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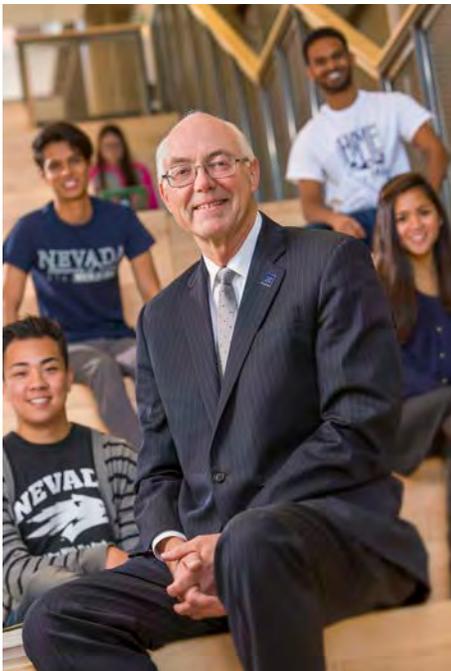
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### *Student Achievement: A Building Opens, and the Journey Begins*



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University President Marc Johnson with students Kenneth Ronquillo, Wander Valderrama, Charles Buchanan and McXine Salva. They are seated on the social stairs, a unique architectural feature in the newly opened William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center designed to encourage sitting, reading and interacting.

In late February, we officially opened the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center. Thanks to the generous donations of our friends and donors, our campus has a gathering place for vital student centers, services and programming that previously were spread across campus. This is just one example of many that are occurring on our campus, where friends, donors and alumni have stepped forward to provide support to help our University become a high-impact, high-quality research institution. Our donors provide the lifeblood of opportunity for our University, and we sincerely thank them for their generosity.

The William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center, at 77,345 square feet, provides gathering spaces and centers that are open and accessible to every member of the campus community. This includes the Clarence & Martha Jones Family Foundation Writing and Math Centers, the Marshall R. Matley Foundation Disability Resource Center, and Nevada Career Studio.

What is especially impressive about the building is the fact that it will be very much a student-run facility, with students playing key roles in the operation of the building and in the services offered.

Recently, I had a chance to visit with one of the students playing a role in this effort. Gabe Kennedy is a military service veteran who served in the Nevada Air National Guard and the U.S. Marine Corps before returning to our University. He's now majoring in English. Gabe is one of many student veterans who will be contributing to the services provided by the Nevada Military Support Alliance Veterans' and Military Center, located on the Pennington Student Achievement Center's third floor.

"Now, with this center, the great thing is our veterans on our campus will have a single place to go," Gabe said. "It's a great way to bridge that gap, and with the center, we will have more opportunities to help ease the transition veterans face."

Gabe is one of the key drivers of a program called "Vet2Vet," which offers new veteran students guidance and mentoring from veterans who are more seasoned students. Gabe's perspective is not only colored by his time in the military, but also by his original time on our campus, in 2007, when he was a freshman criminal justice major on the Millennium Scholarship.

I asked him what the campus was like then, and now.

"It's night and day," Gabe said, smiling, noting that with new student-centered buildings and continued emphasis on a remarkable student experience, the University has made notable inroads in meeting the needs of all of our students.

It's been quite a journey to see the opening of the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center. And in many ways, with its opening, the journey to a successful, enriching experience is only beginning for our students.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc A. Johnson".

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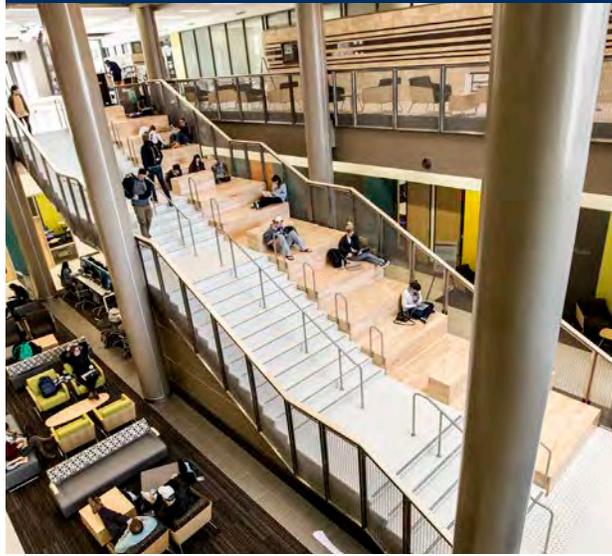
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# *Success Lies Within*

*Celebrating the Opening of the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center*

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WILLIAM N. PENNINGTON  
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

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ne look at the sweeping staircase in the middle of the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center gives you an understanding of the building's purpose. On the right side, students congregate on the oversized social steps, studying, visiting with friends and talking through ideas. On the left side, students are moving quickly, eager to take advantage of the services, collaboration rooms and study areas that the building offers. On both sides of the stairs, the focus is student success.

"There is something for each and every one of our students at the Pennington Student Achievement Center," says President Marc Johnson. "We've collected our most vital and effective student services under one roof, and we've combined them with the study spaces and social areas that our students need to thrive. Wherever you are in your academic career, a visit to the Pennington Student Achievement Center can help you improve."



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^ The William N. Pennington Foundation provided leadership support for the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center and has been a champion of student success initiatives at Nevada for more than 25 years. Foundation Trustees Fred Scarpello and Rick Banis '67 (accounting) pictured and Donald Carano (not pictured).

### Help when you need it

Every aspect of the 77,345-square-foot building, which was paid for through a combination of student fees, state funding and philanthropic support, has been designed with the aim of attracting students to the University, retaining them from year to year and graduating them into successful careers. Vice President for Student Services Shannon Ellis believes that a big part of that mission is letting students know that it's normal to ask for help.

"The Pennington Student Achievement Center puts programs and services that will enhance student

success front and center in their daily lives. Any barriers they put up in their brains about using these services will go away quickly because they'll see how mainstream every one of these services is for students."

In order to accommodate busy schedules, the building has extended evening and weekend hours, allowing students to take advantage of the Pennington Student Achievement Center's features when it's convenient for them. On most days, the building stays open until midnight.

"Fostering student achievement cannot be done through a 9 to 5 operation anymore," says Director of Undergraduate Academic Advising and Student Achievement Derek Furukawa. "Understanding that students desired additional space on campus that is conducive to studying and collaboration was the impetus for the extended hours in the Pennington Student Achievement Center."

The William N. Pennington Foundation has been a champion of student achievement at Nevada for more than 25 years, with major support of student scholarships and programs in the School of Medicine as well as leadership gifts

< A plaza connects the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center to the University Quad.



✓ The Jot Travis Building, formerly the home of the Student Union, sits to the southwest of the Pennington Student Achievement Center.



✕ The Thompson Building, which formerly housed the University Tutoring Center, is south of the Pennington Student Achievement Center.



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to the Pennington Health Sciences Building, the Pennington Medical Education Building, the under-construction E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center and renovations to the Ansari Business Building, which are currently underway.

“Support of this project from community leaders like the Pennington Foundation will have a profound impact on our students and our campus now and for many years into the future,” says University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board of Trustees Chair and Nell J. Redfield Foundation Trustee Gerald C. Smith ’03 (honorary degree). “The Pennington Student Achievement Center will foster our culture of academic excellence and lifelong success.”

### Focus on career success

As you pass from the top of the social staircase through the Nell J. Redfield Foundation Atrium, the Nevada Career Studio opens to your left, accessed by the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation Lobby. According to the Career Studio’s Assistant Director Mary T. Calhoun, this is much more than a job center – it’s a place to lay a foundation, learn strategies for the professional world and design your post-graduation plans. Positioning this service within the Pennington Student Achievement Center encourages students to think about their career path early and often as they pursue their education.

“The clients that use the Career Studio represent the full range of students at Nevada,” says Calhoun. “We have veterans who need help fine-tuning their military resume as they transition into civilian careers, we have students navigating unique disabilities, we have freshmen who are just beginning to think about where their skills and their interests intersect and seniors who need to know which shoes to wear to an interview.”

The Studio now boasts a professional interview room, named through a generous gift from the Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation. “One of our roles is making connections between students and the many, varied employers that want to hire Nevada grads,” says Calhoun. “The Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation Interview Room provides a beautiful, welcoming space to make

those connections happen.”

Mark W. Knobel ’77 (social services corrections), a trustee of the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation, said, “We were excited to see the level of adaptability and collaboration that the Career Studio would have in its new location. The Hart Foundation is proud to support students in their career pursuits through this project.”

Leishel Pasion, a senior in the Orvis School of Nursing, started using the Career Studio to polish her resume while applying for campus jobs. Later, she used the service to hone her writing and interview skills as she applied to the Orvis School.

“As a student, it’s a great feeling to have your peers mentor you as you develop your skills. When my nerves got the better of me, I was able to confide in them about the parts of the interview process that I struggled with the most.”

Pasion added, “I think the relocation of all the academic student services, including the Career Studio, shows how much our University focuses on the achievement of their students.”

### Success is just across the hall

On the building’s third floor, The Clarence & Martha Jones Family Foundation Tutoring Center, Writing Center and Math Center, which were previously spread throughout campus, now surround an appealing atrium complete with couches and study areas. Jennifer Jorgensen, a senior mining engineering major and geology and business administration minor, finds that placement ideal.

“A lot of students use both the Math Center and the Tutoring Center for basic math classes. I first learned about the Tutoring Center because I had an awesome math tutor who worked in both places, so I saw him as many times as I could. That help was what allowed me to pass my math classes, which was essential since I’m studying engineering.”

Jorgensen now works at the Tutoring Center and thinks that grouping student services in the Pennington Student Achievement Center is a major improvement.

“Before the move, when people asked us for directions to the Writing Center, it used to



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## Remembering Getchell Library

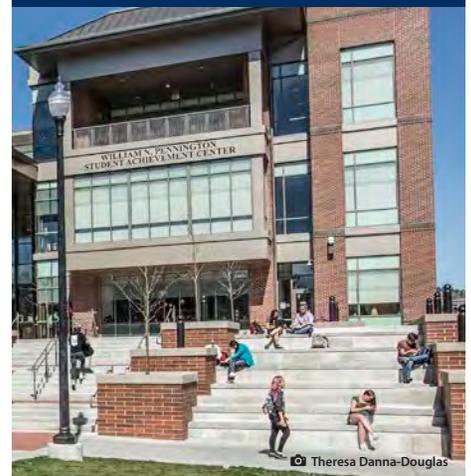
The William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center occupies the site of the former Getchell Library, which opened in 1962. The library, named for the late mining magnate and Nevada State Senator Noble H. Getchell, grew to 180,000 square feet. However, increasing student enrollment and expanded library holdings eventually pushed Getchell to its limits, and the 295,000-square-foot Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center became the University’s main library in 2008.

Getchell may be gone, but it won’t be forgotten. The former library’s white granite steps now make up the seating areas on the Pennington Student Achievement Center’s south side. Portions of red granite stone from Getchell’s original construction span the length of the wall of the Pennington Student Achievement Center’s second-floor Nell J. Redfield Atrium. A large granite slab in the middle of that wall reads: “In honor of the 93,141 graduates from 1890-2014 and those to come.” Each year, the number of new graduates will be etched into the slab, serving to remind students of the University’s long history and to inspire them to create its bright future.



