scholars Program, providing qualified undergraduates with academic assistance and support; and the McNair Scholars program, preparing low-income, first-generation and/or underrepresented students of color who have demonstrated strong academic potential for careers on university campuses.



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Felicia O'Carroll

Felicia O'Carroll '76 (accounting)

When I attended the University, I never thought much about the future. I got married during my senior year of college and changed majors from nutrition to accounting. During my senior year of accounting, I was offered an internship with Kafoury, Armstrong & Co., a certified public accounting firm, which led to full-time employment with the firm when I graduated. Today, I have been with the firm for 37 years and was elected the first female shareholder in its history. Deciding to work for Kafoury, Armstrong became Great Decision No. 1.

Kafoury, Armstrong has been like a second family to me. It understands that, when people are happy with what they do outside of work, they become better employees. When I first started as a CPA, there were very few females in the profession. It was quite an ordeal to become the first woman shareholder, but I had great role models and mentors who helped me. Now females constitute 60 percent of Kafoury, Armstrong's shareholder group and being a positive role model for our female accountants is one of my top priorities. I seriously considered leaving only twice in 37 years, but still remain today—Great Decisions No. 2 and 3.

The birth of my son T.J. was a pivotal point in my career. His birth grounded me personally and professionally. Raising him as a single parent put everything in perspective and helped me balance my life and work. Today, he has a master's in accountancy from Nevada and is getting a second master's in sport management at the University of San Francisco, while living his dream as an intern with the San Francisco Giants. Our bond remains my anchor.

Shortly after T.J.'s birth, the managing shareholder at Kafoury, Armstrong requested that I take the Dale Carnegie course in public speaking and human relations, because a number of employees were interested in it and he wanted to see if it was worthwhile. At the

time, I was not happy about taking the course, but it became Great Decision No. 4. Initially, I didn't feel I had anything in common with the other participants and was quick to judge them without any basis. I prepared for class an hour before it started and didn't apply any of the principles to my speeches, although I excelled at public speaking. Five weeks in, a graduate assistant met with me and told me that I was a "classic underachiever." I did just enough to get an "A," but never challenged myself and never stepped outside my comfort zone. After that, I took the course seriously. It changed my outlook on life and my sense of purpose so much that Kafoury, Armstrong paid for me to become a Dale Carnegie instructor—I taught for five years—and put the majority of our professional staff through the course. Today, many of the participants from my initial class are my best friends. They made a great impression on me and I strive to live by the Dale Carnegie principles every day.

Also after T.J. was born, I became interested in volunteering for programs centered on children. I served on the boards of the Child Assault Prevention Project, the YWCA, the Nevada Women's Fund, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Health Access Washoe County. My experience with the Food Bank opened my eyes to the dire needs of our community and the passionate staff committed to helping the hungry.

Ten years ago, I accepted a position on the University's Foundation Board, which reconnected me to my University roots and became Great Decision No. 5. As a trustee, I have served with four University presidents and several inspirational board chairs. Each brought a different skillset to the table and inspired me in different ways. As the incoming board chair, I want to live up to their examples to motivate and inspire, and help spread the word about the remarkable things happening on campus.

I believe education is the key to success and enlightenment. My Nevada education is the primary reason for where I am today. The College of Business' accounting department provided a strong foundation which prepared me to sit for and pass the CPA exam and progress in my career. As an undergraduate, I competed on the women's gymnastics team for four years, which kept me on campus for long hours each day and enriched my college experience.

What I've learned through all of my "Great Decisions" is that life is about problem-solving, people skills and humility. We all face challenges every day and it is how we respond to those challenges that reveal our true character. We need humility to admit when we don't know the answers and when to ask for help. Humility allows us to learn and grow. I strongly believe that everyone who crosses my path does so for a reason: either I am supposed to learn from them or them from me. The challenge (and fun) is figuring out that connection.

From a conversation in November with Crystal Parrish, director, corporate and foundation relations. O'Carroll, a 1976 Nevada accounting graduate, is the 2013 Foundation Board Chair. She received her master's in taxation from Golden Gate University in 1988. She is the managing shareholder of the Reno office of Kafoury, Armstrong & Co., a statewide certified public accounting firm. She received the Nevada Alumni Association's professional achievement award in 2008 and supports numerous programs on campus, including scholarships, the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, the Silver and Blue Society and Nevada Athletics. She has served on many local boards and professional associations, including the Sanford Center for Aging.

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University of Nevada School of Medicine builds partnerships with local high schools

The University of Nevada School of Medicine continues to build its partnerships with three Nevada high schools, each of which is focusing on an educational track leading to a career in the medical profession for their young students.

Anne Pershing '83 is a member of the Nevada Press Association Hall of Fame.

Students at Reno's Hug High School and East Career and Technical Academy and Northwest Career and

Technical Academy, both in Las Vegas, work with medical students enrolled in the fourth-year elective course, "Clinical Problem Solving

for High School Health Professions."

The course gives medical students the opportunity to help high school students learn to work through a clinical case, come up with differential diagnoses, interpret and understand lab work and take part in interactive physical exams facilitated by medical students. High school students also participate in standardized patient sessions, learn to speak effectively with patients while taking a brief medical history, all while working toward a medical career in high school.

Kristen McKinnon, a fourth-year medical student, is one of six working with both high schools in Las Vegas. She said the part-

nership benefits medical and high school students alike.

"It includes the opportunity to give back to the community," McKinnon says. "It allows me to work on teaching and hopefully inspires some students to continue their education, possibly in the medical field."

Ann Diggins '86 (journalism), '01M.A. (counseling and educational psychology), the School of Medicine's director of recruitment, says medical students in the high school classroom provide powerful experiences for students at both levels.

"Medical students learn how to teach effectively and communicate complex scientific



Photo by Anne McMillin

LEFT: After sharing insights on training to be a doctor, medical student Jeffrey Dorrity works with high school students in an interactive, team-building activity. Students assume roles on a team and collaborate on reassembling a toy family quickly and efficiently within a certain timeframe. East Career Technical Academy in Las Vegas is a partner high school of the University of Nevada School of Medicine. RIGHT: Medical student Norlan Maltez, left, demonstrates the life-like chest sounds of “Sim Man” to Hug High School students Kevin Martinez and Karina Salgado, who are enrolled in Hug High’s Health Science Academy.

and clinical ideas to high school students,” Diggins says. “The time the medical students give to be in the high school classrooms lets the kids know they are important and can aspire to become like our medical students.”

Dennis Ryan, teacher at East Career and Technical Academy High, a school with a population of 1,772, said it is a pleasure for him to have medical students in his classroom.

“We have 412 high school students in the medical program here who are learning about the field of medicine before making college career choices,” Ryan says. “Before teaching, I was employed as an orthopaedic assistant, which allows me to bring the practical application of medicine to my honors anatomy and physiology class.”

Ryan adds that the medical students describe their personal pathways from high school through medical school, which allows high school students to see what is necessary to become a physician.

“The medical students use case studies in presentations,” Ryan says. “High school students are able to assume the role of physicians and with the help of the medical students, develop diagnoses and treatments for individuals portrayed in case students. The medical students engage the high school students in relevant problem solving and the application of anatomy to these medical cases.”

Ryan says the relationships developed between medical and high school students are meaningful in that high school students recognize they can apply academic principles of anatomy and physiology to medicine.

“The medical students provide much-needed information and viewpoints about medicine and medical careers,” Ryan says. “Our program would not be the same without them.”

Dr. Richard Green is a physician who teaches at Northwest Career and Technical Academy, a school with a student population of 1,900 students, of which 500 are enrolled in the medical program. Green says that the partnership is “incredible.”

“The medical profession can be difficult to understand, and I enjoy helping them learn as much as possible about it with the help of the medical students,” Green says. “We teach them how to do EKGs, casting, professional portfolios and much more.

“Right now we’re working on a new national program called “Project Lead the Way,” which is at the heart of today’s high-tech global economy,” he adds. “The program offers hands-on biomedical, science, technology and engineering classes for middle and high school students to prepare them for college and career success.”

As for Reno’s Hug High School, which has a student population of 1,300, Principal Lauren Ford-Baxter says the newly created student Health Science Academy “fosters a challenging learning environment allowing our students to explore health careers. The partnership with the School of Medicine is dedicated to the diverse needs of both students and the communities of Nevada and offers a more personalized approach to assist students’ exploration of health occupations.”

Gina K. Sella ’97 (psychology), ’07M.A.

(counseling and educational psychology), the School of Medicine’s education outreach coordinator in Reno, adds: “I really am excited that we are renewing our long-standing partnership with Hug High School through the new Health Science Academy for the high school students. This gives us an opportunity to work with the students from the time they are freshmen in high school.”

Isabella Michel, ’93 (biological sciences), ’97M.S. (secondary education), ’03Ph.D. (curriculum and instruction), director of Hug High’s new Health Science Academy, agrees.

“We have been fortunate to have had a partnership with the medical school since the mid-1990s,” she says. “The School of Medicine agreed to expand our existing partnership to include the Health Science Academy this past year, which has given 23 freshmen opportunities for experiences that are unique to our high school. We are looking forward to more students participating in the upcoming year.”

Michel, who also teaches biology and has been at Hug High for 19 years, adds that building students’ foundational knowledge, exposing them to different careers and opportunities in health science, building academic skills, giving them the opportunity to work with medical students and nurturing future health care professionals dedicated to the delivery of quality care for all are just a few of the goals of the academy.

Maria Cox, a freshman enrolled in the Health Science Academy, is looking to a career as an anesthesiologist, pediatrician or sports doctor.

“I like the academy because it opens many doors to the health world,” Cox says. “The program is helpful to me because it takes it step-by-step. I feel truly blessed to be a part of this experience.”

Her classmate Daisy Ruiz says her goal is to become a veterinarian.

“This program is very helpful because it keeps me focused,” Ruiz says. “The academy is fun and you can be yourself and everyone accepts you for just being you. Being around the academy members all the time makes you feel like it’s your family, and I know the others feel that way, too.”



Gatherings

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Photo by Theresa Dama-Douglass



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Photos by Jeff Dow



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Marc Johnson Presidential Inauguration

Marc Johnson became the 16th president of the University of Nevada, Reno during an inauguration ceremony Sept. 28 at the University's historic Quadrangle. The Nevada System of Higher Education's Board of Regents appointed Johnson to serve as president last April. At Nevada since 2008, Johnson previously served as interim president, executive vice president and provost. During the ceremony, Johnson said the institution would grow "an even higher quality University experience." "As we have seen at this University

over the past several years, when people choose to contribute, to plan and work together, to dream and hope together, the results are amazing," Johnson said during a 23-minute inaugural address that capped a warm morning on the Quad before a crowd of more than 500. "As we move forward, it is our institutional pride and abiding sense of teamwork that excites me."

Johnson added, "I promise to make you proud—proud of this University, and proud of all the people who make our University so special."

(1) President Marc Johnson's name as the 16th president of the University is displayed on the Quad.

(2) President Marc Johnson addresses the audience during the Sept. 28 inauguration ceremony.

(3) The Nevada Chamber Chorale performs the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Home Means Nevada" during the ceremony.

(4) President Marc Johnson is flanked by former University President Joe Crowley (left) and former University President John Lilley. Crowley served as University president for a record-setting 23 years, from 1978 to 2001. When Crowley



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stepped down from the presidency, he was the longest-serving president at a single institution among the nation's principal universities. Lilley served as University president from 2001 to 2005, followed by the presidency of the late Milton Glick.

(5) Attendees at the Sept. 28 inauguration ceremony on the Quad.

(6) College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources Associate Dean David Shintani, College of Business Dean Greg Mosier, University of Nevada School of Medicine Dean Thomas Schwenk, College of Education

Dean Christine Cheney, College of Liberal Arts Dean Scott Casper, College of Science Dean Jeff Thompson, Dean of University Libraries Kathlin Ray, University Provost Heather Hardy, College of Engineering Dean Manos Maragakis and Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism Dean Alan Stavitsky.

(7) Nevada System of Higher Education Regent Jason Geddes '90, '95 Ph.D., President Marc Johnson and Regent Kevin Page.

(8) Cathy Cobb, the Hon. Bill Cobb '71, Sue Stout and Richard Stout '66, president of the Charles H. Stout Foundation.