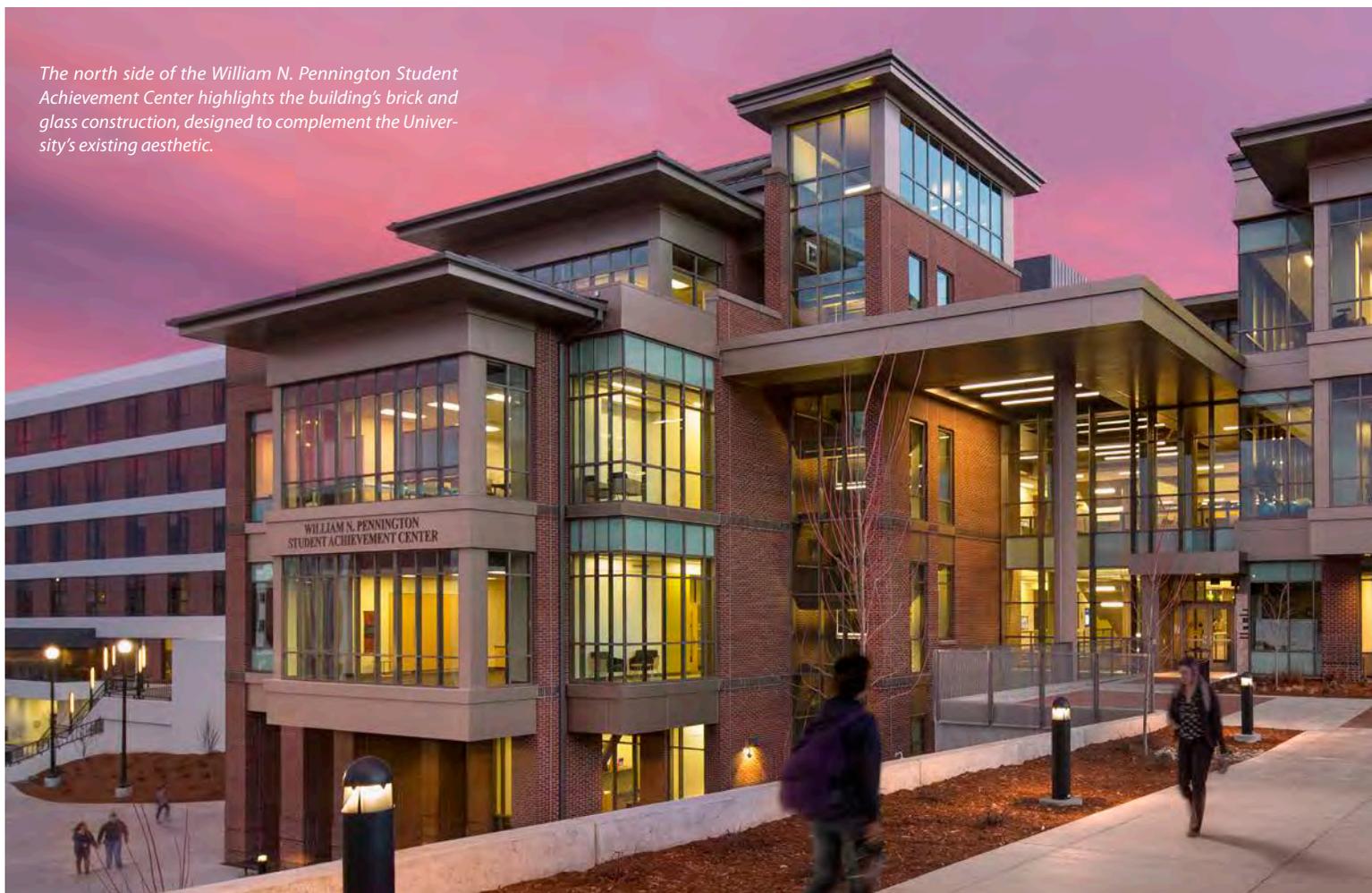
◀ This sign, made of red granite from the former Noble H. Getchell Library, bears a message of encouragement and promise from the Class of 2014. The number of new graduates will be etched into the slab each year.

▶ The steps and seating area on the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center’s south side are made from the original white granite stairs that led to the Noble H. Getchell Library.



Theresa Danna-Douglas

The north side of the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center highlights the building's brick and glass construction, designed to complement the University's existing aesthetic.



We're going to be able to do so many new things – small studies skills sessions, collaborative workshops with the Math and Writing Centers – that we didn't have space for before. And the Pennington Student Achievement Center's common study areas are great, because if students are working on something in the building and they realize they need help, they can just come right next door to us. - Tutoring Director MARSHA URBAN



be so hard to tell them. There were two locations, each location would only be open during certain hours, and it would be really hard to direct students to the right place. Now it's so much easier to just take them across the hall."

Tutoring Director Marsha Urban is excited to have more space available for tutoring programs. "We're going to be able to do so many new things – small studies skills sessions, collaborative workshops with the Math and Writing Centers – that we didn't have space for before," says Urban. "And the Pennington Student Achievement Center's common study areas are great, because if students are working on something in the building and they realize they need help, they can just come right next door to us."

The Clarence & Martha Jones Family

Foundation is named for the late Clarence Jones '31 (electrical engineering) and Martha (Hansen) Jones (attended 1929-31).

"The Joneses benefitted greatly from their time as students at the University," says Chancellor Dan Klaich '72 (accounting), a trustee of the Jones Family Foundation. "It's a fitting tribute to them to support the Pennington Student Achievement Center and the University's efforts to get modern-day students the help they need to be successful in their studies."

#### Inspiration to succeed

On the fourth floor of the Pennington Student Achievement Center, the Ron Turek & Ann Carlson Alcove and Outdoor Deck offers a new view of northern Nevada: the activity-filled Quad below, Downtown Reno's unique skyline

beyond, and the iconic mountains stretching into the distance.

"This is a place for students to come to feel inspired," says President Johnson. "We have an outstanding student body, and there are so many opportunities for them on this campus, in Reno, in Nevada and around the world. Generous supporters in our community have come together to help us create a building where barriers are broken down and the possibilities for student success are endless."

In this lively and light-filled building, already reverberating with footsteps and voices, it is clear that the students of the University of Nevada are taking that message to heart. **N**



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■ A ribbon cutting ceremony celebrates the opening of the Nevada Military Support Alliance Veterans' and Military Center on the third floor of the Pennington Student Achievement Center March 15. The new space, which was named through a generous gift from the Nevada Military Support Alliance, is designed for veterans to study, collaborate and host events. From left to right: Wolf Pack Veteran President Jeremiah Fruge, Nevada Military Support Alliance Vice Chairman Ronald Bath '68, '71 M.B.A., Nevada Military Support Alliance Board Member Alex Woodley '15, Nevada Military Support Alliance President Scott Bensing, Dan Morgan, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emeritus Keith Lee '65, Devin Rice and Omega Delta Sigma President Sierra Leonard.

A professional studio portrait of an older man with white hair and a friendly smile. He is wearing a dark grey pinstriped suit jacket over a white dress shirt and a blue patterned tie. The background is a plain, light grey.

*Mick Hitchcock, Ph.D.*

*Launching His Own Style of Philanthropy  
to Redefine Research at Nevada*

*by KEIKO WEIL '87*

**M**ick Hitchcock is a scientist and a researcher who sees the future through a lens that has research providing the answers to the problems that confront us. Energy, medicine, food, water, he believes, are issues that can be solved with the appropriate application of science. He wants to create science and scientists. And, it is at this lofty objective that the life of this Englishman intersected with the University of Nevada, Reno. Well, that and snowboarding.

Hitchcock has worked for more than 30 years in the bio-pharmaceutical industry. He received his undergraduate and master's degrees in biochemistry at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, and his Ph.D. in microbiology at the University of Melbourne. He worked for more than a decade at Bristol-Myers Squibb on the east coast before joining Gilead, a bio-pharmaceutical company in the Bay Area that advances therapeutics to improve lives.

At Gilead, together with former Bristol colleague John Martin, he developed Viread, approved by the FDA in 2001 as a once-daily pill to treat HIV. Before Viread, a reported 90 percent of AIDS patients had to take as many as a dozen pills throughout the day, suffering side effects including gauntness, anemia and liver damage. Subsequently the pair developed Atripla, approved in 2006 as the first single-tablet regimen for treatment of HIV that includes the active component of Viread and two other drugs. Ease of use made it a popular choice for physicians and patients. More recently, the company launched Sovaldi and Harvoni, Hepatitis C treatments that can essentially cure most patients with few side effects.

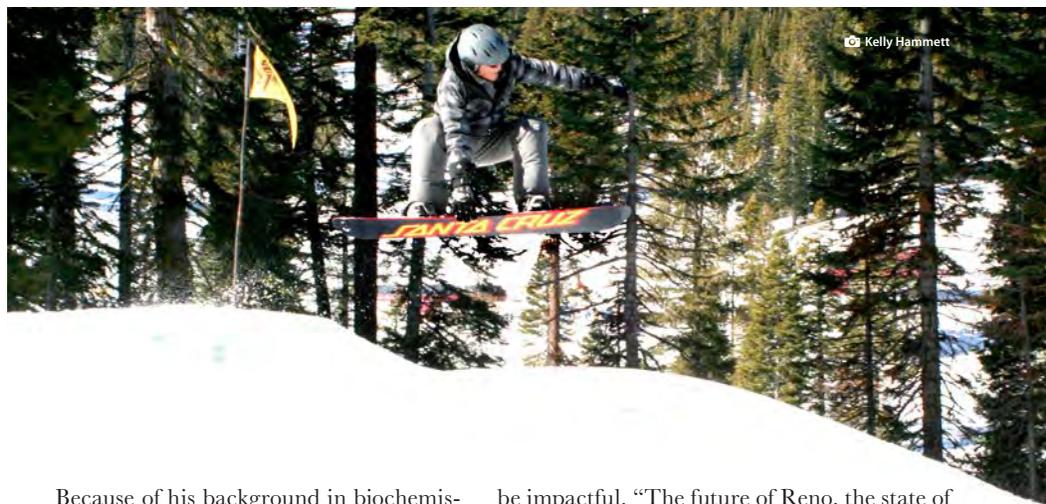
Enter snowboarding. Hitchcock has a passion for the sport and logs more than 50 days of snowboarding a year at resorts all around Lake Tahoe. The back and forth trips over Donner Pass from the Bay Area finally motivated him to buy a home in Reno in 2003. It was then that he first learned that Reno had a university, but his philanthropy did not begin until the government sequestration cuts in 2013. These cuts trimmed grants and threatened to eliminate funding for research students. Hitchcock says of the time, "Having been a graduate student on a grant, I cannot even imagine having the funds cut off mid-way through the process – all that time and effort for nothing. I see the future of our country as a place where we need more scientists, not less. And this was a step in the wrong direction."

His initial donation provided funding for graduate and undergraduate researchers that would have been lost with the sequestration cuts. He is gratified that three Ph.D. scientists are now in the workforce because of this action, and more are coming. Among these first students, Maggie Tarrant-Elorza received her Ph.D. in 2015 in

cellular and molecular biology with a minor in business administration. Her graduate research studied human cytomegalovirus latency. Says Hitchcock, "There is more to it than getting degrees. This research becomes publications and provides labs with fuel for further grants and builds the infrastructure for future research projects and opportunities."

As Hitchcock delved further into the University's research programs, he saw great potential. "Having been fascinated with the gold rush and the mining adventures of the mid-1800s, in which northern Nevada featured prominently, I conceptualize a new gold rush for the future, with university research being packaged into small companies that will go on to create value, opportunity and jobs for the local environment. It is already happening, and I hope to help it accelerate," he says. That, and he considers Reno his adopted home.

To that end, Hitchcock has substantially supported a wide range of projects at Nevada, including renovation of the undergraduate microbiology teaching lab, equipment for the Nevada Newborn Screening Lab and support of the Chemical Ecology Center. He has also provided funding for equipment for the Genomics Center and the Nevada Proteomics Center which will facilitate research across multiple disciplines and programs.



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Because of his background in biochemistry and its application in drug discovery and development in 2014 he established the Mick Hitchcock, Ph.D. Endowed Chair in Medical Biochemistry. "This will allow the University to attract a higher level researcher and hopefully create an environment where new pathways and targets for currently intractable diseases become solved. While I see potential for new drugs to come out of this directly or indirectly, training of new doctoral and post-doctoral researchers is also an end product of great value," says Hitchcock.