(9) Karen Penner-Johnson and President Marc Johnson.

(10) Marsha Read '68, '69M.S., interim vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School; Chancellor Dan Klaich '72; Shannon Ellis, vice president for Student Services; Ron Zurek, vice president of administration and finance; and Professor David Zeh, Faculty Senate chair and Department of Biology chair.

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Foundation Banquet

The 31st annual University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Banquet held Sept. 27 featured speaker Charles Duhigg, best-selling author of *The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business*. Funds raised from the Foundation Banquet help support students and faculty. Generous support of the event was provided by the E.L. Cord Foundation, Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, The Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation, Barrick Gold of North America, Ann Carlson '59 and NV Energy.

(1) Best-selling author Charles Duhigg discusses the science of habit formation before an audience of more than 700.

(2) Foundation Banquet Event Chair Randy Brown '89, Natalie Brown '99, Stacey Crowley and Tim Crowley '92.

(3) Susan Sparkman, silver sponsor Ann Carlson '59, Bill Sparkman, Jennifer Zarco '11, Amber Burroughs '11 and Perla Petry '11.

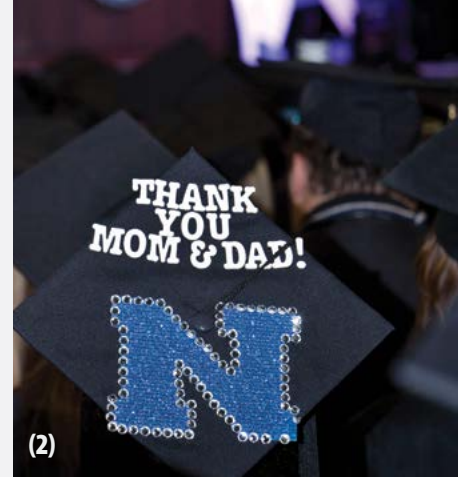
(4) Ron Zideck '59, Mary Liz Zideck, Sandra Wilson, Barry Herr, David Deming '65 and Valerie Chappel.

(5) 2012 Chair, Board of Trustees University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Thomas J. Hall '65.

(6) President Marc Johnson's family, Ashley Coberly, Steve Disbrow, Allison Disbrow, Valerie Slayton, Joe Johnson, Karen Penner-Johnson, President Johnson, Stuart Daily, Wilma Daily, Anita Daily, and grandchildren Brooklyn and Carrie attend the banquet, as well as his presidential inauguration the following day.



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Winter 2012 Commencement

A total of 1,166 bachelor's degrees and 382 advanced degrees or certificates (master's and doctoral degrees and education specialist certificates) were awarded Dec. 8 during the University of Nevada, Reno Winter Commencement at Lawlor Events Center. University President Marc Johnson delivered welcoming remarks. During Spring

Commencement, the University conferred 2,215 degrees and certificates, bringing the total number of 2012 Nevada graduates to 3,381. The University awarded 1,547 degrees at the December 2011 ceremony, 1,549 degrees at the December 2010 ceremony.

- (1) Education students prepare to walk cross the stage.
- (2) "Thank you Mom & Dad!"
- (3) Mario Lewis and Deandre Boughton.
- (4) Happy graduate, Johnny Tresse.

(5) Master of arts graduates in counseling and educational psychology with an emphasis in marriage and family therapy. BACK ROW: Brian O' Leary, Cari Hansen, Rachel Sumner, Anjie Silveira, Tracy Kelly, Emily Bloomquist. FRONT ROW: Monika Muhlgaber Marsh, Tracy Legee, Elizabeth Welsh Wesseling and Nora Ann Shannon.

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(6) New graduates Jessica Dykstra, Jared Hobson, Amy Pang and Jarell Green.



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UNCE helps ranchers in drought

It's been a tough year for Nevada's ranchers. Not only has a lingering drought reduced the available forage on public lands, but massive wildfires this summer scorched hundreds of thousands of acres of rangeland used by cattle herds. To make matters worse, many ranchers had to cut back on their hay and alfalfa cultivation due to dwindling irrigation supplies.

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension has responded by working closely with many Nevada ranchers to help them weather the storm. In October, UNCE's Herds & Harvest program, which helps ranchers and farmers improve their bottom line through planning and business training, held eight workshops around the state.

"The fires in the state have destroyed federal grazing opportunities for many Nevada ranchers," said Staci Emm '96 (journalism-public relations), the Mineral County extension educator who heads up the Herds & Harvest program. "This, combined with limited water supplies in certain parts of the state, forces producers to make difficult management decisions."

Ranchers requested the assistance and UNCE responded with workshops that brought together federal and state agencies providing technical information and financial assistance for struggling agricultural pro-

ducers. For instance, the U.S. Farm Service Agency was on hand to discuss emergency loans and water hauling and fence repair programs. The U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service was available to discuss help with reseeding scorched rangeland, developing springs for watering and fencing.

Extension educators and specialists have also been working informally with ranchers to answer questions and share information about coping with the drought and fires.

Humboldt County Extension Educator Brad Schultz '87M.S. (resource management) has been advising ranchers to plan now in case 2013 turns out to be as dry as 2012.

"It's important to have contingency plans in place," Schultz said.

Schultz noted that Nevada ranchers are facing a number of compounding problems. Calves are smaller, sheep and cows are being forced to expend more energy to walk to watering troughs, and the quality of sheep wool is declining. Ranchers are being forced to rent pasture land or cull their herds by selling off animals they can't afford to feed. He's also been advising them to improve water-related infrastructures, repair leaky troughs and water lines, identify animals for early sale based on their historic productive and nutritional need, and look for cost savings that will help them

Jay Davison, a University of Nevada Cooperative Extension alternative crops and forage specialist, works with Nevada ranchers through the Herds & Harvest program.

set aside funds for supplemental feed next year.

Jay Davison, a UNCE alternative crops and forage specialist, said the drought is primarily affecting ranchers who rely on rangelands as primary forage for their livestock. He said this year's water supplies were sufficient for farmers' "normal crop production activities."

"As far as next year is concerned, no one has any idea what will happen," Davison said. "Wide swings in water supplies due to erratic precipitation is normal in Nevada."

Schultz completes a Forage Loss Assessment each fall, and the U.S. Farm Services Agency uses it to determine if livestock producers should receive insurance payments to offset significant losses from drought or other disasters.

"These payments can keep ranchers in business if they have to buy expensive feed to replace cheap rangeland forage," Schultz said.

He noted that helping keep livestock producers going is crucial to rural economies.

"Livestock sales have an economic multiplier of almost three in these rural Nevada communities," Schultz said. "So when a drought hits, it's more than the livestock producers or farmers who are affected. A lot of people get hurt."



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Summer on Campus: Activities, camps and educational programs

Summertime is a lot of fun for kids, but many parents prefer youth programs that provide enriching experiences for their children. Finding an educational day or overnight program for your child is simple. The University hosts or co-sponsors a wide variety of summer youth camp programs and other family-centered activities. Here's a list of top northern Nevada summer camps and summer activities for children and families.

ARTOWN, a month-long celebration of the arts in Reno including programs on campus, July 1-31. Call (775) 322-1538 or visit www.renoartsartown.com.

CHILD AND FAMILY RESEARCH CENTER DAY CAMP for children ages 5-10, call (775) 784-4400 or visit www.unr.edu/education/centers/cfrc.

DAVIDSON THINK SUMMER INSTITUTE for exceptionally gifted students aged 13-16, July 13 to Aug. 3. Call (775) 852-3483 or visit www.davidsongifted.org.

DEAN'S FUTURE SCHOLARS, an academic outreach program to encourage low-income, diverse and first-generation students to attend college; contact Mariluz Garcia at (775) 784-4237 or visit www.unr.edu/education/centers/dfs.

ENGINEERING SUMMER CAMPS for students aged 12-18; dates TBA; call (775) 682-7741, email ebozisk@unr.edu or visit www.unr.edu/engineering.

FLEISHMANN PLANETARIUM AND SCIENCE CENTER; call (775) 784-4812 or visit www.planetarium.unr.nevada.edu.

GIRLS MATH AND TECHNOLOGY CAMP for girls entering grades 7 and 8; dates TBA; contact unrmathcamp@gmail.com or visit www.unr.edu/girls-math-camp.

GLOBAL KIDS DAY CAMP by Northern Nevada International Center for children in grades 1-6; call Carina Black at (775) 784-7515 or nnic@unr.edu, or visit www.nnic.org.

KIDS UNIVERSITY, an educational day camp for children entering grades 2-8; June 17 to Aug. 2. Registration starts March 23. Call Extended Studies at (775) 784-4062 or visit www.extendedstudies.unr.edu/youth.htm

MOVIES AT THE JOE; call the Joe Crowley Student Union at (775) 784-6505 or visit www.unr.edu/studentunion.

NEVADA BOYS STATE, a leadership and citizenship training program for qualified high school juniors, June 16-22. Call (888) 646-6594, info@nevadaboystate.org or visit www.nevadaboystate.org.

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE (OLLI), educational experiences for adults 50 and over;

call (775) 784-8053, olli@unr.edu or visit www.olli.unr.edu.

READING AND WRITING TUTORING at the E.L. Cord Foundation Center for Learning and Literacy for students K-8th grade; call (775) 784-4951 or visit www.unr.edu/dll/tutoring.

WATERMELON CONCERTS ON THE QUAD, free and family friendly, co-sponsored by the

Nevada Alumni Association and Summer Session; Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. July 3 through Aug. 7. Call (775) 784-4652 or visit www.summersession.unr.edu.

SUMMER OF DISCOVERY, a one-week camp for Nevada high school students in grades 8-10 with an interest in science; dates TBA; contact the School of Medicine at (775) 738-3828 or visit www.medicine.nevada.edu/dept/asa.

UPWARD BOUND, a free college preparatory program for qualified students; call (775) 784-4978 or visit www.unr.edu/upward-bound.

WOLF PACK SPORTS CAMPS, including football, baseball, basketball, golf, soccer, softball and volleyball camps; call (775) 784-4062 or visit www.extendedstudies.unr.edu/youth.htm or www.nevadawolfpack.com.



SUMMER CAMPS AT LAKE TAHOE

THE NEVADA 4-H CAMP is owned and operated by the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension. The camp sits on 32 shoreline acres on the south shore of Lake Tahoe and is available for rental year round. Contact the Nevada 4-H Camp at (775) 588-6943 or visit www.unce.unr.edu/4H/camp.

LAKE TAHOE MUSIC CAMP for musicians entering grades 6-12, July 21-28; contact Chris Money at the University's Extended Studies (775) 784-4046 or cmoney@unr.edu, or visit

www.extendedstudies.unr.edu/youth.htm

NEVADA GIRLS STATE, a leadership and citizenship training program for qualified high school juniors, July 1-7. Call Daela Gibson at (775) 224-0073 or nevadagirlsstate@gmail.com, or visit www.nevadagirlsstate.net.

4-H YOUTH EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP CAMPS, held during July and August; contact the University of Nevada 4-H Program Office at (775) 784-6206 or visit www.unce.unr.edu/4H.



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John Carothers, vice president, Development and Alumni Relations; Dean Greg Mosier, College of Business; University President Marc Johnson; and Stacie and Charles Mathewson at the check presentation for the Charles N. Mathewson Endowed Professorship in Entrepreneurship.

Mathewson professorship to encourage entrepreneurship

Charles Mathewson, former president, CEO and board chairman of International Game Technology, has made a \$1 million gift to establish the Charles N. Mathewson Endowed Professorship in Entrepreneurship at the College of Business in support of the college's efforts to expand its curriculum and provide long-term resources to facilitate student engagement in entrepreneurial and start-up ventures.

"I'm a born entrepreneur," Mathewson says. "I respect that flare and try to encourage it in others, because that's part of what has made America great."

Mathewson and the Charles Mathewson Foundation have been longtime champi-

ons of the University of Nevada, Reno. The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center is named in recognition of a combined \$10 million gift from Mathewson and IGT.

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

Last fall, alumnus Rick Sontag '66M.S. (physics) also donated \$1 million to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation to establish the Sontag Entrepreneurship Award Endowment, administered by the College of Business, which annually rewards the winning student entrepreneurship team with \$50,000.

In addition, the Hopping Foundation recently established the Hopping Endowed Professorship in Entrepreneurship.

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

"We are very grateful for Mr. Mathewson's contributions and will immediately put them to good use to continue to grow our Entrepreneurship Program, and give our students the tools they need to turn their business dreams into real-world successes here in Nevada," Mosier adds.

To learn more about supporting the College of Business, please contact Lynda Buhlig '84, executive director of development, (775) 682-6013 or lbuhlig@unr.edu.

—Roseann Keegan



Photo by Theresa Dams-Douglas

Redfield Foundation salutes National Merit Scholars—Recipients of the Nell J. Redfield Foundation Scholarship for University of Nevada, Reno National Merit Scholars were honored at a Morrill Hall reception Sept. 18. The Redfield Foundation established the scholarship program at the University in 2012 with a commitment to sponsor 20 National Merit Scholars, the University's most prestigious award. Each Redfield Scholar receives \$15,000 per year for four years. To learn more about supporting the University's National Merit Scholarship Program, please contact John Carothers, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, (775) 784-1352 or jcarothers@unr.edu.

Redfield scholars Lily Daylami, Jacob Fisk, Sarah Johnson, Erik Jensen and Connie Duong, Redfield trustee Jeane Jones, President Marc Johnson, Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers, Redfield trustee Jerry Smith, and Redfield scholars Lisa Bryant, Katie Mill and Timothy Grunert. Not pictured: Redfield scholars Dallas Ahrens and Michelle Duggan.



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Wells Fargo First Generation Scholars honored

The annual Wells Fargo First Generation Scholarship Luncheon was held Oct. 11 in the William F. & Nadine M. Pillsbury Tower Reading Room in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center to honor 19 scholarship recipients, their families and the goodwill of Wells Fargo Bank. First Generation Scholars represent the first generation of their families to attend college. Wells Fargo presented a ceremonial check for \$71,000. Scholarship recipients will receive an

annual award of \$3,500 each of their four years of college with satisfactory progress. Since 1988, Wells Fargo Bank has provided more than \$900,000 in support of Nevada students. To learn more about supporting scholarships at the University of Nevada, Reno, please contact Keiko Weil '87, director of donor relations, (775) 682-5964 or kweil@unr.edu. *First Generation Scholars Zulema Zamudio, Teddy Glass, Jennifer Mendez, Kayla Taylor,*

Marjorie Matschke, Vicky Howard-Hollis and Vivian Bolanos, Development and Alumni Relations Vice President John Carothers and Wells Fargo Community Affairs Representative Kelly Goodman, scholars Shirin Ghanvati, Evitha Lim, Kalie Hossick, Kai Carl and Taylor Martinez, TRIO Program Counselor and previous Wells Fargo scholar Chris Westin '06, '08M.A., Wells Fargo Bank Membership Banking Program Manager Amy Nelson '04, and scholars Ann Davis, Esmeralda Ramirez, Amy Pogensee and Yesica Soto.



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Greater Nevada Credit Union makes gift and matching pledge to band

Greater Nevada Credit Union has launched "It's Time to Support the Band," a promotion to benefit the Wolf Pack Marching Band, with an initial gift of \$20,000 and a pledge of \$20,000 for each of the next two years. GNCU

has also pledged to match up to \$45,000 in additional donations to the band over the next three years. Donations to the Wolf Pack Marching Band will be matched 1:1 by GNCU up to \$15,000 per year. GNCU is promoting

the matching gift campaign in their branches, as well as at home football and basketball games.

"Greater Nevada is honored to sponsor the Wolf Pack Marching Band over the next three years," says Dean Altus Jr., executive vice president and COO of Greater Nevada Credit Union. "We look forward to promoting the band and the terrific entertainment value they bring to University sporting events and to the northern Nevada community-at-large.

"GNCU will be raising funds for the band's equipment, their travel expenses and educational scholarships, and hope to generate increased community support by rallying Wolf Pack fans around their band," Altus adds. "This is a very exciting partnership opportunity for everyone involved. Go Pack!"

To learn more about supporting the Wolf Pack Marching Band and helping the band reach their \$15,000 goal by June 2013, please contact Lynda Buhlig '84, executive director of development, (775) 682-6013 or lbuhlig@unr.edu.

—Roseann Keegan



Fourth annual Blue Tie Ball set for March 30

Tickets are on sale now for the fourth annual Blue Tie Ball, a University of Nevada, Reno Scholarship Gala benefiting Wolf Pack student-athletes.

This year's event is set for Saturday, March 30 at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino.

The evening raises money for student-athlete scholarships at the University and promises a night of elegance, amazing food, wine and fun. Wolf Pack student-athletes will greet guests and escort them into the Tuscan Ballroom.

Wolf Pack student-athletes perform for attendees at last year's Blue Tie Ball.

Former Wolf Pack skier Eric Andersen and Reno native Whitney Myer, who recently appeared on NBC's *The Voice*, will be performing at this year's Blue Tie Ball.

For tickets and more information, call (775) 682-6965.

Athletics Graduation Success Rate reaches all-time high

The University of Nevada, Reno's Graduation Success Rate for student-athletes has climbed to an all-time high of 80 percent.

This year's mark is up from its previous best of 78 percent in 2011. The Wolf Pack's graduation rate has increased in each of the last eight years and has climbed 17 percent since 2005, going from 63 percent to its current all-time high of 80 percent.

The federal graduation rate for Nevada's student-athletes, which doesn't count transfer students, is also at its all-time high of 71 percent this year. That number has significantly increased from 47 percent in 2007.

"We are very proud to have our Gradu-

ation Success Rate reach 80 percent, the highest it has ever been," said Cary Groth, director of Wolf Pack Athletics. "Hitting that milestone and having our graduation rate improve in each of the last eight years is a testament to the hard work of our student-athletes as well as the commitment of our academic staff, coaches and university community to providing our student-athletes the support and resources they need to reach their academic goals and graduate."

The GSR was developed by the NCAA as part of its academic reform initiative to more accurately assess the academic success of student-athletes. Unlike the federal graduation

rate, the GSR holds institutions accountable for transfer student-athletes, includes mid-year enrollees, and is calculated for every sport. This year's mark is based on student-athletes who began full-time enrollment at any school in the fall of 2005 and received athletic aid in their first year of college.

"Just as we cheer on our Wolf Pack teams on the field or on the court, we are also pleased to celebrate their academic success," said University President Marc Johnson.

"The continued improvement in the Graduation Success Rate demonstrates our commitment to help set our student-athletes on a path for success in life."



Photos courtesy Wolf Pack Athletics

Former student-athletes Wendy Damonte, Angie Taylor, Pat Klos, Betty McCauley, Jane Witter and Jane Miller were presented with letters as part of Nevada's celebration of women's athletics.

Wolf Pack celebrates women's athletics at Salute to Champions dinner

Nevada Athletics held its Salute to Champions Dinner on Nov. 8 in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Title IX, the federal civil rights law that prevents gender discrimination in education.

In addition to a keynote address by Olympic gold medalist Brandi Chastain, the evening celebrated the success of women's athletics at the University of Nevada, Reno and honored the contributions of donors Mary Ansari, Dixie May '01HDG of the Wilbur D. May Foundation, Christina Hixson of the Lied

Foundation, Lynn Bremer, Kathie Dees '09 of the Marguerite Wattis Petersen Foundation and Jeane Jones of the Nell J. Redfield Foundation as well as former University of Nevada and NCAA President Joe Crowley, former athletics administrator Angie Taylor '85, '91MPA, '04Ph.D., former Wolf Pack athletics director Chris Ault '69, '73M.Ed. and team physician Dr. Carol Scott '91M.D.

Several former student-athletes were also honored at the event. In attendance were event emcee Wendy Damonte '94 who swam for

the Wolf Pack in the early 1990s, Taylor who played basketball from 1982-86 before going on to work as an administrator in the Wolf Pack athletics department, Jane Miller '77 who played basketball, volleyball and softball from 1972-76, Jane Witter '74 who skied for the Wolf Pack from 1971-74, Pat Klos who skied from 1958-59 and Betty McCauley '50 who competed in basketball, volleyball, tennis, horseback riding and rifle in the late 1940s.

Prior to the passage of Title IX in 1972, budgets for women's sports were very small or non-existent and women did not receive scholarships, often had to share uniforms or make their own and sometimes had to sleep in travel vans or on gym floors.

Female student-athletes also did not receive lettermen's jackets like their male counterparts, so as part of the celebration, the former student-athletes were presented with their letter at the dinner.

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

Academic Excellence Brunch honors classroom achievement

Nevada Athletics took time to honor the academic achievements of its student-athletes this winter at its Academic Excellence and Scholarship Banquet. The sixth annual event was held at the Joe Crowley Student Union and was sponsored by Drs. Rita '72 (business education), '76 M.A. (education) and Harry Huneycutt.

Nevada presented the Dr. Exline Academic Effort Award to LaTijera Avery, a women's track and field student-athlete majoring in general studies, and Mark Avery, a football student-athlete majoring in human development and family studies. Named for the

late Chris Exline, Nevada's longtime faculty athletics representative, the award is given to a male and female student-athlete who have both significantly improved their academic standing through consistent dedication to achieving classroom requirements while continuing to maintain superior athletic performance.

Also honored were the Wolf Pack rifle and women's golf teams, which shared the Sport Team Award as the squads with the highest cumulative GPA (3.40), as well as 80 Wolf Pack Scholars who maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0-3.49 and 54 Silver and Blue Schol-

ars who hold a cumulative GPA of 3.5-4.0. Nevada also honored the 103 student-athletes who earned Western Athletic Conference All-Academic honors during the 2011-12 academic year as well as student-athletes who were named scholar-athletes by coaching associations.

The afternoon ended with recognition for the donors and 56 student-athletes who are the recipients of Nevada's endowed scholarships, as well as the presentation of the special silver and blue cords to all of the Wolf Pack's winter graduates.



Photo by Mike Wolterbeek

University engineering grad students bring energy research into K-12 classrooms

University doctoral students are back in middle and high school this year, but this time at the front of the classroom, working with teachers as they present their energy-related science and engineering research to young students.

With a \$1.2 million grant awarded to the College of Engineering from the National Science Foundation, these doctoral students are developing new skills as they teach, mentor and communicate science and technology to local schools. The experience prepares them to take on leadership, public education and advocacy roles in their future science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers.

“It’s an exciting project with significant benefits for all involved,” said Kam Leang, the project’s principal investigator and an associate professor in mechanical engineering. “Particularly, the training program’s main goal is

to build on doctoral students’ science and technology education, to prepare them to become future STEM leaders and to help promote and grow STEM in Nevada.”

Through the innovative, three-year program, supported by the NSF’s Graduate Teaching Fellows in K-12 Education program, six University graduate students are matched each year with STEM teachers in four Washoe County School District schools. Through inquiry- and project-based activities, the graduate students will encourage middle and high school students to ask questions that lead them to their own discovery of knowledge and exploration of science.

Research-based projects brought by University graduate students into the classrooms this semester include energy-efficient micro-vehicles, flight dynamics and trajectory planning of descent vehicles, and earthquake and

Mendive Middle School teacher Nick Nemsgren ’00, left, and University mechanical engineering researcher and associate professor Kam Leang, right, watch as eighth-grade students conduct a flame-test experiment with metallic salts.

structural engineering.

“This project aligns with our strategic priorities to increase our doctorate enrollment, prepare our graduate students for future STEM disciplines, and to build a pathway for K-12 students through high school, college and into the workforce,” said Manos Maragakis, dean of the College of Engineering.

This program involves faculty from mechanical, civil, electrical, chemical and materials engineering, as well as the College of Science, College of Education and College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources. A traveling energy-science-technology lab, the E-Mobile, is also being created.

—Mike Wolterbeek ’02



Photo by Jeff Dow

University enrollment rises: most National Merit Scholars, most diverse student body

The University of Nevada, Reno welcomed 18,227 undergraduate and graduate students to campus this fall, marking the largest enrollment ever and continuing the trend of steady enrollment growth.

The University also welcomed more than 80 new University Presidential Scholars and 16 new National Merit Scholars, the largest number of each scholar type welcomed in a semester. The University received sponsorship status by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation in spring 2009.

“The University of Nevada, Reno continues to grow the number of students we serve, continually adding to the number of National Merit and Presidential Scholars while increasing access for students of limited means,” University President Marc Johnson said.