But, as he notes, "science and scientists are not enough. Those nascent ideas must be turned into something useful. And this requires

the vision and passion of entrepreneurs. Build a company around the idea, develop the material, and then create the value that makes the company successful." He understands this concept well. Even with no background in business, he has skillfully applied it in the pharmaceutical industry where he keenly understood the need to synthesize all the different areas involved with drug development and to move things along to outcome. While at Gilead he helped build the company from a small biotech with 100 people and no products to the successful organization it is today with over 20 marketed pharmaceuticals and more than 8,500 employees. At Nevada, he recently provided support to the College of Business and its entrepreneurship program, building out the capacity to allow for larger numbers of students to participate in the creative process.

Hitchcock was named a University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee in 2015 where he serves on the Planning and Governance Board and the Audit and Finance Committee. He has been recognized for his philanthropy in the University's Honor Court where he was inducted as a Founder in 2014 and Philanthropist in 2015.

"Philanthropy is creating a future, creating infrastructure, creating the education to let students go on to do something bigger and better," says Hitchcock. And, he believes the University is a place where his philanthropy can

be impactful. "The future of Reno, the state of Nevada and the world is dependent on scientific discoveries that support the advancement of the standard of living and the economic engine. In a world where it is now fashionable to have beliefs without scientific support, it is only by producing more scientists that we will have a chance to counteract these fallacies and take on the future with an agenda based on facts."



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# *A Second Act for the School of the Arts*

by JOANNA TRIEGER

**F**or Andrew Mendizabal, a sophomore pursuing majors in biology and music performance, music is both a foundation and a release.

“Music has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember,” says Mendizabal. “It has helped me to express my thoughts, emotions and words in ways that other academic areas could not.”

While Mendizabal appreciates the outstanding arts education he is receiving at Nevada, he acknowledges that the campus’s current facilities can occasionally become a little crowded.

“We have an array of amazing faculty in our college who are willing to work with students for their growth through education and performance,” says Mendizabal, “but it can be pretty hectic for music students trying to work hard in their classes. Overbooking of rooms and limited practice space puts pressure on students who depend on Church Fine Arts as their second home.”

With these concerns in mind, the second phase of the School of the Arts expansion project, known as Act Two, is moving forward with leadership support from George W. Gillemot, the Nell J. Redfield Foundation, The Clarence & Martha Jones Family Foundation and philanthropist Carol Franc Buck.

The \$4 million Act One phase of the project was completed in June 2014 and included renovating and modernizing the Redfield



*Sarah Rodriguez '13 and Melissa Ortiz '12 perform Hamlet in a 2011 production.*

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The University Symphony Orchestra directed by Jason Altieri.

Jeff Dow

Proscenium Theatre, remodeling the Front Door Gallery and creating an atrium entrance to the Church Fine Arts Building. Act Two will involve the construction of a new 35,000-square-foot building to the east of Church Fine Arts that will connect to the original space through a sky-walk or bridge. It is estimated that the Act Two phase of the project will cost approximately \$20 million, all of which will come from private donations. Construction is planned to begin in 2017.

A great university needs a great arts program, and a great arts program provides excellent and inspirational facilities for its students,” said President Marc Johnson. “Act Two will provide unparalleled opportunities not just to musicians and artists, but to everyone on campus while strengthening the University’s connection to our vibrant arts community.”

Perhaps the most significant feature of the new building is a 300-seat, 5,372-square-foot recital hall, which will incorporate outstanding acoustics in an intimate atmosphere for an unparalleled performing and listening experience. The new performance space will make more room on the calendar of the larger and often overbooked Nightingale Concert Hall, which stages hundreds of performances and welcomes thousands of audience members annually.

Also planned for the new arts building is a 5,400-square-foot contemporary gallery that is being designed with the atmospheric and security protocols needed to house and display oversized objects, antique and climate-sensitive artworks and items of significant value. This would greatly improve University Galleries’ ability to borrow artwork from collectors and museums and show more works from its permanent col-

lection.

The building will also be home to new digital media space, multiple rehearsal and practice rooms, a recording studio, office space and teaching studios.

“Ambitious projects like this simply would not be possible without the dedicated support of donors and patrons who believe that arts education is important and adds great value to our society,” said College of Liberal Arts Interim Dean Larry Engstrom. “We are grateful that so many in our community want to ensure that the arts will endure and thrive on our campus.”

“I am beyond ecstatic about the improvements and the planning of a new fine arts building,” says Mendizabal. “Being a music performance student at Nevada is a delight, and we as a school are growing every year with students who want to be part of such great programs.” ■

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To learn more about supporting Act Two in the School of the Arts, please contact **Stuart Golder**, director of development, at [sgolder@unr.edu](mailto:sgolder@unr.edu) or (775) 784-1222.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The University broke ground on the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center in 2015. Now the foundation is laid and the steel super structure is being erected. Scheduled to open in January 2017, the four-story, 108,000-square-foot facility will include a three-court multi-use gymnasium, running track, and strength and conditioning facilities, as well as space for students to take classes in TRX, Pilates, CrossFit, yoga and more. The E. L. Wiegand Foundation, a University partner for nearly 40 years, has provided essential funding for the center. Additional leadership support comes from the Gabelli Foundation and other generous donors.

Theresa Danna-Douglas



*MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*  
**UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO FOUNDATION**

The University of Nevada, Reno is a remarkable place that has a significant impact on our state and beyond. Our friends, alumni and community partners are the cornerstone of what the University is able to achieve.

It is my privilege to work each day with wonderful philanthropists who support the University's mission. Some are interested in expanding humanity's knowledge, others support remarkable art and inspirational music and great athletic accomplishments, while others want to make our economy more efficient and create opportunities in our society. All of these features come through in the support brought to the University in the past year. Thank you to each of you whose names appear on the pages of this special Honor Roll of Donors.

The University's historic campus is filled with the promise of nearly 21,000 students and our mission of learning, discovery and engagement has never been more important. Your donations help to advance initiatives and develop programs and campus infrastructure to propel the University to new heights like the just opened William N. Pennington Student Achievement

Center, the under construction E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center and the planned School of the Arts building titled Act Two. We were able to offer \$6.9 million in donor-funded scholarships this year, representing more than 3,100 awards. Philanthropy makes possible the educational dreams of our students as they matriculate and graduate to join our 65,089 proud Nevada alumni.

We are grateful for your support and invite you to continue with us as we advance this great University. Thank you for the important role you play in our success.

Sincerely,



**John K. Carothers**  
Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations  
Executive Director, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation  
(775) 784-1352 or [jcarothers@unr.edu](mailto:jcarothers@unr.edu)



*MESSAGE FROM*  
**THE 2015 FOUNDATION CHAIR**

To our many friends, community partners and my fellow alumni, on behalf of the Foundation and its volunteer board of trustees, I thank you for your support and generosity in 2015.

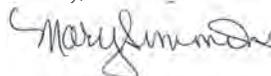
Your continued support of the University of Nevada, Reno is vital. The state's growing knowl-

edge-based economy demands resources and talent, and the University delivers. Our University is a dynamic Tier 1 institution and an important career-creating, workforce-enhancing asset for our community and state. Last year, the University conferred a record 4,058 degrees and certificates. These graduates represent the next generation of entrepreneurs and creative and cultural leaders who fuel Nevada's economic development and quality of life.

The University is embracing its significant role in the rapidly changing economic environment through exciting projects like the recently opened Innevation Center, Powered by Switch, located in downtown Reno, and the Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship located on campus in the College of Business. These initiatives leverage the knowledge, resources and talent of the University for the advancement of Nevada's new economy, while giving students hands-on involvement with business and the community.

For these innovative enterprises and for those yet to come, the University is worthy of our continued support and partnership. Thank you for being a champion of Nevada!

Sincerely,



**Mary O. Simmons '78** (accounting)  
2015 Chair, Foundation Board of Trustees



*MESSAGE FROM*  
**THE 2016 FOUNDATION CHAIR**

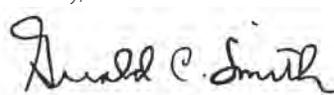
The University of Nevada, Reno is transforming students' lives every day. Your generous support and commitment make it possible and we are profoundly grateful to you.

The process of transforming students into engaged citizens takes the commitment of the University and the larger community. With substantial donor support, the new William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center opened its doors to the more than 20,000 students on campus. Its student success services, now housed under one roof, foster the University's traditional college experience, culture of completion and focus on personal achievement.

Support makes possible other important University initiatives to advance the campus, including considerable scholarship, faculty and research support, significant renovations to the Ansari Business Building and Student Health Center, the impressive School of the Arts expansion projects, titled Act One and Act Two, and the renovation of Mackay Stadium. These projects and others are worthy of our continued support and investment.

Your commitment is valuable and I hope you will continue to be part of transforming student lives at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Sincerely,



**Gerald C. Smith '03** (honorary degree)  
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## UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation was established in 1981 to help the University meet its needs beyond its base funding by generating private support. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of trustees who can serve three consecutive two-year terms. Trustees are made up of University alumni and friends who provide counsel in strategic planning, education, fundraising and other matters.

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UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO FOUNDATION

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT JUNE 30, 2015**

SUMMARIZED VERSION

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	ENDOWMENT	TOTAL
<b>OPERATING SUPPORT AND REVENUE:</b>				
Donor contributions	\$422,823	\$29,014,716	\$0	\$29,437,539
University support	\$3,066,661	\$0	\$0	\$3,066,661
Special events and other income	\$139,238	\$4,062,715	\$0	\$4,201,953
<b>Total operating support and revenue</b>	<b>\$3,628,722</b>	<b>\$33,077,431</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$36,706,153</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>				
PROGRAM EXPENSES				
Alumni programs	\$362,212	\$0	\$0	\$362,212
Capital projects	\$0	\$1,640,058	\$0	\$1,640,058
University programs	\$152,934	\$19,351,753	\$0	\$19,504,687
University scholarships	\$0	\$3,876,557	\$0	\$3,876,557
<b>Total program expenses</b>	<b>\$515,146</b>	<b>\$24,868,368</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$25,383,514</b>
Administrative	\$1,792,319	\$0	\$0	\$1,792,319
Fundraising	\$2,578,585	\$0	\$0	\$2,578,585
<b>Total administrative and fundraising expenses</b>	<b>\$4,370,904</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,370,904</b>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>\$4,886,050</b>	<b>\$24,868,368</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$29,754,418</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>(\$1,257,328)</b>	<b>\$8,209,063</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,951,735</b>
INVESTMENT INCOME				
	<b>\$1,561,612</b>	<b>(\$149,962)</b>	<b>\$2,520,497</b>	<b>\$3,932,147</b>
Additions to permanent and term endowments	\$0	\$0	\$12,025,911	\$12,025,911
Transfers between funds	(\$29,598)	\$5,410,586	(\$5,380,988)	\$0
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$274,686</b>	<b>\$13,469,687</b>	<b>\$9,165,420</b>	<b>\$22,909,793</b>
Fund net assets at beginning of year	\$16,209,945	\$70,342,993	\$137,758,039	\$224,310,977
<b>Fund net assets at end of year</b>	<b>\$16,484,631</b>	<b>\$83,812,680</b>	<b>\$146,923,459</b>	<b>\$247,220,770</b>

The accounting firm of Grant Thornton LLP issued an unqualified opinion of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation's audited financial statements for fiscal year 2015.

The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation endowment funds are responsibly managed by the Foundation's investment committee, a volunteer committee with expertise in financial management which receives independent professional investment advice from Wilshire Associates.

## 2015 FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT

Market value as of dates listed below (includes pooled endowment, unrestricted endowment funds, quasi-endowment funds and funds held in trust).



UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO FOUNDATION

## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE NET OF FEES

AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

	FOUNDATION	POLICY INDEX	S&P 500 EQUITY INDEX	BARCLAYS AGGREGATE BOND INDEX	MSCI AXWI x-US
1 year return	1.87%	1.52%	7.42%	1.86%	-4.96%
3 year average	8.73%	8.00%	17.31%	1.83%	9.80%
5 year average	9.84%	9.62%	17.34%	3.35%	8.00%
10 year average	5.37%	4.99%	7.89%	4.44%	5.79%

Final returns are provided by Wilshire Associates, the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation's independent investment consultant.