Johnson is also pleased with the University’s

progress in creating a more diverse campus. Students-of-color now comprise 29 percent of the University’s total enrollment, the highest percentage to date.

“Having a diverse student enrollment contributes to the overall education experi-

Students gather for outdoor movie night outside the Joe Crowley Student Union as part of the fall semester’s Welcome Back Week.

ence and prepares students for increasingly diverse workplaces and the global economy,” Johnson said.

—Natalie Savidge '04

Nevada ranks top tier among ‘Best National Universities’

U.S. News and World Report has again ranked the University of Nevada, Reno in the top tier of “Best National Universities.” In developing its rankings, *U.S. News* surveys more than 1,600 universities and colleges. Schools in the “Best National Universities” category offer a full range of undergraduate majors, masters and doctoral degrees and are committed to a productive research program.

In separate rankings of specific programs, *U.S. News* ranks the College of Engineering among the nation’s “Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs” and the College of Business among the “Best Undergraduate Business Programs.”



Photo courtesy John Cushman

John Cushman, professor of biochemistry, is leading a \$14 million effort to develop more water-efficient crops.

University of Nevada professor leads \$14 million biomass research project

What do you get when you cross agave plants with poplar trees? A University of Nevada, Reno-led research project believes the result will be more water-efficient trees with far-reaching implications for biomass production in hotter, drier climates.

Putting the water-efficient and turbo-charged photosynthesis from plants such as agave into woody biomass plants such

as poplar trees can hedge against predicted hotter and drier climates. The resulting fast-growing trees will be suitable for establishment on marginal land as a source of renewable biomass. The development of new, water-efficient crops will also help reduce competition with food crops on productive farmland.

John Cushman, professor of biochemistry in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology

and Natural Resources, is the project leader on a five-year, \$14 million study funded by the U.S. Department of Energy Genomic Sciences division to advance this research.

“With climate change predictions for a 7-degree Fahrenheit increase in temperature and a decrease in reliable precipitation patterns by 2080 for much of America’s breadbasket, and with a greater need for sources of biofuels for transportation, these biodesign approaches to enhancing biomass production become very important,” said Cushman.

Through the multi-institutional project, the University received \$7.6 million, with a sub-grant to University of Liverpool. The Oak Ridge National Laboratory received \$6.7 million with sub-grants to Newcastle University and University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02



Photo by Theresa Danne-Douglas

Nevada Wolf Shop presents 700 T-shirts to Clayton Middle School students

Clayton Middle School in northwest Reno sets aside its uniform policy one day each week and allows students to wear college and university gear. These “College Days” help Clayton’s nearly 700 students visualize themselves as college students.

Once again, the University of Nevada, Reno showed its support for the Clayton

initiative—in a big way. At an all-school assembly in October, every Clayton student was presented a Wolf Pack T-shirt, donated by the University’s student-owned store, the Nevada Wolf Shop.

“The sixth-grade and middle-school years are the ideal time to reach out and help young scholars prepare themselves for higher

education,” said Marcelo Vasquez, associate dean of students at the University.

Clayton Principal Bruce Meissner '94 was named the 2011-12 Washoe County School District Middle School Principal of the Year and the 2011-12 Nevada Middle School Principal of the Year.

—Natalie Savidge '04

Nevada Writers Hall of Fame honors Bill Douglass

The Nevada Writers Hall of Fame honored William A. (Bill) Douglass '61 (Spanish), world-renowned scholar of Basque studies and founder of the University's Center for Basque Studies, as its latest inductee.

It was fellow Nevada Writer Hall of Fame inductee Robert Laxalt '47 (English) who first approached Douglass about coordinating the Center for Basque Studies. Douglass said he thought he'd do it for a few years. That few years turned into 33.

"I'm amazed that they paid me a salary to do it," he said of his career in Basque scholarship, research and writing. "I have had to do



Photo courtesy of Mel A. Elston/Go.

Bill Douglass '61 is the latest inductee into the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame.

very little that I didn't want to do. It was a great privilege, and probably key to that was the writing. Even as an undergraduate, I knew I wanted to write."

Some of his writing accomplishments include *Amerikanuak: Basques in the New World* (in 1975 with Jon Bilboa), and oral histories

Beltran, *Basque Sheepman of the American West* (1979) and *Tap Dancing on Ice: The Life and Times of a Nevadan Gaming Pioneer* (1996), about his father, one of the founding partners of Reno's Club Cal Neva and the Comstock Hotel-Casino.

Even now, though retired since 1999, Douglass said he writes almost every morning.

The Nevada Writers Hall of Fame also presented the annual Silver Pen Award to Elizabeth Raymond, a cultural historian and professor at the University who has published a number of interdisciplinary works, and to Claire Vaye Watkins '07 (English), an alumna who recently lit up the literary community with her book *Battleborn*.

The Nevada Writers Hall of Fame awards are produced by the Friends of the University of Nevada, Reno Library to help build the literary culture of Nevada.

—Claudene Wharton, '86,'99M.A.

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Center for Basque Studies expands international publishing presence

The Center for Basque Studies has been integral in promoting the history and research of the Basque culture since it was first established at the University in 1967. The center, which is recognized as an academic authority on the Basques and has published more than 60 books on the culture, has recently expanded its role as the leading international publisher of works in English promoting the Basque culture.

Daniel Montero, publications coordinator

of the Center of Basque Studies, is spearheading a publishing partnership with the University of the Basque Country. The center plans to publish 24 books on Basque and other academic topics produced by faculty at the University of the Basque Country, the largest Basque public university with three campuses in major Basque cities. Though the series is only in its second year, 10 books have already been published.

“The University of the Basque Country is always producing new research and there is a lot of room to expand the series,” Montero said.



The center, which is located in the University’s Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, is home to the largest Basque library outside of the Basque Country and has been important in helping the Basque culture stay internationally relevant. The Basques, victims of violence and oppression in their homeland under the 30-year-long Spanish dictatorship of Gen. Francisco Franco, have seen the center as a champion of their culture on an international level.

“The center is kind of like the ‘Harvard’ of Basque studies in the English-speaking world,” Montero said. “We are the premier world leader for Basque research topics and studies outside of the Basque country.”

—Megan Akers, Class of 2013

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Faces on the Quad

CASEY COFFMAN

Cycling Team president, placed fifth in the individual omnium category, earning him the fifth-best “all-mountain” rider ranking in Division 1 cycling. Coffman’s performance helped lead the Cycling Team to its ninth place finish at the 2012 Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships in New Mexico. The Nevada Cycling Team, a club sport, is recognized as a USA Cycling Team and is almost entirely funded by local corporate sponsors. Coffman is majoring in forest management and ecology and graduates spring 2013.



KATIE LYONS



University of Nevada School of Medicine class of 2014, presented at the American College of Sports Medicine national

meeting in San Francisco in May. Her presentation focused on the School of Medicine’s innovative, clinical approach to weight loss and mobility in an obese population. Lyons, who graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Biology in May 2009, is an accomplished former Nevada skier. She was a three-time NCAA qualifier and earned All-America honors in 2008 after finishing seventh in the women’s slalom at the NCAA Championships. She also was an *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District selection and earned a prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

JEANNETTE SALAS

was one of 40 students selected nationwide to complete an internship with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute in Washington, D.C. last summer. The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute is a nonprofit organization committed to developing the next generation of Latino leaders. A graduate of Sierra Vista High School in Las Vegas, Salas is majoring in political science and Spanish and graduates in spring 2013. She served as a University student ambassador and completed a study-abroad program in Madrid, Spain, through University Studies Abroad Consortium.



Photo by Mike Wolterbeek

Aluminum coating could replace cancer-causing product

Attempts to replace chromate coatings with non-toxic coatings have been underway since the 1980s. The awareness on effects of chromates was brought to the forefront in 1993 by the real-life incident portrayed in the movie *Erin Brockovich*, released in 2000.

Now, a University research team has developed a new environmentally-friendly coating for aluminum to replace the carcinogenic chromate coatings still used in aerospace applications. The chromate conversion coatings have been used for more than 50 years to protect aluminum from corrosion.

“There is no question that this will be able to replace the chromate-based coating. Even though our coating formulation is yet to be optimized, the coating has shown exceptional performance,” said Dev Chidambaram, lead scientist and assistant professor of materials

Graduate student David Rodriguez and Dev Chidambaram, principal investigator, study the “self-healing” capability of an aluminum sample after a scratch test.

science and engineering.

Although the use of chromates for consumer and automotive applications has been banned, chromate coatings are still in use by the defense and aerospace industries under various exemptions. The search for a suitable replacement has been elusive primarily due to one main characteristic of the coating referred to as “self-healing,” the ability of the coating to heal itself after being damaged or scratched.

The formulation by Chidambaram’s team performs comparably to the chromate-coating formula in its ability for self-healing. The team developed and tested more than 300 coatings before arriving at this formulation.

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View a short video of the coating formation at electrochemical.org

—Mike Wolterbeek ’02

UNCE Dean and Director Hinton retires

The longest-serving female dean of an academic unit at the University of Nevada, Reno has retired. Karen Hinton, the dean and director of University of Nevada Cooperative Extension since 1998, retired in October. Jerry Buk, the director of Cooperative Extension’s Southern Area, was named interim dean and director by University President Marc Johnson.

Hinton was named the interim dean and director of Cooperative Extension in July 1998 after serving three years as the Western Area Director of Cooperative

Extension. She was formally named to the dean and director post in December 1998. Hinton’s 14-year stint as dean has made her the longest-serving top female administrator of an academic unit by more than three years, according to University records.

“It certainly hasn’t felt like 14 years,” Hinton said. “The time has flown by.”

All told, Hinton worked 31 years at Nevada. Prior to being named as dean and director of the Cooperative Extension, she was an extension home economist in Douglas County, an extension educator in Carson City and a western area extension director.

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Photo by Jeff Dow

University ranks in the top 25 best 'Outside Universities'

The list is impressive in that all the colleges and universities included in a recent Top 25 ranking by *Outside Magazine* are in picturesque locales.

The institutions listed in *Outside's* Top 25 Outside Universities run the gamut from the bucolic "Farm"-like setting of Stanford University to the gorges and waterfalls of Cornell University, to the trade winds and blue surf of Hawaii, Manoa to the abundant sunshine, silvery rills of a downtown river and mountain setting of a place called the University of Nevada, Reno.

The University checked in at No. 23 in Out-

side's rankings released in August.

Curriculum played an important role in the University's ranking. As put by *Outside* writer Avital Andrews, "With 79 percent possible sunny days per year and a trove of places to ski, hike, raft, paddle, sail, and tube, Nevada's student body gets out a lot, a fact helped by the more than 20 classes that require fieldwork."

Jim Fitzsimmons '91 (recreation), '97M.S. (physical education), director of campus recreation and wellness, knows a thing or two about making recreation and wellness a way of life, and a way for a campus to become better connected. An outdoor enthusiast, Fitzsimmons is also one of the world's top CrossFit competitors and recently placed sixth at the 2012 Reebok CrossFit Games.

Fitzsimmons said student recreation centers have become, in a very real sense, one of the keys to developing a sense of community on a college campus.

Three University of Nevada, Reno online master's programs named 'Best Buys'

GetEducated.com, a consumer group dedicated to assisting students in comparing and rating accredited online degree programs, colleges and universities, has named three of the University's online degree programs as "Best Buys": the Executive MBA and two master's degree programs in education.

The Executive MBA (EMBA) was ranked the number 42 "Best Buy" in the "Best Affordable Accredited Online MBA Programs" category. The program is taught by the same faculty that teach the College of Business's part-time MBA program, which is ranked number four in the country by *Bloomberg BusinessWeek*.

The two "Best Buy" master's degree programs in education, offered by the College

of Education in partnership with Extended Studies, include the Master of Science in Equity and Diversity in Education, ranked number 31, and the Master of Education in Literacy Studies, ranked number 36.

The University now offers seven entirely online master's degree programs. There are now more than 110 fully online, for-credit courses offered at the University. That's about 44 percent more than three years ago.

More than three quarters of the 3,400 or so courses offered at the University now use WebCampus, the University's online course management system, in some way to incorporate the use of technology. Three years ago, about 1,100 courses were using the system.

For the fourth consecutive year, a course

One of the University's strengths in the "Outside University" rankings was the campus recreation and wellness program.