## INVESTMENT IN ENDOWMENT

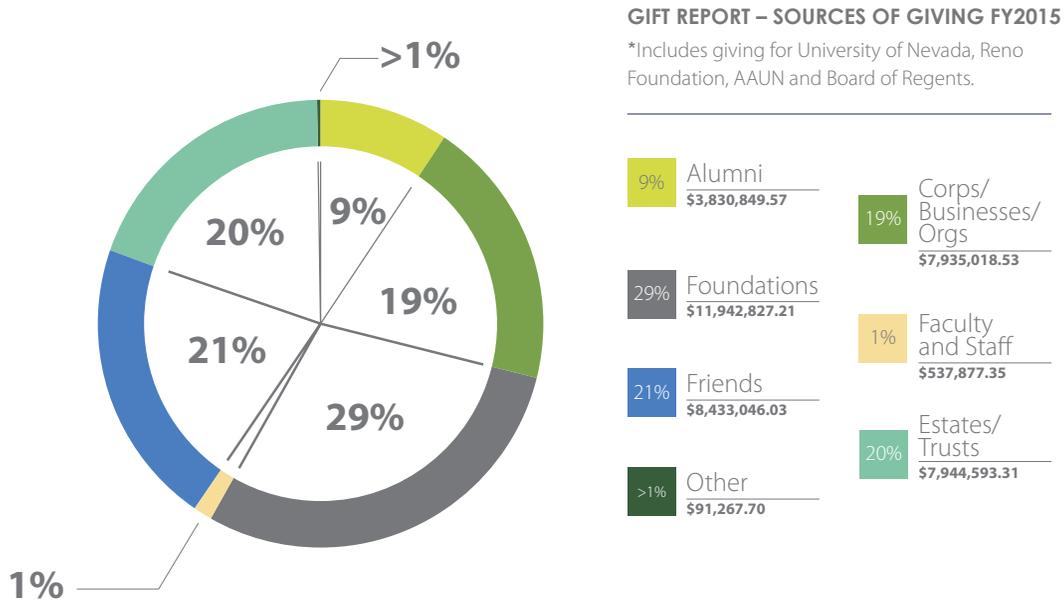
For fiscal year 2015, a total of **\$12 million** was added to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation's permanent endowment and an additional **\$4.4 million** was added to the quasi-endowment.

As of June 30, 2015, the funds were invested at the ratio of **36.97%** in equities, **5.55%** in private equities, **32.95%** in fixed income, **11.95%** in real estate, **11.12%** in inflation-linked investments. The goal of this allocation is to produce a return that meets spending obligations and maintains or increases the real value of the endowment.

The Foundation's investment policy is administered in accordance with the Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act and can be found on the University's website: [giving.unr.edu/foundation.aspx](http://giving.unr.edu/foundation.aspx).

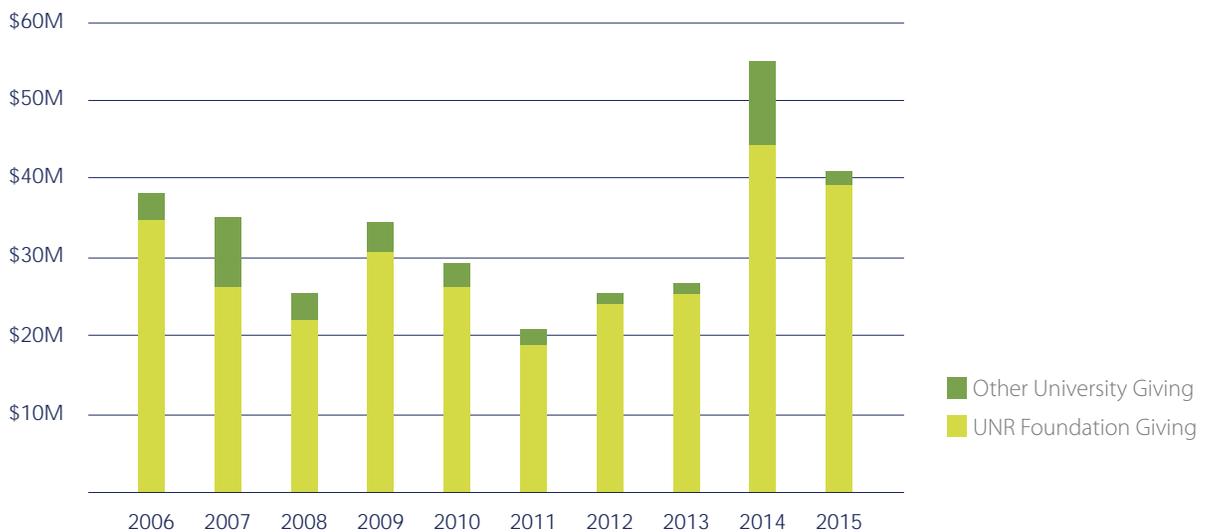
**YOUR GIVING MATTERS** – For the year ending June 30, 2015 (FY2015), the University of Nevada, Reno raised \$40,715,480 in new cash, stocks, gifts-in-kind and pledges. This amount includes \$39,343,434 raised through the Foundation, \$143,800 through the Athletic Association of the University of Nevada (AAUN) and \$1,228,246 through the Board of Regents. The number of donors increased by 5% from 11,440 in FY2014 to 12,064 in FY2015. We are deeply grateful to our generous donors, trustees and community partners.

**TOTAL GIVING** **\$40,715,480**



**UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO FOUNDATION TEN-YEAR GIVING HISTORY**

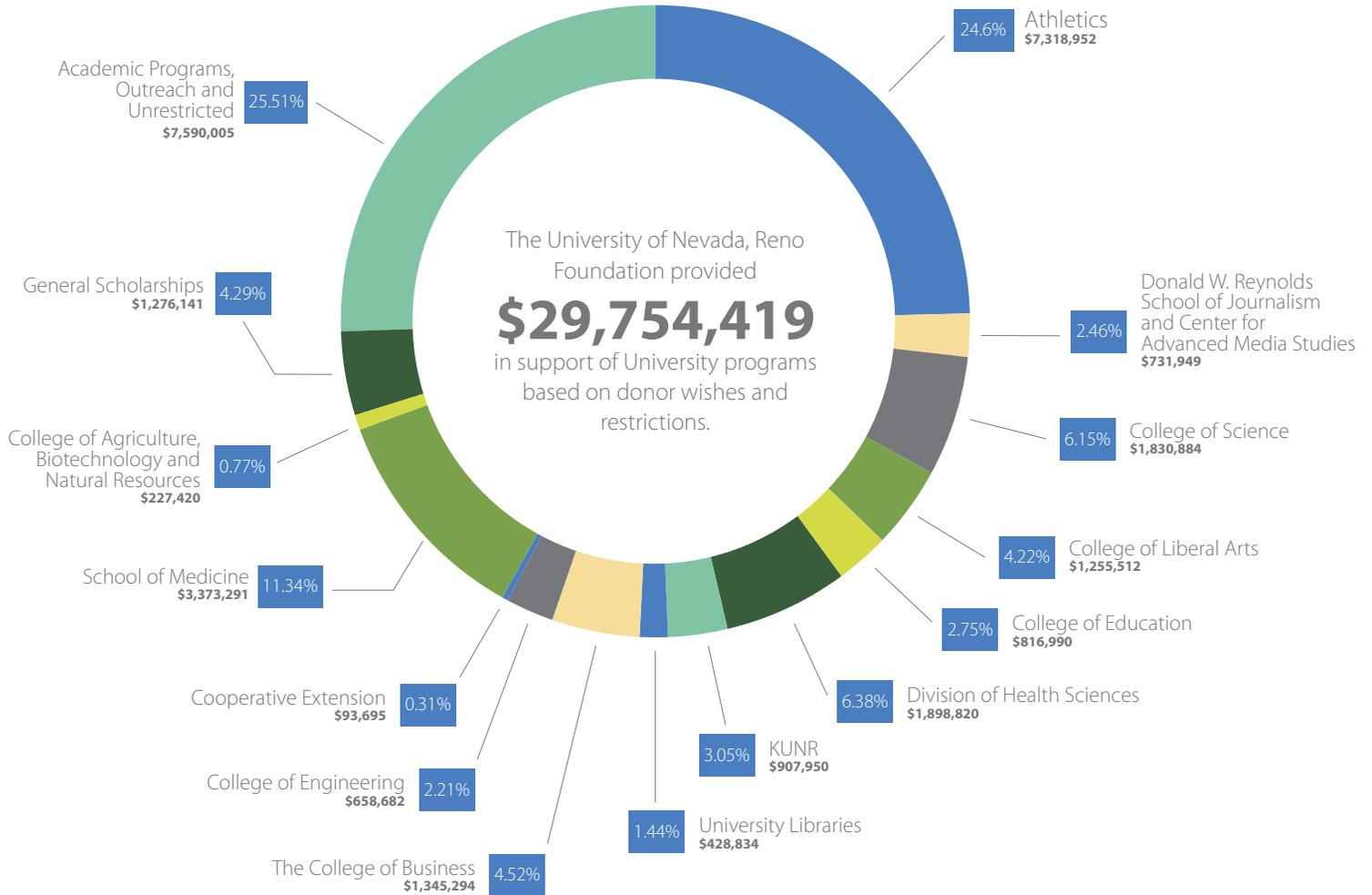
Comparison of University of Nevada, Reno Foundation giving and total University giving



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**YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE** – In fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015), the University utilized more than \$29 million of funding provided by the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation for programs, projects and student scholarships campus-wide.

The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation is the official fundraising and private gift-receiving organization for the University of Nevada, Reno. We work closely with alumni and friends, faculty and staff, corporations and foundations to create opportunities and secure gifts of cash, stock, gifts-in-kind, pledges and endowment earnings that benefit the University and its excellence in teaching, research and public engagement.



## Your Giving Matters

### SCHOLARSHIPS

More than **3,100** (1 in every 7 students), received donor funded scholarships totaling **\$6.9M** in the 2015-2016 academic year.

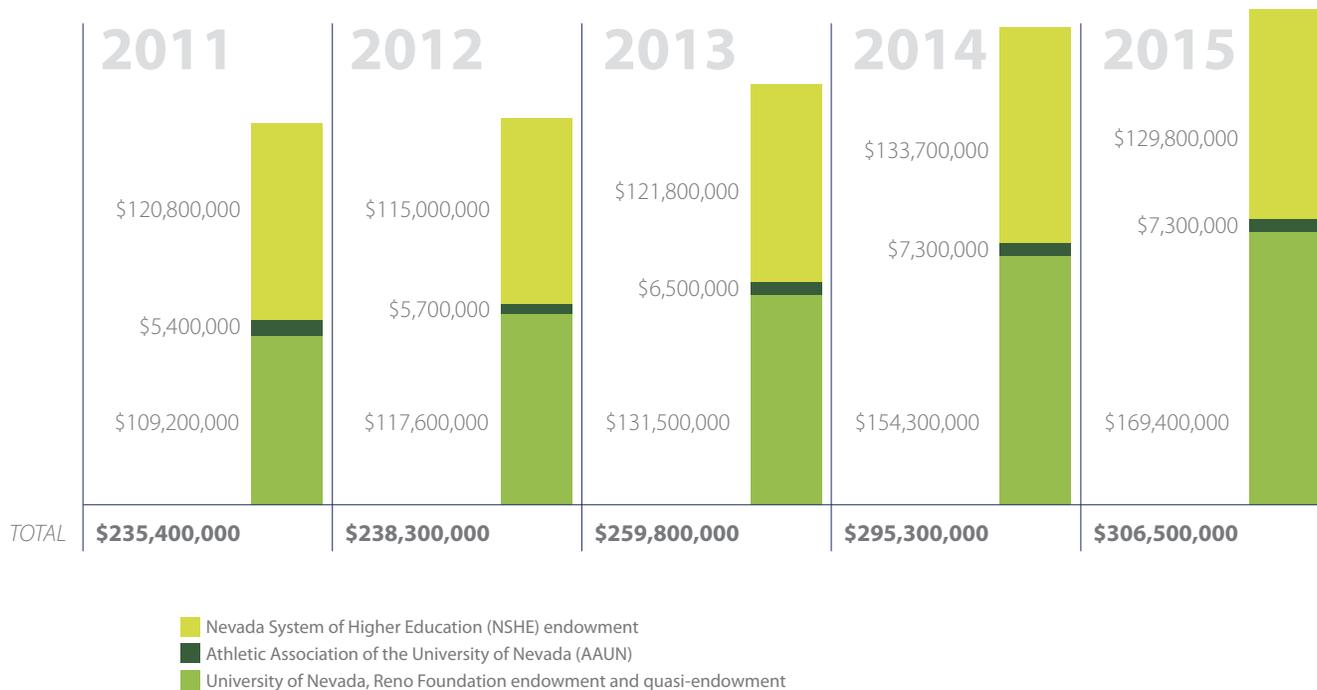
The number of donors to the University has increased, with **12,064** giving in **FY2015**.

In **FY2015** alone, faculty and staff gave nearly **\$538,000** to the University.

Although the University of Nevada, Reno is a state institution, it receives only part of its necessary funding from state appropriations. Endowed funds generated with private support are the basis for everything the University must do: recruit the best students and faculty, generate trailblazing research, and work for a better world.

By generating a steady stream of income while leaving the principal untouched, endowments make it possible for the University of Nevada, Reno to ensure the financial security and continued success of the University.

## UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO ENDOWMENTS AS OF JUNE 30



The University of Nevada, Reno's Endowment totaled **\$306 million as of June 30, 2015**. This endowment is comprised of the following three endowments: Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) endowment of **\$129.8 million (42.3%)**, the Athletic Association of the University of Nevada endowment of **\$7.3 million (2.4%)** and the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation endowment of **\$169.4 million (55.3%)**.

## TOTAL NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONAL ENDOWMENTS



**\$169.4M**

Total number of University of Nevada, Reno Foundation endowments and quasi-endowments: **854**



**\$129.8M**

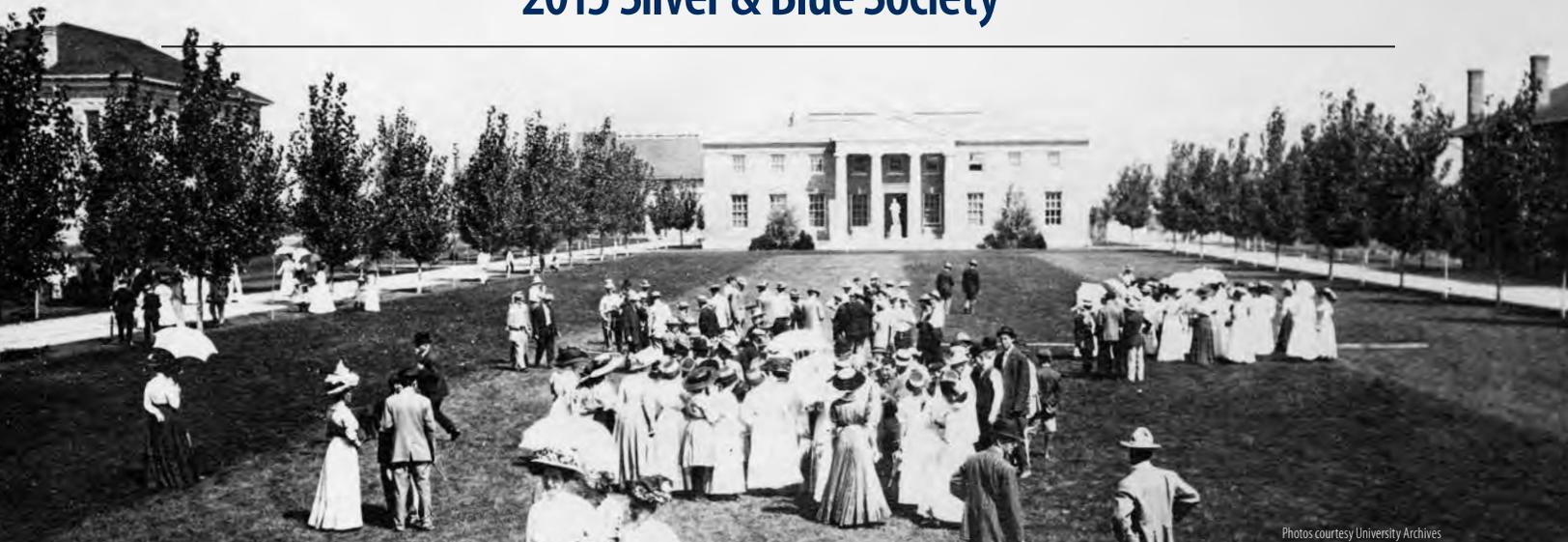
Total number of Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) endowments: **305**



**\$7.3M**

Total number of Athletic Association of the University of Nevada (AAUN) endowments: **7**

# 2015 Silver & Blue Society



Photos courtesy University Archives

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

The Silver & Blue Society honors those who give an annual unrestricted gift of \$1,874 or more. Members of the Silver & Blue Society provide for scholarships, new academic programs, innovative learning opportunities, faculty recruitment and development, and enhancements to campus, among a host of other needs.

The Silver & Blue Society owes its name to a time when a circle of dedicated men and women helped create the University of Nevada, Reno established as a land-grant institution in 1874.

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

*To learn more about the Silver & Blue Society, please contact Patti Fogarty '01, director of foundation operations, (775) 784-1352 or [pfogarty@unr.edu](mailto:pfogarty@unr.edu).*

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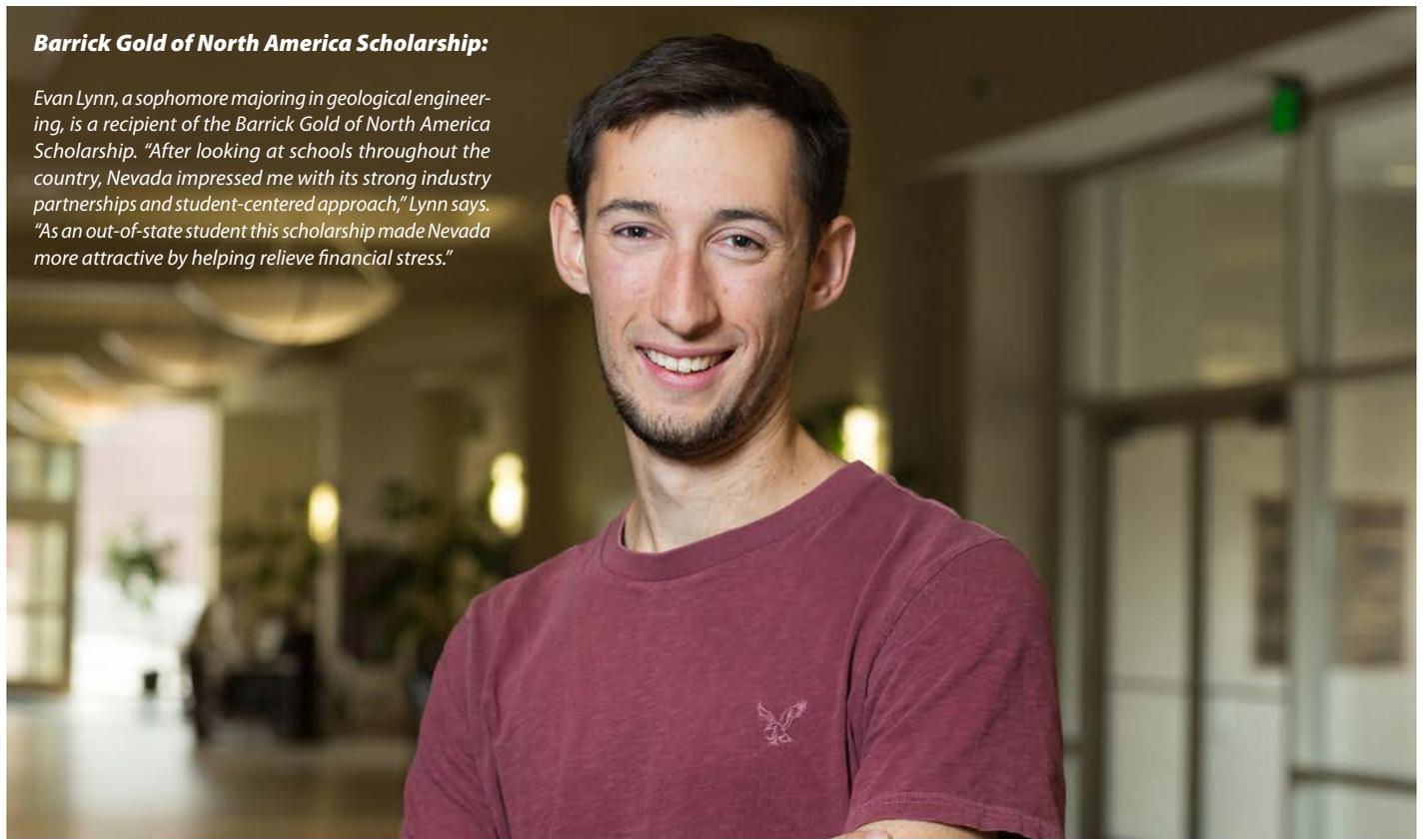
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# Mining Industry Partnerships Support Lofty Goals for Mackay

## **Barrick Gold of North America Scholarship:**

Evan Lynn, a sophomore majoring in geological engineering, is a recipient of the Barrick Gold of North America Scholarship. "After looking at schools throughout the country, Nevada impressed me with its strong industry partnerships and student-centered approach," Lynn says. "As an out-of-state student this scholarship made Nevada more attractive by helping relieve financial stress."



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*"The support of organizations making great strides in mining is what allows us to offer the most cutting-edge and directly applicable education to our students," said Russ Fields, Director of the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering. "With gifts to everything from faculty research to scholarships to department-wide programs, our mining industry partners are driving us toward our goal of becoming one of the top three mining schools in North America. With their help, all of us may benefit from and preserve the outstanding natural resources our state has to offer."*

The Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering has a long and well-deserved international reputation for training engineers and scientists who excel in the natural resource extraction industries. In 2015, however, Mackay set an ambitious goal: to become one of the top three hard rock mining schools in North America.

Becoming a premier mining school starts with outstanding faculty, and the generosity of our industry partners has helped us to attract the best mining engineering educators in the nation. Kinross Gold U.S.A., Goldcorp, Inc., Newmont Mining Corporation and

Barrick Gold Corporation all continued their support of professorships in 2015, allowing Mackay professors to focus on the excellent instruction and student success that keep the University on the leading edge of mining education.

Mining engineering is a constantly evolving field, so industry support of impactful research at the Mackay School is more important now than ever before. Coeur Mining, Inc., Summit Mining International, Inc., Kinsley Gold LLC, Midas Gold, Inc., the Au-Reka Gold Corporation and many others have contributed to the Ralph J. Roberts Center for Research in Economic Geology

(CREG), which funds research that is directly applicable to the understanding and discovery of mineral deposits.

Finally, to attract the most talented and driven students to the school, Mackay has partnered with leaders like Newmont Mining Corporation and Barrick Gold Corporation to create and sustain student scholarships. Students who receive financial support are able to focus on their studies and internships so that they can graduate with the skills and expertise that the industry demands.

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# Lerudes Strengthen First Amendment Education for Journalism Students



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Journalism Professor Emeritus Warren Lerude '61 and his wife Janet recently made a provision in their estate to establish the Lerude Professorship and Public Forum for First Amendment Studies, which promotes education and discussion of First Amendment issues on campus. Warren is also a trustee emeritus of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, having served as the board's chairman.

When Warren Lerude '61 (journalism) first stepped onto the University Quad in 1955, he didn't know what a journalist was. Six decades, two newspapers and one Pulitzer Prize later, Warren and his wife Janet (Lagomarsino) Lerude want to ensure that new generations of journalism students at the University of Nevada, Reno will not only learn the high standards in writing, editing and ethics of the profession but will be taught to think critically and courageously about the First Amendment.