"Student recreation centers exert a tremendous influence on a student's decision to attend a university, and perhaps just as importantly, to stay at the university they choose to attend," Fitzsimmons said. "They visit a campus, and their decision is often an emotional decision: 'Did I like the campus, the people there and where I'm going to live?'"

The University's Lombardi Recreation Center sees about 700,000 student visitors in a year. Fitzsimmons is often amazed by how busy it gets: "I'll come in here, and it's going crazy," he said.

Justifiably proud of the expert instructors he has been able to recruit, Fitzsimmons noted that for the center's yoga, pilates and CrossFit and triathlon classes, "we have some of the top people in these fitness disciplines teaching these courses."

CrossFit has quickly become one of the University's national recreation calling cards. The University is home to the first and largest university-affiliate CrossFit program in the country.

—John Trent, '85/'87, '00M.A.

taught using WebCampus at the University has won a Blackboard Exemplary Course Award, an international award that recognizes innovative courses using technology to enhance learning. Principles of Biological Investigations, taught by Elena Pravosudova, associate professor of biology, was one of only 36 courses internationally to receive a 2012 Blackboard Catalyst Award for Exemplary Courses.

LOOK ONLINE

For more information on the University's online programs, visit: extendedstudies.unr.edu.

—Claudene Wharton, '86, '99M.A.

A winter scene featuring a pond with a central fountain spraying water. The surrounding trees and ground are covered in snow. The text 'Home Means NEVADA' is overlaid at the top, with 'NEVADA' in large, blue, block letters. Below it, the slogan 'ONCE NEVADA. ALWAYS NEVADA.' is written in a smaller, white font.

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Nevada Alumni Council

For 2013, the 27-member Nevada Alumni Council will be lead by new president Rita (Mann) Laden '96Ed.D. and six executive committee officers. We also welcomed five new board members.



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New Board Member



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New Board Member

4 Questions with: Rita (Mann) Laden '96Ed.D. Nevada Alumni Council President



Rita (Mann) Laden '96Ed.D.
President

When you began working towards earning your undergraduate degree, what career path did you intend to take and why?

I came from an environment where very few went to college, especially women. Also, women didn't generally work outside the home, so I had no professional role models. I started college having absolutely no idea what degree program to enter into. Starting my sophomore year, I worked full time in the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences, and that's when everything changed. It was then I realized that my life would be spent assisting other students obtain their degrees and become successful. Upon completion of a bachelor's degree in psychology, I was hired in the Division of Student Services and remained in various Student Services positions until I began teaching in 2007. So, I guess

you could say that once I decided on a field, I never looked back.

Having earned your doctor of education degree at Nevada, what would you like alumni to know about the University's graduate program experience?

I found the graduate faculty to be excellent. While working on my doctorate I was also employed full time and had a young child. Although they still held me to a high standard, the faculty were very supportive and encouraging. All the faculty in my department had both academic credentials and administrative experience. Currently I teach in the Department of Educational Leadership and am on the graduate faculty. I have the pleasure of working with faculty from many different disciplines, who all really care about the success of their students.

You have had the unique experience of not only graduating from Nevada, but also working at your alma mater. What is one of your fondest memories serving as associate vice president for Student Services on campus?

Before I was associate vice president, I served as Greek advisor. There was a time period when I received a significant number of complaints from neighbors about behavior of fraternity members. I spoke to the Interfraternity Council and the fraternity presidents, but the behavior did not improve. So, I called a meeting of all the fraternity alumni advisors. As a young, single woman, the odds were pretty good ... me, and a room full of men ... and it's there that I met Steve, my husband of 23 years. So, from that point forward, I saw every challenge created by the Greek system as an opportunity. My 22 years in Student Services were also filled with wonderful memories of student leaders who struggled with very complex and important campus issues. I remember the debates that lasted long into the night as they attempted to make the right decisions to positively impact the lives of other students. I keep in touch with many of these leaders and enjoy watching them serve the University as alumni and make a difference at the state and national levels.

As the 2013 Nevada Alumni Council president what do you hope to accomplish?

My theme as Nevada Alumni Council president is "connections." I want to help alumni stay connected to the campus. I want our graduates to connect with what it means to be alumni of a growing Tier I institution. I want to help instill in our graduates a pride that they take with them wherever they go. And, lastly, I would like that pride to carry over into their commitment to the university through financial giving and support of all the exciting arts and athletic events on campus.

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Class Chat

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'50s

N Robert E. Yim '50 (chemistry) has published a memoir, *Sleeping with Mae West and Other Stories*. The book is a collection of short stories of growing up in an Oriental family in a Western cattle town, World War II experiences in the U.S. Navy, medical school and private pediatric practice.

'70s

Manzoor Hussain '70M.S. (integrated pest management) authored the book *ISLAM: An Essential Understanding for Fellow Ameri-*

cans, which has been published by Vantage Press, New York. This book provides factual information to readers and works to foster better relations between Muslims and other Americans.

N Frank Y. Jackson '70 (political science) was inducted into the inaugural Hall of Fall for Antelope Valley High School in Lancaster, Calif., as part of the centennial celebration for the school. Frank is an associate justice for the Second District Court of Appeal for the State of California.

Stephen W. Martarano '79 (journalism) hosted a standing-room only discussion on some of Sacramento's most notorious crimes. The panel was part of the monthly "Living

Library Speaker Series" at Time Tested Books in downtown Sacramento. Steve was a crime reporter for several years at the now-defunct *Sacramento Union* newspaper.

'80s

Judy L. Taylor '80 (political science), '95M.A. (history) recently published the third story in her *Cindy Nesbit Mystery Series*. Since retiring from the printing business, Judy has traveled in Europe and written several articles for local magazines. Judy lives in Sparks with her in-corgi-able Corgi, Hooligan.

Benjamin J. Rodriguez '82M.D. taught and performed surgery in China in March and June of 2012. He also taught in Egypt in Sep-

Wolf Mates



Tana L. Shivers '06 (journalism) and **David Ellis '08** (general studies) were married Aug. 4, 2012 in Las Vegas. Tana and David met at the University of Nevada, Reno, where David was a member of the men's basketball team from 2005-08. They are looking forward to a honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas and following the men's basketball team around the Mountain West Conference.



Rebecca L. Wikler '07 (journalism) and **Bradley C. Allured '09** (physics) were married Oct. 6, 2012 at Galena Creek Park in Reno. Bradley is a graduate student in physics at the University of Nevada, Reno.



Rachel R. Eliakis '10 (speech communications) married **Benson Brown '97** (English), '12M.A. (speech communications) in Reno on Aug. 26, 2012. The couple met in 2008 when Ben returned to the University of Nevada, Reno to further his education. Rachel and Ben look forward to many travels and lazy days at Lake Tahoe.



J. Marie Gibson '88M.S., '94MBA

tember and performed surgery in the Philippines in November. Benjamin is the president of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and he accepted a professional achievement award from the Nevada Alumni Association at the Homecoming game in October.

Christina M. (Menicucci) Lane '86 (criminal justice) was recently named manager of corporate social responsibility for International Game Technology. Chrissy is responsible for

developing and leading the company's global strategy and governance framework for charitable contributions, employee volunteerism and community engagement.

J. Marie Gibson '88M.S. (resource management), '94MBA, is an instructor in the College of Business at the University of Nevada, Reno, author and business consultant, was the recipient of the national Caregiver Friendly Award for her recently published book, *The*

Caregiver's Journal. Marie's book is focused on helping adult children successfully manage the hospitalization of a parent or other loved one.

Katherine E. (Griswold) Grey '88 (journalism), '12MBA has been named vice president of strategic marketing for Dignity Health's St. Rose Dominican Hospitals in Las Vegas/Henderson. Dignity Health is the fifth-largest health system in the nation. Her prior health care experience includes Washoe Health Sys-



Photo courtesy Milton Sharp '54

Photo flashback: Former ASUN presidents reunited in 1984

Former ASUN Presidents gathered in 1984 for a reunion at the Governor's Mansion in Carson City. PICTURED ABOVE: (front row) Procter Hug, Sr. '26, Harry Frost '27, Carol Cross '30, Edwin Cantlon '32, Carl Dodge '36, James Cazier '35, Richard Taw, Sr. '38; (row two) Ray Garamendi '41, Charles W. Mapes '42, Paul Parraguire '46, Hans Wolfe '47; (row three) Paul Reimer '50, Procter Hug, Jr. '53, Milton Sharp '54, Clair Earl '55, Chuck Coyle '57, Don Travis '58, Gov. Richard Bryan '59; (row four) Ben Echeverria '61, Paul Bible '62, Mike Mackedon '63, James Acheson '64, Keith Lee '65, Bill Chaffin, Jr. '66, David Russell '67, Ernie Maupin '68; (row five) Jim Hardesty '70, Frankie Sue Del Papa '71, Dan Klaich '72, Richard Elmore '73, Terry Reynolds '74, Tom Mayer '75, Jim Stone '77, Greg Neuweiler '79; (row six) Dave Ritch '80, Stephanie Brown '81, Doc Bodensteiner '82, Bill Siegel '84, Chris Polimeni '85.

ON THE BACK COVER, FROM THE 2012 FORMER ASUN PRESIDENTS REUNION: (Back to front) David Ritch '80, Dan Klaich '72, Greg Neuweiler '79, Erin Lankowsky '05, Michael Mackedon '63, Milton Sharp '54, Ernie Maupin '68, Amber Joiner '00, Jason Geddes '95, Sam Hudson '94, Terry Reynolds '76, Ted Lancaster '86, Joseph Bell '69, Jim Hardesty '70, Keith Lee '65, Frankie Sue Delpapa '71, Alicia Lerud '03, David Russell '67, Richard Bryan '59, Chul Yim '04, Bill Chaffin '66, Paul Bible '62.



Steven Aramini '96



Anthony Illia '96M.A.

tem (now Renown) and Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center in Reno. Kate graduated with her MBA from the University of Nevada, Reno in December, but due to her move to Las Vegas, she had to enroll in one MBA class at UNLV. However, she will never wear scarlet and gray.

N Jeffrey N. Pickett '89 (finance) was recently honored as the AIGA Reno/Tahoe Fellow Award winner. The AIGA Fellow Program recognizes members who have made a significant contribution to raising the standards of excellence in practice and conduct within their local or regional design community as well as their local AIGA chapter. The Fellow Award is the highest honor AIGA Reno/Tahoe may bestow upon its members.

'90s

K. Scot MacDonald '90M.A. (journalism) is a marketing associate in imaging at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. Scot recently published his third book and first novel, *The Shakespeare Drug*, with Kerrera House Press.

A.G. Burnett '92 (international affairs) was appointed chairman of the Nevada Gaming Control Board by Governor Brian Sandoval. A.G. has been on the board since 2011. Prior to this appointment, he was the deputy chief of the Corporate Securities Division of the Gaming Control Board. A.G. has also served as senior deputy attorney general in the Gaming Division of the Nevada Attorney General's Office.

Steven Aramini '96 (journalism) was recently named the American Advertising Federation's 2011 Ad Person of the Year in Northern Nevada. Steven is the Bauserman Group's creative director and lead copywriter. He is responsible for the quality and integrity of all of the agency's work, including brand development, print, radio, television, out-of-home, collateral, direct mail, promotions, interactive and social media for clients across the region.

Anthony Illia '96M.A. (English) recently won a 2012 Hermes Creative Award for feature writing from the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals. The article "Hammering Out of the Hangover" appeared in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. The three-decade-old national awards program recognizes excellence in business communication.

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Vincent L. Illia '96



Jace C. Hider '99



David L. Taylor '99

Vincent L. Illia '96 (speech communications) was recently acknowledged in the Top 100 for 2012 with Peterbilt Motor Company. The award represents the top 100 salesmen in North America for Peterbilt. Vince recently delivered a record \$2.7 million, 20-truck order to Las Vegas Paving Corporation. In addition to being the truck sales manager for Peterbilt of Las Vegas, he is also a licensed commercial real estate agent for Win Win Realty & Property Management.

Bryan Samudio '96 (journalism) and **Alexandra K. Sacks '11** (journalism, sociology) are working together on the television show *Wolf Pack All Access*. The broadcast station KRNV News 4 Reno and Wolf Pack Sports Properties are teaming-up to do this coaches-style

show. The show is scheduled for a 26-week run. Bryan is the host and anchor for the show, as well as the weekend anchor and a weekday reporter for KRNV. Alyx works as a reporter for the *All Access* show and daily for KRNV.

Glenn Hibel '97 (accounting) purchased long-time Sparks company Johnson Bearing and Supply. Glenn formerly worked as an accountant at Grant Thornton. He also spent time at Allied Washoe Petroleum and as a consultant for The CFO Group. Prior to that, he spent 10 years at Globe Turbocharger, working his way up from the inventory room to running the sales department. Johnson Bearing and supply will be targeting the mining industry.

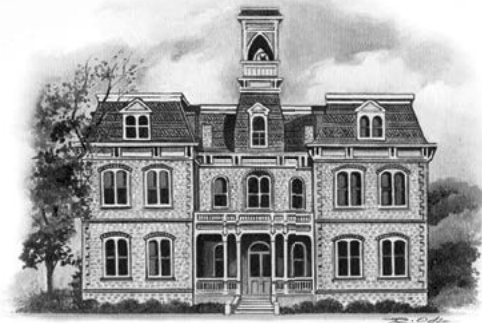
Christopher P. Finke '98 (health science)

has been promoted to technical manager for Aervoe Industries. Most recently, Chris operated as a senior chemist for Aervoe Industries which manufactures paint, lubricants and cleaners. He will now oversee quality control and research and development at the facility in Gardnerville, Nev.

Jace C. Hider '99 (marketing) and his wife, Michelle, live in San Jose, Calif., with their two children, Colton, 4, and Kylie, 2. They often return to Reno to cheer on the Wolf Pack at Mackay Stadium.

David L. Taylor '99 (journalism) joined the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows as the marketing director. Taylor will lead marketing and public relations efforts for the club ser-

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Alexia Bratiotis '01



Nicole M. Shimabuku '03

vices, programs and community activities. He will also manage media relations, community outreach, web development and social media for the club. Taylor previously served as senior account executive at RKPR Inc., a Reno-based public relations firm.

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Alexia Bratiotis '01 (journalism) has been promoted to general manager of The Summit in Reno. Alexia is responsible for the management and the local implementation of marketing and communications strategies for the 600,000-square-foot outdoor lifestyle shopping center. She has served on the board of the local chapter of the Public Relations Society of America in a variety of capacities,

including two terms as president. Currently, Alexia serves as the co-chair of professional development.

Vic T. Delossantos '01 (finance) has been appointed small business banker in Reno and Tahoe for Bank of America, where he will provide personalized attention to small business owners. He brings 14 years of experience working with small businesses and is currently part of the International Rotary Club, Reno Central. Additionally, Vic served for five years as the chairman for the Bank of America Volunteer Network, where he continues to enjoy volunteering for Bank of America-sponsored events.

Nicole M. Shimabuku '03 (psychology), '09M.A. (counseling and educational psychology) is the coordinator of student activities and leadership at Truckee Meadows Community College. Nicole became engaged to **Frederick J. Perdomo '03** (civil engineering) on May 5, 2012 on Portuguese Beach in Sonoma County, Calif. Rick is a litigation attorney in the Tobacco Enforcement Unit at the Attorney General's Office in Carson City, Nev. The couple plan to wed in July 2013 in Virginia City, Nev.

Jennifer J. Andrews '04 (criminal justice) has recently accepted the position of marketing manager/demand generation specialist at docSTAR in Schenectady, N.Y. Jennifer currently resides in New York with her husband, Randy, and daughter, Abbey.

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It's no secret that we're losing jobs in this country. The question is: Why? The President? Illegal immigration? Outsourcing? Unfortunately, those aren't the correct answers. So who is to blame for the lack of jobs? YOU ARE! And where did all the jobs go? YOU STOLE THEM!

Allow me to explain. The answer to the unemployment rate has been literally at your fingertips the whole time. It's your smart phone. You may think I've lost it, however take a look at that marvelous contraption. This singular unit now performs the tasks of a dozen devices, maybe more. Mine is a stock tracker, alarm clock, Game Boy, GPS, mp3 player, price checker, banking device, camera, camcorder, voice recorder, newspaper, calculator, day planner, computer, e-reader, shopping mall and fax machine ... and I almost forgot—a phone!

We are just scratching the surface of what is to come. Every time I turn around, I find that my smart phone is actually another device as well. For instance, there is a free app I downloaded that makes it a credit card terminal. Give me your American Express and I'll show you how simple that one is to use.

These all used to be separate items, requiring separate factories that employed hard-working

people. Each had to be purchased separately at stores from sales reps and cashiers. You used to have to actually go into places of business and interact with employees to get each of them. Not anymore. Ironically, I believe Steve Jobs is the reason so many have lost theirs. (Oh, and don't blame him because it was bound to happen eventually.)

Smart phones and other technology are changing the rules of the game faster than we're figuring out how to play it, and rapidly chewing up chunks of the workforce as it grows. If we can't adapt fast enough and figure out a way to make ourselves useful, we risk becoming obsolete. Old models. Clunkers. Just look at the last 10 years: We've gone from "Need help out to your car?" to scanning and bagging our own groceries. From awkwardly talking to a teen through a movie theater's glass to queuing up our own tickets at the kiosk before waltzing right in.

It's changed whole industries forever. Think about the last trip you took. No need for travel agents or customer service, booking flights is easy. Get to the airport and print your own boarding pass with no assistance. While in the airport, forget soda and chips; you can now shop at a Best Buy vending machine. When your return home, forget one-hour photo;



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simply print your own pics. Those were all jobs that a young child growing up today will never know.

Which leads us to our toughest job: Figuring out how to stay employed under the threat of this new big competitor. Be thankful our smart phones aren't that smart yet. I certainly am. As soon as articles can write themselves, I'll be out of a job too.

K-von '03 (marketing) is a proud Nevada alum and comedian. Recently selected as the face of ScamBook.com, he creates weekly videos that help you avoid online fraudsters. View the clips at Youtube.com/KvonComedy.



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Nevada Alumni Association honors Fall 2012 Senior Scholars

More than 100 family, friends, college deans and others from the University's administration joined the Nevada Alumni Association in honoring the Fall 2012 Senior Scholars Dec. 6. These top graduating seniors from each school or college at Nevada were recognized for their hard work and dedication throughout their collegiate journey. In addition to the scholars selected, a faculty mentor who had the most impact on their academic career at Nevada was honored alongside them during the event. BACK ROW: Mentors Bob Felten, Paul Devereux, Chris Feldman, David Sanders, Erin Stiles and John Cannon. MIDDLE ROW: Scholars Tiffany Moore, Audrey Hill, Jade Keehn, Melinda Havenstritel, Kristen Renda and Danielle Schwiesow. FRONT ROW: Ikketsu Hayashi, Shane McGuire and mentor Jennifer Hollander.

*College of Agriculture, Biotechnology
and Natural Resources*

Jade Keehn - 3.991
Mentor: Chris Feldman

College of Science

Shane McGuire - 3.959
Mentor: Jennifer Hollander

College of Liberal Arts

Kristen Renda - 3.973
Mentor: Erin Stiles

College of Education

Melinda Havenstrite - 3.957
Mentor: David Sanders

Division of Health Sciences

Ikketsu Hayashi - 3.940
Mentor: Paul Devereux

College of Business

Audrey Hill - 3.901
Mentor: Robert Felten

Reynolds School of Journalism

Tiffany Moore - 3.930
Mentor: Robert Felten

College of Engineering

Danielle Schwiesow - 3.965
Mentor: John Cannon



Dessie K. Felder '05



Michael P. O'Brien '05, '09M.D.



Amy L. Beck '08

Patrick V. Barron '04M.S. (geography), '04**Ph.D.** (English) is the co-editor of the recently published book *Haiku for a Season*. Patrick is an associate professor of English at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Grant A. Korgan '04 (mechanical engineering) battled temperatures of 50 degrees below zero, winds of 35 miles per hour, and whiteouts as he propelled himself for 12 days across the ice of Antarctica. Grant, who was paralyzed in a snowmobile accident in 2010, became the first adaptive athlete to reach the South Pole after completing the 75-mile trek in a sit-ski last January. He has published a book on his experiences, *Two Feet Back*.

Sarah E. Carmona '05 (economics) was listed as number 18 among the National Associa-

tion of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals Top 250 Latino Real Estate Agents in America. Sarah was honored at the NAHREP National Convention in October in Los Angeles. She is the co-owner of Dreams Realty and the co-founder of the Dreams Foundation.

Dessie K. Felder '05 (management) was promoted to chief operating officer for the public accounting firm of Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. in Reno. Dessie is responsible for managing the day-to-day operational aspects of the firm and serves as a member of the board of directors. She has been with Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. for more than 17 years and is also the human resources director of the firm. Dessie holds a Senior Professional in Human Resources certification and is a member of the Society for Human Resources Management.

Michael P. O'Brien '05 (biochemistry), '09**M.D.** joined Northern Nevada Medical Group's Reno location. Michael is a family medicine physician who was born and raised in northern Nevada.

Andy Turman '07 (psychology) and **Alex R. Kilby '08** (marketing) are part of the leadership team of the Seattle company, Bizible. Bizible is one of only 10 companies worldwide to be chosen for TechStars Seattle, a highly competitive startup accelerator. TechStars is backed by more than 75 venture capital firms and chose 10 businesses from an application pool of 600.

Amy L. Beck '08 (journalism) joined The Glenn Group, a Nevada-based advertising, interactive and public relations agency, as a

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public relations account executive. Amy is responsible for handling daily client activities while managing and monitoring the strategic direction and long-term client goals for the agency's public relations clients. Prior to joining The Glenn Group, she gained experience working for the Bonanza Casino and EMPLOYERS.

Jamie P. Brant '08 (journalism) has been promoted to pet division manager of the Impetus Agency in Reno. In her new position, Jamie will oversee all strategy and activity on the firm's pet industry accounts. She will also be responsible for developing marketing campaigns, event planning, promotions, brand alignment and client and media relations on a national level.

W. Gregory Mullen '08 (marketing), '12MBA was named the senior marketing analyst for the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino. Greg began as the special events coordinator for the Peppermill and shortly after was promoted to promotions manager. During this time, Greg returned to the University of Nevada, Reno to obtain his MBA. He credits his graduate degree for his recent success in the casino marketing industry.

Suzanne L. Roberts '08 Ph.D. (English) recently published a new memoir, *Almost Somewhere: Twenty-Eight Days on the John Muir Trail* (Bison Books, 2012), and a new book of poems, *Plotting Temporality* (Pecan Grove Press, 2012).



W. Gregory Mullen '08, '12MBA





Danielle M. Longley '11

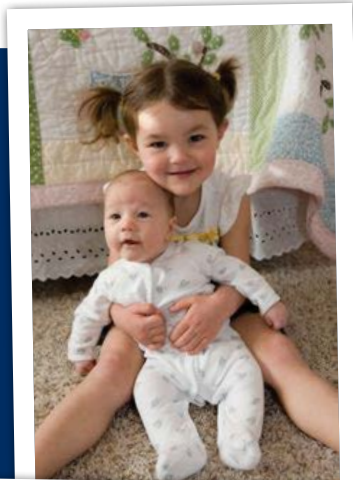
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Danielle M. Longley '11 (journalism, Spanish) has been promoted to account executive in the account service division of The Glenn Group's Reno office. Danielle handles daily client activities, manages production timelines and monitors long-term client goals. Danielle graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with honors.

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Submissions are due Feb. 21, 2013 and can be sent to: chatter@unr.edu. We edit all submissions for style, clarity and length.



Robert D. Frenkel '92 (journalism) and his wife, Joanna Roberts, would like to announce the birth of their son, Bradley Dennison Frenkel (future class of '33) on Oct. 10, 2012. Bradley joins his 3-year-old big sister, Charlotte Elizabeth (future class of '30).



Daphne L. (Bateman) Monson '07 (biochemistry), '08 (nursing) and **Joseph D. Monson '05** (agriculture and applied economics) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Whitney Rose Monson. Whitney was born Aug. 13, 2012.



Brian P. Johnson '03 (marketing) and Janet Berry-Johnson would like to announce the birth of their son, Cohen James Johnson, on March 19, 2012.