The Lerudes, who met while students at the University, have made a provision in their estate to establish the Lerude Professorship and Public Forum for First Amendment Studies. Once established, the annual forum will engage students, faculty, staff and the general public in discussions of current or

persisting conflicts related to free speech, freedom of the press and other First Amendment issues.

"Given the recent culture of threats against news and freedom of expression as well as direct attacks on journalists worldwide, we feel that public understanding through First Amendment education is needed more now than ever before," said Warren.

Warren credits one of his first professors, the late A.L. Higginbotham, with exposing him to the rigorous standards of the First Amendment and their application to the journalism profession. After graduation, he rose from reporter to editor and publisher of the *Reno Evening Gazette* and *Nevada State Journal* newspapers. He eventually led a team of Reno editorial writers to win a Pulitzer Prize in 1977 and went on to serve as a professor of media law, management and professional

internship for three decades in the Reynolds School of Journalism.

Established in 2001, the Lerudes have funded the Lerude First Amendment Scholarship and Award Endowment, which recognizes juniors, seniors and graduate students in the Reynolds School who most embody the spirit of assertiveness and truth-seeking contained in the First Amendment. This year and in the future, the scholarship will be replaced by a permanently endowed award.

"It is so fitting that this professorship and public forum will bear the Lerude name," said Reynolds School of Journalism Dean Al Stavitsky. "Through Warren and Janet's deep commitment to the First Amendment, public education and scholarly research on free expression issues will always be central in the Reynolds School."

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# Fans Support Planned Lombardi Recreation Center Renovations



Ann Carlson '59, '78 M.A., Ron Turek, Roxie and Jerry Enneking and Mae and Walter Minato have taken the lead in funding the renovations of the Lombardi Recreation Center.

John Byrne

*“Donations from loyal fans are what enable us to move forward with our ambitious plans for the future of Nevada Athletics. Renovations to Lombardi, along with the new fitness center, will improve our programs, attract the most promising student-athletes and ultimately make us better as a university.” – Athletics Director DOUG KNUTH*

The Lombardi Recreation Center will benefit from major renovations in 2017 when many of its facilities will be relocated to the under-construction E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center, which is projected to open early that year. The planned renovations will include a new basketball practice facility, a weight room and multiple team locker rooms.

Leadership support for the project comes from Honor Court Silver Benefactors and longtime Nevada athletics fans Roxie and Jerry Enneking, who have been loyal supporters of Wolf Pack athletics programs and student-athlete scholarships for over 15 years.

“We are looking forward to this exciting new chapter for the Wolf Pack,” said Roxie Enneking. “With fitness facilities and athletics programs expanding, this is a great time to be a Nevada fan. We’re happy to support the teams that we love.”

Significant additional support for the renovations comes from Honor Court Silver Benefactors Walter and Mae Minato, as well as from Ronald Turek and University Foundation Trustee Emerita Ann Carlson '59 (business), '78 M.A. Carlson is also an Honor Court Patron and a recipient of the Nevada Alumni Association’s University Service Award.

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# Capurro Family Foundation Scholarship Promotes Hands-on Field Experience



**Louis J. & Genevieve G. Capurro Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship:**

*Nevada student Stacy A. Greenberg is a recipient of the Louis J. & Genevieve G. Capurro Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship. She plans to pursue a career in riparian restoration and soil conservation.*

📷 Theresa Danna-Douglas

In 2005, the Louis J. & Genevieve G. Capurro Family Foundation established a scholarship endowment in the University's College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources. More than 10 years later, thanks to the foundation's ongoing support, the scholarship continues to encourage students to pursue hands-on field work and to make active contributions to the field of rangeland ecology.

"I'm really working to make a difference in the northern Nevada and Lake Tahoe area," wrote scholarship recipient Stacy A. Greenberg in a letter to Capurro Family Foundation trustees in 2015. Greenberg is working toward a Bachelor of Science in rangeland ecology and management with a minor in ecophysiology and plans to graduate in 2018. Since her scholarship requires a research component, she spent last summer working as a field technician in central and

northern Nevada with a group led by Professor Tamzen Stringham, holder of the Donna Anderson Professorship in Grazing and Rangelands Management. The group is studying the effects of various land treatments on cattle grazing after wildfires. Motivated by her experience in field research, Greenberg hopes to attend graduate school and eventually plans to pursue a government career in riparian restoration and soil conservation.

"The experiences I'm getting from this work – spending long days in the field, working closely with a team – aren't something I could get in a classroom. My training is preparing me for exactly what I want to do when I graduate," said Greenberg.

The Capurro Family Foundation is named for the late Honor Court Silver Benefactor and Distinguished Nevadan Louis J. Capurro '40 (economics) and his wife, the late Genevieve G. Capurro. Louis, a sec-

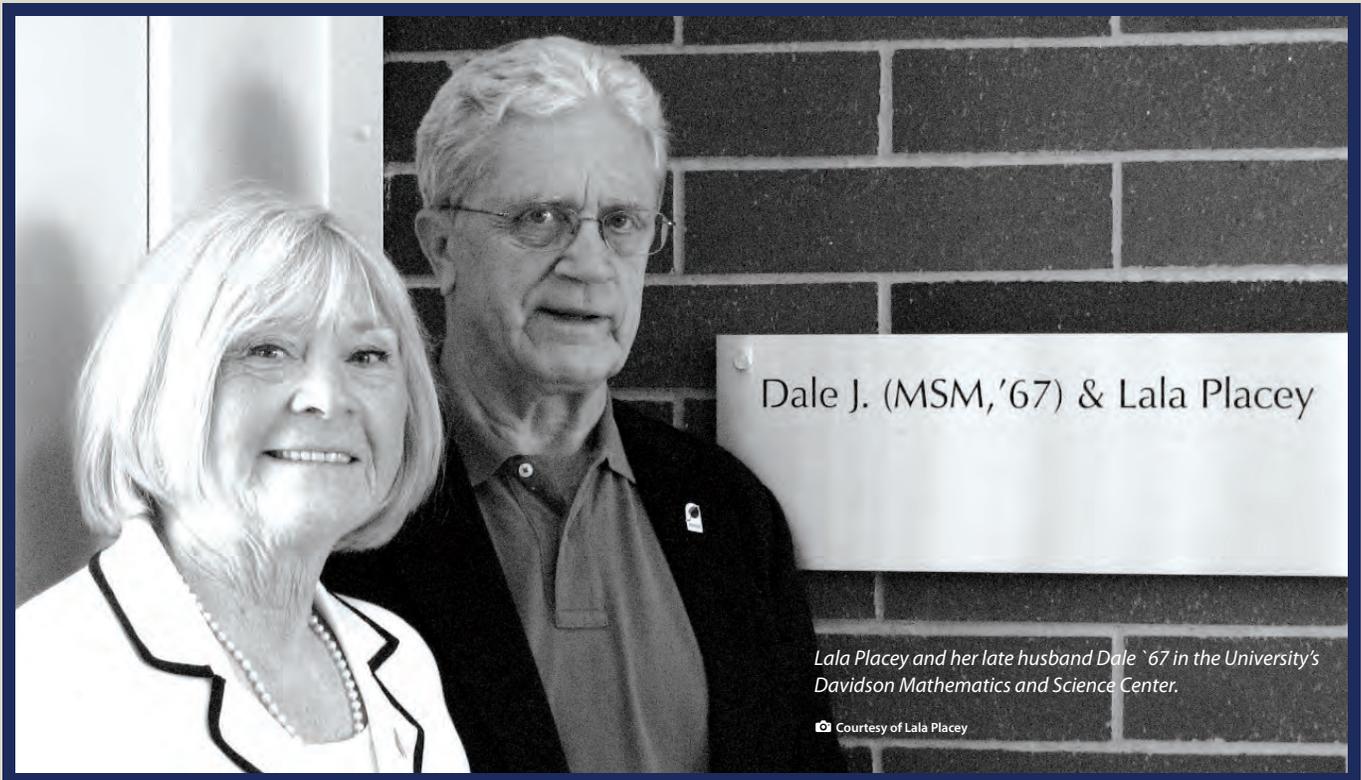
ond-generation Reno native, worked locally in the insurance industry for over 60 years and served five terms in the Assembly of the Nevada State Legislature. He was also one of the original founders and board members of what is now Nevada State Bank. The foundation is now run by the Capurro's surviving children and grandchildren.

"My parents believed in the transformative power of education, and they loved the natural beauty and vitality of northern Nevada," said Louis and Genevieve Capurro's daughter and foundation trustee Corinne Guio. "Combining those passions into a scholarship for the benefit of both students and Nevada rangeland was a natural choice, and I'm proud to continue that legacy."

*by JOANNA TRIEGER*



## *Lala Placey Supports Science Programs in Husband's Memory*



**T**he late Dale Placey '67 (metallurgical engineering) had an excellent and academically rigorous experience during his time as a student in the Mackay School of Mines. Subsequently, both he and his wife Lala (DiPaolo) Placey became loyal supporters of Nevada. Since 1983, the Placeys have given generously to the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering, the College of Engineering, the Alice Kellames Memorial Scholarship (in memory of the Mackay School's longtime assistant to the dean), the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, Professor Emeritus Esmail Zanjani's research, the Discover Science Lecture Series and many other initiatives.

When Dale passed away after a long illness in February 2015, Lala made a gift in Dale's memory to the University's academic boot camp program.

"Dale truly valued the education he received at Nevada, and he was proud to support future engineers and scientists," said Lala. "The ScienceFIT program offers practical tools to help College of Science students succeed in their studies and graduate into fulfilling careers."

The ScienceFIT program is an academic boot camp modeled after the BioFIT program created in 2013 by University Provost Kevin Carman. The "FIT" stands for Freshman Intensive Transition and offers a glimpse into the University's academic expectations and college life prior to the start of the semester.

After graduating from the University in 1967, Dale started his professional career as a trainee at General Motors. Soon

after, he joined Bell Aerosystems in Niagara Falls, New York, where he worked as a welding engineer for the Lunar Ascent Engine. Following reductions in government funding at Bell, he went to work for Anaconda American Brass, where he spent 33 years in the metallurgical department specializing in product development and quality control.

Lala understands the value of education, having spent her career in secondary education as an English teacher until retiring in 2000. Although she is a life-long New Yorker, Lala has proven herself to be a steadfast friend of the University of Nevada, Reno. The Placeys were married for 45 years.

College of Science Dean Jeff Thompson says that the Placeys' generosity has made a tangible impact in the college. "From ScienceFIT, which helps our freshmen hit the ground running, to vital research to accessible lectures for the benefit of the whole community, the Placeys' ongoing support helps to elevate scientific understanding and education at Nevada."

To further honor Dale's memory, Lala has also updated her estate plan to include a planned gift to the University of Nevada, Reno on her passing. Lala's foresight means that the Placeys can continue to support the University and the projects they hold dear for generations to come. According to Lala, "I am happy to be able to honor Dale's memory by leaving this legacy at Nevada."

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MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP HONORS  
*Patrick Pilling '97 Ph.D.*

**M**emorial gifts from family and friends have established a scholarship endowment in memory of Patrick A. Pilling '97 Ph.D. (civil engineering), a local leader in engineering and a founding partner of the geotechnical engineering firm Black Eagle Consulting, Inc.

The Patrick A. Pilling, Ph.D. Memorial Scholarship Endowment will benefit students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in civil and environmental engineering with a preference for students with a demonstrated interest in geotechnical engineering, Pilling's chosen specialty.

"Scholarships like this one make a real difference in our ability to attract exceptional students to the study of engineering and give them the opportunity to dive into their studies," said College of Engineering Dean Manos Maragakis. "Dr. Pilling was a great engineer and this scholarship in his memory will foster future great engineers."

Pilling was a native of Palo Alto, Calif. and studied at the University of Santa Clara and San Jose State University before beginning his doctorate at Nevada. He was the recipient of the National Society of Professional Engineers' Young Engineer of the Year award in 1996 and was named the University's Outstanding Graduate Alumnus in 2010. The American Society of Civil Engineers selected Pilling as the 2014 Engineer of the Year in honor of his life's work.

Pilling and his wife, KayAnn Pilling '89 M.A., '96 Ed.Sp., raised their three sons in Reno. Patrick Pilling was an avid sportsman and enjoyed coaching little league and eventually football at Bishop Manogue High School, where his sons attended.

"Pat was an outstanding engineer and a great friend and colleague who truly loved his family and his work," said Pilling's partner and Black Eagle Consulting, Inc. Secretary-Treasurer Remo Osmetti, who founded the scholarship in his honor. "He was a pillar in the civil and geotechnical engineering community, and it's only fitting that we honor him by continuing to educate deserving students in the field he loved."

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*The late Patrick Pilling '97 Ph.D., in whose memory friends and family established a scholarship endowment to benefit students studying engineering*

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# *Arnoldsen Memorial Scholarship*

*continues to turn dreams into reality for Nevada students*

*The Aaron Arnoldsen Memorial Golf Tournament has been one of northern Nevada's most popular charity golf events for more than 20 years. The tournament was held for the final time in 2015, but its impact on students at Nevada will endure. The tournament was established in memory of Aaron Arnoldsen, a 1989 Reno High graduate and University of Nevada, Reno student who passed away in an accident near campus in 1993.*

Following his death, Aaron's Sigma Nu fraternity brothers, Ty Windfeldt '95 (health science) and Mike Dillon, Jr. '94 (political science), came up with the idea for the event in collaboration with Aaron's family as a way to honor his generous and vibrant personality and his love of team sports and the outdoors. The proceeds from each year's event are added to a scholarship endowment in Aaron's name.

"For some time after Aaron's passing, Mike Dillon and I would continue to discuss ways that we could honor and remember Aaron," says Windfeldt. "Our goal was to do something permanent and everlasting. All of us were proud to call him our friend, and using the tournament to create a scholarship was a way for friends and family to participate in celebrating his life."

Since the tournament's inception in 1994, its board of directors, which includes Aaron's younger sister Alisa Armon '96 (management), her husband, Brian Armon '93 (management), and other family and friends, has raised more than \$300,000 for the Aaron E. Arnoldsen Memorial Scholarship endowment. To date, 104 students have benefitted from the scholarship, including



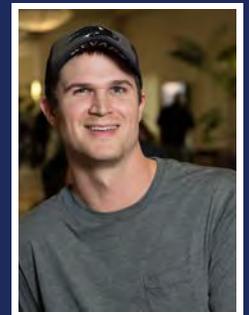
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 Friends gather at the Aaron Arnoldsen Memorial Golf Tournament in 1998. From left to right: Mike Barry '94 (health science), Nicholas Frank '94 (management), Russell Christian '98 (premedical), Patrick Martinez '98 (elementary education), '12 M.S. (land use planning), Jim Grogan '94 (political science), Jeff Cutler '94 (resource management) and Jim Krueger '94 (health science).

> The late Aaron Arnoldsen is remembered for his generosity and his love for the outdoors. After his passing in 1993, friends and family established an annual charity golf tournament in his honor. Proceeds from the tournament have created an endowed scholarship.



Courtesy Alisa (Arnoldsen) Armon



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**Cody Mates,**

a senior studying mining engineering and a current Aaron E. Arnoldsen Memorial Scholarship recipient, says, “I rely on scholarships, grants, loans and part-time work to support myself. This scholarship will enable me to focus more on school, decrease the amount I have to work and overall lessen my financial burden. I went from working 40 hours a week to 20, and I couldn’t have gotten by without scholarships like this one.”



▲ Toni O’Flaherty `94 (elementary education), JoAnn Arnoldsen, Judy Norcross and JoAnn Bowles at the 2002 Aaron Arnoldsen Memorial Golf Tournament.

Courtesy of Alisa (Arnoldsen) Armon



▲ Jennifer Emkjer `12 received the Aaron E. Arnoldsen Memorial Scholarship during her senior year.

Courtesy Jennifer Emkjer

Jennifer Emkjer `12 (communication studies), who received the award during her senior year.

“Receiving this scholarship was one of the most motivating things that has ever happened to me,” says Emkjer. “As a senior, I had been feeling burnt out and a little lost as to what I wanted to do. After I found out I’d been selected for the scholarship, I was able to focus more on school, my GPA dramatically improved, and I pursued an internship at Microsoft. But the mental impact of people believing in me is what impacted me the most. The feeling that people who did not know me had chosen to give me assistance was indescribable.”

Emkjer is now a program manager at Microsoft. Last year, she was one of seven employees chosen to devote four months away from their usual roles to help run the company’s annual Employee Giving Campaign.

“The Aaron Arnoldsen Memorial Scholarship opened my eyes to the endless opportunities to get involved and give, everywhere we turn. It unquestionably influenced how much I’m involved in corporate giving now. I feel that it’s important to find something you care about and do something about it.”

Since the scholarship is endowed, it will continue to be awarded to students in perpetuity, even though the tournament has run its course.

“By creating this endowed scholarship, Aaron’s friends and family are giving the gift of education and reduced financial burden to Nevada students for generations to come,” says John Carothers, vice president for development and alumni relations. “Their hard work and generosity serves as a true testament to Aaron’s giving spirit.” **N**



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**Darrío Arriaga,**

a senior studying civil engineering, is a current Aaron E. Arnoldsen Memorial Scholarship recipient. “As a small town kid from Fernley, I knew that I wanted to go to college to become an engineer in hopes of traveling all over the states,” he says. “Due to the scholarships I have received, I am able to live my dream of attending a university.”



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## *Planned Giving Advisory Council Facilitates Legacies at Nevada*



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*The Planned Giving Advisory Council helps connect the University to community members who want to make a difference through planned gifts. Front row (left to right): Ron Zideck '59, Tom Rafferty '98, Marie Dawson, Julie Callahan '89, Mark Quinlan '78, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers, Leslie Daane '89 and Romeo "Ro" Lazzarone '03. Back row (left to right): Scott Albright '09, Chris MacKenzie '90, John Tennert '05, President Marc Johnson, Director of Development for Planned Giving Brian Saeman '98, Bill Creekbaum '95, Director of the Office of University Planned Giving Lisa Riley and Tim Riley.*

**T**he University of Nevada, Reno Foundation's Planned Giving Advisory Council is comprised of some of the best and most highly-regarded professionals in northern Nevada. The volunteer council, which includes accountants, attorneys, financial planners and others in fields related to planned giving, meets quarterly to learn about University projects, programs and initiatives that may be of interest to their clients as they make decisions about wealth management and estate planning. Council members then serve as ambassadors to the greater community and work to increase community involvement with the University through planned giving.

Foundation Trustee Emeritus and Honor Court Silver Benefactor Ronald Zideck '59 (accounting) has more than four decades of public accounting experience and is currently a Vice President and Business Development Officer for the Whittier Trust Company of Nevada. He helped to establish the Planned Giving Advisory Council in 2003 while working for the University and has served as a member since 2006. In 2015, Ron and his wife Mary Liz made a gift to establish the Ronald Zideck Dean's Endowment Fund in The College of Business. The fund will be used, among other things, to provide student membership in the Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants for junior

and senior students majoring in accounting or accounting and information systems. The Zidecks plan to add to the endowment with an estate gift.

"Including the University in our estate plans is a natural choice for us as we think about the legacy we'd like to leave for future generations," said Ron. "As a financial professional and a member of the Planned Giving Advisory Council, I really enjoy connecting my contacts with projects at the University that truly represent their own values and interests."

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*Names in bold are charter members of the Nevada Legacy Society*

*\*Deceased*

# *Bible Awards Recognize Excellence in Instruction*

## **2015 Judith S. Bible Teaching Excellence in Education Award:**

*Special Education Professor Tammy Abernathy Vineyard '81, '86 M.Ed. received the 2015 Judith S. Bible Teaching Excellence in Education Award.*



Theresa Danna-Douglas

**T**o Tammy Abernathy Vineyard '81, '86 M.Ed., teaching has never been just a job, but rather a dream come true. With a Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Barbara, Abernathy Vineyard returned home to Nevada where she is currently a professor in the College of Education. She is committed to children with disabilities and passionate about preparing quality special education teachers. Based on her exceptional teaching, Abernathy Vineyard's students nominated her for the 2015 Judith S. Bible Teaching Excellence in Education Award, which she received in a ceremony that spring.

The award was established by Foundation Trustee Emeritus and Distinguished Nevadan Paul Bible '62 (economics), '09 (honorary degree) and his late wife Judy Bible '65 (elementary education), who passed away

in early 2015. The first in her family to attend college, Judy greatly valued the education she received at Nevada and went on to teach fifth and sixth grades in local elementary schools. The couple created the award, which is granted each year to an outstanding faculty member in the College of Education based on student nominations, to build morale and enthusiasm among faculty.

Through continued gifts from the Bibles, the award became endowed in 2012. Since Judy's passing, friends and family have contributed to the endowment in her memory.

The couple also established the endowed Paul and Judy Bible University Teaching Excellence Award, which recognizes outstanding faculty throughout the University, and the Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award Endowment, which was created for faculty in liberal arts and sciences in honor of Paul's

father, Nevada Senator and Distinguished Nevadan Alan Bible '30 (economics), '70 (honorary degree).

"The Bible family is committed to honoring education as a profession and providing encouragement and recognition for educators who are pushing the field forward," says Abernathy Vineyard. "I am honored to have my name associated with a family and a woman who understood the essential role of teaching and teachers."

College of Education Dean Kenneth Coll added, "Paul and Judy have been making a significant impact at Nevada for decades, and the awards they have created will continue to bring out the best in our educators for generations to come. The generosity of the Bibles has simply made us a better university."

*by JOANNA TRIEGER*



To learn more about supporting excellence in instruction, please contact **Kristen Kennedy**, director of development, (775) 784-6873 or [kristenk@unr.edu](mailto:kristenk@unr.edu).

*Class of*  
**1965**  
*Endows Scholarship*

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Every spring, the Nevada Alumni Association welcomes a very special group of alumni back to campus to celebrate their Golden Reunion. In May of 2015, the Class of 1965 gathered to reminisce about their experience at the University, and to share their experiences over the past fifty years. And in coming together to celebrate its past, the Class of 1965 also made a commitment to the students who are following in their footsteps.

In the months leading up to the 1965 Golden Reunion, Student Body President and northern Nevada community leader Keith Lee '65 (physics) came forward to help rally the Class of 1965 to accomplish a very important goal – to fully fund the Class of 1965 Scholarship Endowment.

Nevada's tradition of creating a fund for each graduating class provides alumni with an opportunity to make a gift that embodies their pride in the University of Nevada, Reno. Once a class fund reaches \$10,000, it becomes a permanent endowment with the promise of helping current and future students for generations to come.

When Keith took it upon himself to lead his classmates and friends to this important objective, the 1965 Class Scholarship Fund was only halfway to its initial goal. Within weeks, the fund doubled in size, and the Class of 1965's legacy at the University was solidified. Starting in 2017-2018 and continuing on in perpetuity, the students at the University of Nevada will benefit from the Class of 1965's generosity.

*by CURTIS VICKERS '07 M.A.*



# N GOLDEN REUNION WELCOME BACK!

N ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Class of 1965 celebrated its Golden Reunion May 2015.

Theresa Danna-Douglas

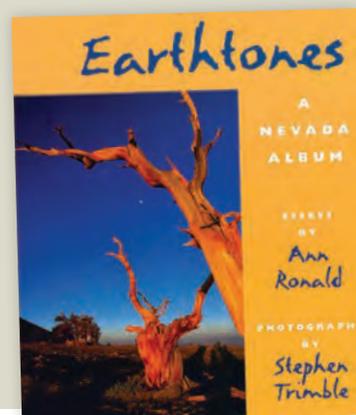


# Community Steps Up Support for Special Collections



◀ Albert Lazzarone '47 and his son, Dale Lazzarone, look through a scrapbook dedicated to Nevada athlete Glenn "Jake" Lawlor in Special Collections.