Rebecca R. Ogden '10 (art) and **Damon T. Ogden '02** (mechanical engineering) are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Maura Kelly, on Aug. 23, 2012. She joins big brother Colin, 4.

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TOP LEFT: Wimberly Gums, daughter of Alumni Band member Aaron Gums and his wife, Rebecca. TOP RIGHT: Former Nevada cheerleaders, stunts, dancers and mascots with current and past mascots during the Homecoming game Oct. 6. LEFT: The Nevada Football Alumni Association's annual golf tournament raises funds for Nevada football. RIGHT: Jennifer Richards '99, '05MSN; Elizabeth Krayk '07; Orvis School of Nursing Director Patsy Ruchala and Deena McKenzie '78, '05MSN attend an Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association event Sept. 19.

Chapter Updates

Alumni Band

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

Stuck inside because of the cold weather? Winter is the perfect time to reconnect with fellow band alums! How? Sign up for our monthly newsletter. Better yet, send a personal update to be included in the next newsletter. You can also visit our Facebook page, University of Nevada, Reno Alumni Band, to look at pictures from the past and from recent events. You could add some of your own! You could even find a long lost friend, or thank that flag-woman for never hitting you during a show.

One way to reconnect is by making a contribution to the John Montgomery Memorial Scholarship, which provides financial support to students in the marching band. We received more than \$400 in donations during this year's Alumni Band reunion. Currently, this is one of the few sources of financial support students can earn for being in the marching band.

Cheer, Stunt, Dance and Mascot Alumni Chapter

Elliott Sparkman '04, eesparkman@gmail.com

The Cheer, Stunt, Dance and Mascot Alumni Chapter once again celebrated Homecoming with a series of exciting events. The chapter enjoyed a Homecoming social at the Wolf's Den, a catered tailgate sponsored by Bud Light and Black Dot vodka, a halftime field introduction with current and past mascots and a Nevada thrilling victory. Alumni from the past five decades participated in Homecoming events. Join the chapter online at alumni.unr.edu/chapters or contact chapter president Elliott E. Sparkman. GO PACK!

College of Business Alumni Association

Kelly (Newcomb) MacLellan '04, kmacellan@accountantsintl.com

The College of Business Alumni Association (COBAA) will hold its annual golf tournament and barbecue May 9 at Wolf Run Golf Club, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Always well attended, this event is fun for golfers and non-golfers alike. The tournament is one of COBAA's largest events and draws huge numbers of alumni itching to prove their mettle on the green. Proceeds help support COBAA and have allowed the chapter to establish scholarships and an endowment for the college. Mark your calendar and join us in supporting the college and its students. For more information or to sign up, contact Jane Bessette, '86 (accounting), '03M.S. (human development), at bessette@unr.edu.

COBAA recently launched *N Business*, a magazine designed to celebrate your accomplishments, while keeping you connected to the college and each other. Please submit personal updates and professional achievements to cobaa@unr.edu for inclusion in future issues.

Native American Alumni Chapter

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

The Native American Alumni Chapter held its annual Homecoming tailgate Oct. 6. Approximately 30 attendees enjoyed good conversation, food and the exciting Nevada vs. Wyoming game.

The chapter co-sponsored the inaugural Reno Zombie 5K Oct. 26, along with the University's Native American Student Organization and

the Center for Student Cultural Diversity.

This year's Mystery Bus Trip, held Oct. 27, took guests to South Lake Tahoe for dinner at the Blue Angel. Ben and Sherry Rupert, dressed as Lieutenant Dangle and Deputy Clementine Johnson, took home the "best costume" prize.

The Native American Alumni Chapter fundraises throughout the year to provide scholarships for tribally enrolled students from Nevada. If you're interested in joining the chapter or learning more about NAAC's events and fundraising efforts, please contact Kari Emm '01, (775) 682-5928 or kemm@unr.edu, or Sherry Rupert, (775) 687-8333 or srupert@nic.nv.gov.

Nevada Football Alumni Association

Jim Farley '99, jfarley47@verizon.net

The Nevada Football Alumni Association enjoyed a successful year, highlighted by two marquee events: our annual golf tournament and sporting clay tournament. Both events raised money, and more importantly, brought alumni from multiple generations together. Chapter events offer a unique opportunity to network with players who, while they represent a variety of decades, still share a bond over playing for the University of Nevada.

The Nevada Football Alumni Association made financial contributions to help ensure the viability of our organization for years to come. This year, we plan to celebrate a few anniversaries and milestones, as we continue to grow membership and improve the ways we reunite former players.



TOP LEFT: Rugby alumni come together for the annual Rugby Weekend game Oct. 6 at Reno High School. TOP RIGHT: Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter and Young Alumni Chapter members journeyed to Las Vegas to cheer the Pack to a 42-37 victory over UNLV. LEFT: The Native American Alumni Chapter assembled a festive cast of characters for the chapter's annual Halloween Mystery Bus Oct. 27. RIGHT: Students stopped by for study abroad information and had the opportunity to speak with USAC alumni.

the Pack so successfully stole Cal's thunder in their new stadium, the preseason rally may have to become an annual event. Thanks to Silver and Blue Outfitters for donating a generous door prize.

Other recent milestones include our chapter's 16th anniversary, the welcoming of several new chapter members and the 39th Annual Eppie's Great Race.

On the horizon is the Annual Mystery Bus Trip on Jan. 26. Last year we went Italian at Theresa's Place in the famous gold town of Jackson and raised more than \$2,700 for the chapter's scholarship fund. The top prize in last year's raffle was a weekend retreat at an elegant beach house. Register today!

For information about the chapter's monthly lunch meeting or the Mystery Bus Trip, contact Steve Park, (916) 367-6345 or spark@ccareynkf.com.

Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter

Mike McDowell '03, mdmcdowell@gmail.com

The Greek Alumni Chapter and Young Alumni Chapter teamed up to show WolfPack pride at both Homecoming and "the annual beating of the Rebels." The chapter also awarded scholarships to the most deserving Greek male and female undergraduates. Keep an eye out for the first-ever all-Greek career fair this spring. Membership is open, and only \$20 for an entire year. So go Greek ... again!

Nevada Pride (LGBTIQA) Alumni Chapter Update

Nicholas Blevins '11, blevinsn@unr.edu

The Nevada Pride (LGBTIQA) Alumni Chapter held its first social Oct. 2 during Homecoming Week at the Wild River Grille. This spring, the chapter will host a social and community mixer, as well as the Lavender Graduates Celebration, which honors LGBTIQ graduates and their allies.

Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association

Jan (Pritchard) Brady '63, '88MBA, lvccsrwrds@aol.com

The OSNAA fall event Sept. 19 was a great success—educational, congenial and fun! We toured the simulation and nursing skills labs with Orvis students, caught up with other Orvis alumni and sampled wines from Amador County. During the event, our 2012 scholarship recipient, Amy Pang, was introduced. Amy graduated in December,

wishes to remain in Reno and has applied at Renown Health Systems. After a few years of experience, Amy would like to further her career as a nurse educator.

We are excited that our next scholarship award will be from our newly-endowed OSNAA scholarship fund. If you are an alumnus but not yet a member of OSNAA, support your school and profession by joining today. Your membership will afford you many opportunities, both professionally and socially, get involved with our fun and vibrant group. For more information, visit alumni.unr.edu/chapters. Happy New Year, Orvis alumni!

Rugby Alumni Chapter

Kevin McCarthy '06, mccarthyk2@gmail.com

This year's Rugby Alumni Weekend, which is held annually around the first of October, was a great success. We had a strong turnout for both the men's and women's teams. The weekend of events included a golf tournament Oct. 5, which was an amazing time.

Thank you to everyone who donated to and helped with Rugby Weekend. If you would like information about donating, volunteering or simply getting involved, please contact the chapter at renonevada-rugbyalumni@gmail.com. All donations help fund the Rugby Alumni Chapter Scholarship, which is awarded to a male and female rugby player, and support the teams as needed.

Sacramento Alumni Chapter

Steve Park '99, spark@ccareynkf.com

The Sacramento Alumni Chapter's Pregame Pep Rally celebrated Nevada's football season opener on the Delta King River Boat. Since

University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSON) Alumni Chapter

Joseph Hollen '74, '76AAMD, joe@hollenfinancialplanning.com

The School of Medicine Alumni Chapter will recognize the UNSON Distinguished Alumnus Award Recipient during the 2013 Homecoming Gala, typically held the Thursday of Homecoming Week. The UNSON Alumni Chapter will continue the celebration Friday with a reception honoring the classes of 1973, 1988 and 2003 for their 40-, 25- and 10-year reunions, respectively. Please join us for a tailgate Saturday in the UNSON parking lot before the big game.

We are now soliciting nominations for the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Please send nominations to Tracey L. Delaplain '83, '87M.D., tdeplainmd@sbcglobal.net. The deadline for applications is March 1. Please include a CV and the reason for your nomination.

USAC Alumni Chapter

Michelle Cobb, mcobb@unr.edu

As the crisp air of autumn whisks through campus, so do dreams of studying abroad. The USAC Club held its Study Abroad Fair Sept. 26 in front of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. It was a highly successful event, with hundreds of students gathering study abroad information from both USAC staff and alumni.

In October, the USAC Alumni Club entertained students from USAC's partner universities in Japan, Chile and Costa Rica, who are studying with the Intensive English Language Center. These students were treated to a true American dining experience at Noble Pie, a pizza parlor in downtown Reno. USAC alumni enjoyed sharing their culture and experiences from their time spent abroad with the visitors from Asia and South America. [N](#)



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Homecoming Halftime

Award recipients were recognized on the field during halftime at the the Nevada vs. Wyoming Homecoming game.

- (1) 2012 Nevada Alumni Association award recipients.
- (2) Members of the Nevada Alumni Band Chapter perform with the Pride of the Sierra marching band during halftime.
- (3) Current and former Alpie and Wolfie mascots.

Alumni Tailgates

Prior to each home football game, alumni and friends joined the Nevada Alumni Association for a great meal at Legacy Hall followed by a short walk to Mackay Stadium. Special thanks to tailgate co-sponsors Battle Born Beer, GEICO, Sierra Pacific Federal Credit Union and Total Wine.

- (4) Faculty emeritus James Ellis, faculty emeritus Ron Reitz and Morgan Ellis.
- (5) Jeff Pickett '89, Angela White '91, Ethan Pickett,

Jason Overholser '93, Sally Overholser '93, Chloe Overholser, Ally Pickett, Hailey Overholser, Collier Overholser, Sandy Pickett '90, Randy Brown '89 and Natalie Brown '99.

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Homecoming Bonfire

With fire dancers, bounce houses, face painters, carnival games, photo booths and pyrotechnics, it's easy to see why the annual Homecoming Bonfire drew more than 1,500 alumni, friends and students.

(1) Current students Shiane Dolan, Corissa Rigdon, Jamie Sykes, Natalie Stepna and Kenia Jones.

(2) Student Ambassadors Rachel Martin, Christina Tin, Shaun Burgess and Iain Dover.

Homecoming Gala

The 2012 Homecoming Gal was held on Oct. 4 in the Joe Crowley Student Union ballroom. We honored alumni and friends for their professional achievements and University service.

(3) Dean of University Libraries Kathy Ray, emerita faculty Joan Zenan, Frankie Sue DelPapa '71, Libraries honoree Mary Sue Ferrell '71, Irene Paulin and University Libraries development director Millie Mitchell.

(4) President Marc Johnson and Karen Penner-Johnson with the Nevada Alumni Association's 2012 Alumnum of

the Year Rick Sontag '66 and College of Business Dean Greg Mosier.

(5) Darrin Damonte '95, Megan Landon, Fran '47 and Dick Trachok '49, '54M.A., celebrate Wendy Damonte '94 receiving the 2012 Nevada Alumni Association Service award.

(6) Members of the Young Alumni Chapter gather for a photo after receiving the 2012 Chapter of the Year award. TOP: Marissa Colbert '11, Brita Muller '09, Erica Tabano '10, Julie Powell '03, Derek Zielinski '05, Amy Beck '09. BOTTOM: Rory O'Brien '09, Anthony Gallian '11, John Akerkey '09, Kaitie (Champie) Akerley '10.

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Southern Nevada alumni house party

On Oct. 12, nearly 250 Southern Nevada alumni partied Las Vegas-style at the home of Scott '89 (marketing) and Jill (Pelan) Gragson '90 (elementary education/special education). Attendees enjoyed fabulous food and beverages, tunes spun by a DJ, catching up with friends, buying Wolf Pack merchandise from the Nevada Wolf Shop (which traveled down from Reno!) and rallying together before Nevada took on, and

beat, UNLV at Sam Boyd Stadium the next day. Special thanks to the Gragsons as well as the event host committee who helped underwrite the event for a second year.

(1) Kasey Spaeth '10 (finance), Zol Harvey '10 (criminal justice), Blair Hinojosa '10 (civil engineering), Ed Spoon '84 (premedical) '89M.D., Brad Pickering '11 (finance), Jake Butera '11 (finance), Steve Pickering '09 (finance) and Scott Apple.

(2) Daniel Byron '88HDG, Jan Byron, Mary-Ellen McMullen '73 (English) and Sam McMullen '73 (premedical).

(3) Anjali Kulkarni, Larry Hurst '90 (prephysical therapy), Jeff Burford '01 (management).

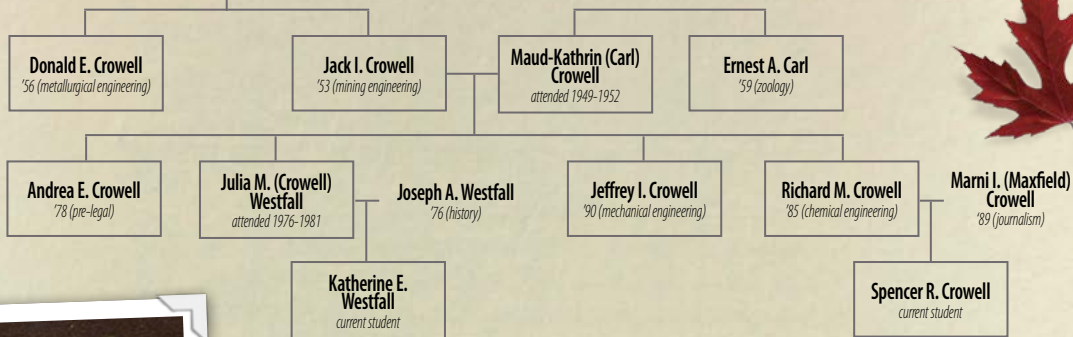
(4) Paul Conaway, Muriel DeSimone '97M.D., Jeff Maloney, Lisa Lyons '88 (medical technology), '97M.D., President Marc Johnson and Karen Penner-Johnson.

(5) Diana Morrison Sullivan '89 (criminal justice), Annie Genseal '90 (marketing), Kimberly Maxson-Rushon '90 (marketing), Lisa Hansen '90 (social work).

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Crowell Family Tree



TOP LEFT: Wedding of Jack and Maud-Kathrin a few days after graduation, 1953. TOP RIGHT: Joseph Westfall, Ernest Carl, Donald Crowell, Julia Westfall, Katherine Westfall, Jeffrey Crowell, Maud-Kathrin Crowell, Richard Crowell, Jack Crowell, Marni Crowell, Andrea Crowell, Spencer Crowell at Jack's 80th birthday, 2011. TOP MIDDLE: Jack and Maud-Kathrin. BOTTOM LEFT: Andrea Crowell, Julia Westfall, Jeffrey Crowell, and Richard Crowell at Richard's 50th birthday party, September 2012. BOTTOM RIGHT: Jeff Crowell's son and Wolfie

A romance forged in silver and blue.

When Jack Crowell and Maud-Kathrin Carl first attended the University of Nevada in 1949, they had no idea that it would bring romance into their lives in more ways than one. Not only did they fall in love with each other, but they also fell in love with the University that shaped their lives. This summer they will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Over those six decades, they've had the good fortune to watch many members of their family – including all four of their children – pass through the University of Nevada, Reno. Some romances, it would seem, last forever.

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



Betty Y. Heaston



Milton T. Wolf



Howard W. Spaletta '57



Angelo Pappas '59



Delores S. Pepple '69



Thomas D. Parker '71



Gary S. Dankworth '75A.A.M.D.



Sylvia E. Moon '86



Donald E. Bently '87H.D.G.



Sarah T. O'Banion '07

Friends

Norma J. Byer

Oct. 27, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Randall V. Capurro

Aug. 13, 2012—Las Vegas, Nev.

Elsie M. Giudici

Oct. 20, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Harold E. Halvorson

Oct. 11, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Betty Y. Heaston

May 25, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Jacqueline Nightingale

Sept. 24, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Faculty

Maurice C. Fuerstenau, professor emeritus of chemical and metallurgical engineering

Oct. 7, 2012—Reno, Nev.

R. Keith Loper, faculty emeritus of health and community sciences

Oct. 23, 2012—Reno, Nev.

James L. Owen, faculty

Oct. 1, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Alana Pahku, faculty

Nov. 4, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Milton T. Wolf, former director of Library Collection Development

Aug. 30, 2012—Chadron, Neb.

Alumni

Katherine L. Barbagelata, attended fall 1940

Oct. 15, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Alice J. (Teske) Wagner, attended 1947-48, 1991

Aug. 14, 2012—Sparks, Nev.

Patricia G. (Ussery) Furchner '48M.A. (journalism)

Sept. 2, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Delores I. (Spradling) Robinson, attended 1948-49

Oct. 5, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Leslie W. Thran, attended 1948-52

Sept. 14, 2012—Gilbert, Ariz.

Robert J. Whelan '48 (agriculture)

Sept. 14, 2012—San Jose, Calif.

Norma (Smith) Gregory '50

(sociology)

Aug. 28, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Gordon W. Harris '50 (economics)

Sept. 12, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Leonard T. Howard '50 (business administration)

Sept. 1, 2012—Reno, Nev.

George M. Eustachy '51 (business administration)

Aug. 18, 2012—Chico, Calif.

Margie E. Foote '51 (elementary education)

Aug. 29, 2012—Sparks, Nev.

Drury J. Thiercof '51 (premedical)

Sept. 29, 2012—Jamul, Calif.

Herbert S. Holman, attended 1952-53

Sept. 2012—Reno, Nev.

Nancy J. (Houghton) Byington '53 (education)

Aug. 14, 2012—Sparks, Nev.

Rosemary (Cochran) Girolamo '54 (journalism)

April 30, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Howard W. Spaletta '57 (metallurgical engineering)

Oct. 16, 2012—Idaho Falls, Idaho

Angelo Pappas '59 (business administration)

Feb. 22, 2012—San Mateo, Calif.

Tom Cordova '60 (geological engineering), '69M.S. (geological engineering)

Oct. 24, 2012—Reno, Nev.

James L. Hay '60 (business administration)

Sept. 25, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Wanda E. Armstrong '63 (art)

Nov. 4, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Joseph H. Phillips '63M.Ed. (school administration)

June 21, 2012—Henderson, Nev.

Warren E. Hull '63 (accounting)

Aug. 19, 2012—Santa Barbara, Calif.

William C. Wilson '63 (management)

Sept. 16, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Howard R. Kelly '64M.Ed.

(elementary education)

Oct. 29, 2012—Sparks, Nev.

S. Lee Macdonald '64 (electrical engineering), '80M.S. (mechanical engineering)

Sept. 15, 2012—Sparks, Nev.

Carl A. Grauvogel '65 (wildlife management)

Dec. 11, 2011—Palmer, Alaska

Delores S. Pepple '69 (public administration and policy)

Aug. 14, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Marilyn E. (Mooney) Crane '70 (home economics education), '73M.S.

(home economics), '76M.A. (C & G pers serv)

Sept. 12, 2012—Kaneohe, Hawaii

Cheryl J. Yee '70 (home economics education)

Oct. 26, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Thomas D. Parker '71 (civil engineering)

Aug. 7, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Sheila K. (Frederickson) McAdam '72 (elementary education)

Oct. 8, 2012—Reno, Nev.

John G. Little '73 (music education)

Nov. 2, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Daniel P. Grubic, attended 1974-77

Aug. 28, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Gary S. Dankworth '75A.A.M.D.

July 28, 2012—Carson City, Nev.

Shirley L. (Pfeiffer) McQueen '75 (nursing)

Oct. 31, 2012—Sparks, Nev.

Paul D. Jacobsen '76 (information systems)

Oct. 18, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Thomas O. Mayer '77 (speech/theatre)

Oct. 10, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Connemoira (Came) Webster '80 (art)

June 22, 2012—Reno, Nev.

John F. Balliette '81 (renewable natural resources)

Aug. 6, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Dorothy V. (Withrow) Byington, attended 1982-83

Oct. 27, 2012—Gardnerville, Nev.

Douglas J. Bruha '84M.S. (geology)

Jan. 19, 2012—Lamoille, Nev.

Jacqueline S. Lowden '84 (French)

Sept. 24, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Wendy Y. Whipple '84 (child development)

Aug. 22, 2012—Sparks, Nev.

Timothy C. Burnham '85M.A. (C&G pers serv)

July 26, 2012—Silverdale, Wash.

Steven G. Paul, attended 1985-87

Oct. 3, 2012—Carson City, Nev.

Sylvia E. Moon '86 (premedical)

Sept. 28, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Donald E. Bently '87H.D.G. (science)

Oct. 1, 2012—Minden, Nev.

Curtis H. Jordan, attended 1988-94

Nov. 6, 2012—Reno, Nev.

John L. Gebhardt '93 (resource management)

Aug. 15, 2012—Reno, Nev.

E. Robert Statham '93Ph.D. (political science)

Oct. 21, 2012—King of Prussia, Penn.

Nancy J. (Gatewood) Eldridge '94M.Ed. (elementary education)

Sept. 7, 2012—Ely, Nev.

Caroline E. Graham-Lamberts '05 (Spanish, biology), '11M.D.

Oct. 28, 2012—Palo Alto, Calif.

Robert E. Hager '07 (criminal justice)

Sept. 18, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Sarah T. O'Banion '07 (biology)

Aug. 24, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Jonathan D. Case '10 (political science)

Oct. 20, 2012—Charlotte, N.C.

Bradley D. Overhouse, current student

Oct. 1, 2012—Reno, Nev.

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Redfield and Benna foundations pledge support of 'Act One' School of the Arts renovation

A \$4 million modernization project at the School of the Arts Church Fine Arts Building has received major support from the Nell J. Redfield Foundation and the Edna B. and Bruno Benna Foundation.

The cornerstone of the Act One project is the renovation of the 54-year-old Nell J. Redfield Proscenium Theatre, including upgrades to lighting, sound and electrical rigging systems, modernization of the stage and seating venue, introduction of raked seating and hydraulic stage lifts, creation of an interior control booth and a 6,000 square-foot expansion of the scene shop.

Act One will also include remodeling the Front Door Gallery and the creation of an atrium entrance on Virginia Street. The atrium will be named in recognition of the family of

the late Bruno Benna '53 (physical education) and his wife, Edna. The estimated completion date for the entire project is late 2013.

"For nearly 40 years, University of Nevada, Reno theatre students have begun their professional careers in theatre, film, television and a host of other industries within our walls," said Scott Casper, interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "The Act One project will create a modern venue with updated technology, along with a stunning lobby gallery and entrance, making Church Fine Arts a jewel on our campus and a performing arts destination throughout the region."

In dedication to the project, President Johnson committed \$900,000 in University funds for the purchase of an automated rigging system and lighting and sound systems, which

Lead gifts from the Nell J. Redfield Foundation and the Edna B. and Bruno Benna Foundation support the University of Nevada, Reno School of the Arts' Act One renovation project, which proposes to create a new atrium entrance to the Church Fine Arts Building on Virginia Street.

were installed last summer and used in the recent Nevada Repertory Co. production of Christopher Marlowe's *The Tragical History of the Life & Death of Doctor Faustus*. With lead gifts from the Nell J. Redfield and the Edna B. and Bruno Benna foundations, the University is still seeking funding for approximately \$750,000 of the remaining project cost.

"The Redfield Foundation has a deep and longstanding interest in fine arts in general and the Nell J. Redfield Proscenium Theatre in particular," said Jerry Smith, Redfield Foundation trustee. "This gift will make it possible to make necessary renovations to the theatre and to take a lead in developing the new center for fine arts."

—Roseann Keegan

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