▼ Ann Ronald's *Earthtones*, a collection of essays reflecting on Nevada's magnificent landscapes, is included in Special Collections.



Director of Development for Libraries Millie Mitchell, Marian LaVoy '71 and head of Special Collections Donnie Curtis.

Theresa Danna-Douglas

The vast holdings of the University Library's Special Collections received a boost of support in 2015 thanks to significant gifts from individuals, corporations and foundations.

University Professor Emerita, Foundation Trustee and Honor Court Silver Benefactor Ann Ronald added to her endowment for Special Collections, which was established in 2014. Ronald, who was formerly the Dean of the College of Arts and Science, created the endowment in recognition of the role Special Collections played in her own scholarly endeavors, which include books and essay collections centered on literature in the American West.

Some have created Special Collections endowments as a way to memorialize their loved ones. Marian LaVoy '71 (English) established the Colonel John and Marian Hennen LaVoy Endowment for Special Collections in memory of her husband of 69 years, the late Col. John H. LaVoy, USMC, and as her own legacy to the libraries. The endowment will provide flexible funding to support the growth and success of Special Collections now and in the future.

Dale Lazzarone and his wife Bobbi '96 (human development and family studies) pledged to establish the Dorothy Lazzarone Endowment for Special Collections in honor of Dale's late mother, Dorothy. Memorial gifts from family and friends also contributed to the endowment. Dorothy was a lifelong lover of libraries, having met her husband, Albert Lazzarone '47 (economics) while working in a naval base library in Rhode Island during World War II. In her later years, Dorothy was enthralled by the University's Book Arts Collection, which the endowment in her honor will be used to support.

Local businesses and foundations value Special Collections, too. Honor Court Philanthropist and President's Medalist IGT, a steadfast supporter of Nevada students and programs, has provided essential support for exhibitions throughout the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, including Special Collections. In September, a collection funded by the Orchard House Foundation opened to showcase the papers of activist, philanthropist and women's rights champion Maya Miller.

"Special Collections is a leading resource for students, faculty and community members studying the culture and history of Nevada and the Great Basin," said Dean of Libraries Kathy Ray. "The generosity of our donors allows Special Collections to maintain and build the unique and varied collection of historic materials which chronicle the rich story of Nevada's heritage."

by JOANNA TRIEGER



To learn more about supporting Special Collections, please contact **Millie Mitchell**, director of development, (775) 682-5682 or [mimitchell@unr.edu](mailto:mimitchell@unr.edu).

# Champions!

*swimming and diving wins conference title*



First-year coach Neil Harper led the Wolf Pack to the school's first Mountain West Conference championship in February with a dramatic comeback on the final day of competition.

As the four-day Mountain West Swimming and Diving Championships neared its end, an upstart Nevada team with hopes of its first conference title found itself trailing by more than 40 points with just four events left to go.

The scenario looked grim, especially after a controversial disqualification in a relay event had cost the Wolf Pack as many as 28 points. But Head Coach Neil Harper was confident,

because he knew exactly what Nevada had left in the tank – the best depth and the best divers in the conference.

“I told the girls, ‘We might be down, but our best events are to come,’ because I knew we still had a chance,” said Coach Harper.

“Our girls still had to perform, and they did exactly what needed to be done. They were phenomenal.”

Nevada took three of the top five spots in

the 200-yard breaststroke, with senior Yawen Li winning, Arantxa Medina-Alegria placing third and Riley Hilbrant taking fifth. Then, junior Sita Kusserow swam the third-fastest time in school history to bring home the title in the 200-yard butterfly, and teammate Erin Fuss took fourth place, setting the stage for a furious comeback.

The penultimate event was the platform dive finals, and Nevada simply dominated the event. Senior Krysta Palmer won the event going away. Nevada then claimed three of the top four spots in the event as Zoe Lei took second and fellow freshman Sharae Zhang took fourth.

The diving result gave Nevada a tentative lead over Boise State, but one event remained and Nevada needed a strong finish to complete the comeback. The Wolf Pack’s 400-yard freestyle relay team gave just that with a school-record time to finish second and claim the championship.

The Wolf Pack climbed atop the podium with the first Mountain West Championship in program history and its second conference title.

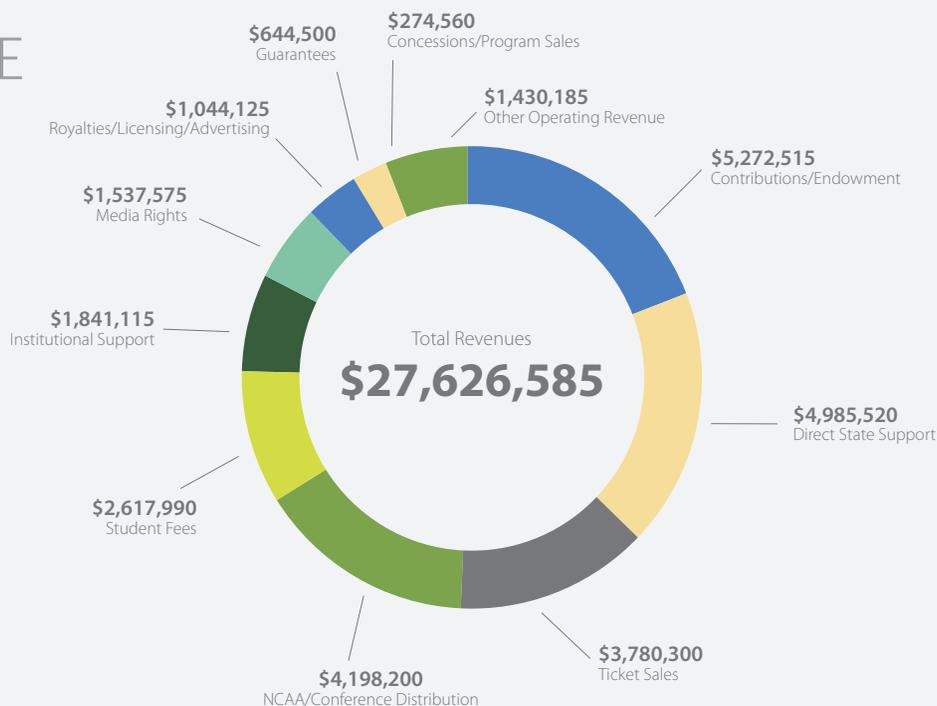
“These ladies have worked their tails off to reach this goal, and on top of that, they’ve worked hard in the classroom and in the community,” Harper said. “This is a well-earned title and I couldn’t be prouder of the team. I think they’re the best ambassadors you can find of the athletic department and our University.”

During the course of the meet, 20 Nevada swimmers and divers scored points, and 16 of those team members – an astonishing 80 percent and a program record – earned All-Conference accolades. Diving Coach Jian Li You won an unprecedented fourth-straight Diving Coach of the Year award for Nevada to cap another sensational Pack diving performance.

by CHAD HARTLEY '03

## NEVADA ATHLETICS FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

### REVENUE





**MESSAGE FROM THE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR**

Wolf Pack athletics created a new position held by Tina Ruff to serve and support alumni athletes with regular news and updates about their teams, reunion planning for each team, and a concierge service for any former athlete who has questions about Wolf Pack athletics or the University. Tina created a former athlete alumni council with at least

two alumni from each team who will help organize and plan new events and activities for each team.

If you are a former athlete and want to learn more about alumni activities for your team or how you can help your team, please call Tina (775-682-6940) and get involved.

Wolf Pack athletics is conducting the inaugural This Is Still Your Team fundraising challenge this spring. Each Wolf Pack team is contacting alumni athletes to ask for their support with a donation of any amount until April 30th. The team with the highest percentage of former athletes giving back during this challenge will receive

a \$5,000 grant provided by former Wolf Pack football player John Shepanek '86 (management). Second- and third-place teams will receive \$2,000, and \$1,000, respectively. Also, the team with the highest percentage of new alumni athlete donors in this campaign will receive a \$2,000 grant to support their program. All funds raised will be used to support the teams and be used at the discretion of the head coach.

**Doug Knuth**  
Athletics Director

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*Mountain West Community Service Challenge*

*Nevada won the 2014-2015 Mountain West Community Service Challenge which is organized by the Mountain West Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and run on campus by Nevada's 38-member SAAC.*

2014-15 winner with **5,837 hours** of community service from April 2014 to Feb. 2015

Nevada's cheer team led all groups on campus with nearly 1,900 hours, followed by women's cross country/track and field with 1,264 hours.

2015-16 more than **9,400 hours** of community service from October 2015 to Feb. 2016

Collected **5,467 cans of food** for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada

Donated more than **1,846 items of clothing** and **295 pairs of shoes** to our local community

Sent more than **90 boxes filled with toys** and **clothes** to Kenyan orphans

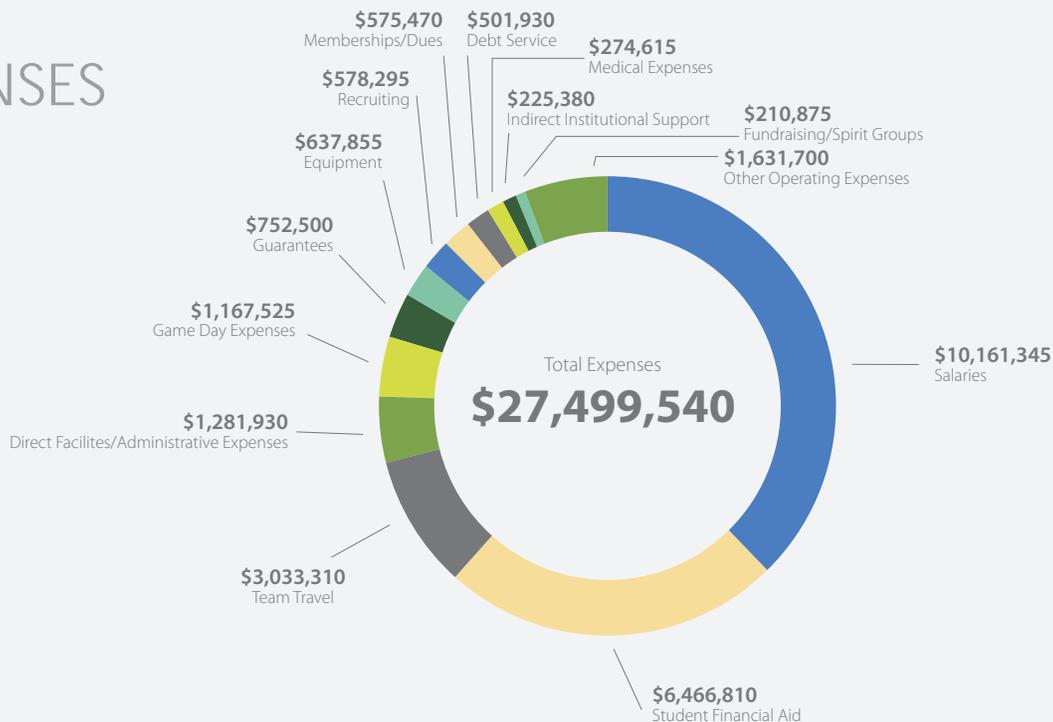
**Raised more than \$48,000** for various causes, including Each One Tell One, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, the Pat Summitt Foundation and the Reno Rodeo Denim Drive

*"The Wolf Pack generosity and commitment to helping the community that gives so much to us overwhelms and humbles me."*

- Senior Associate Athletics Director and Senior Woman Administrator RHONDA BENNETT

**NEVADA ATHLETICS FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015**

**EXPENSES**



# Marion G. Thompson Trust Supports Senior Services



Theresa Skaar and Zebbedia Gibb, the two graduate assistants whose positions are funded by the grant, with Peter Reed, director of the Sanford Center for Aging.

by DEAN SCHERMERHORN

The Sanford Center for Aging at the University of Nevada, Reno delivers essential services to Reno-Sparks elders, and the Marion G. Thompson Charitable Trust provides vital funding to help sustain those services.

“The Marion G. Thompson Charitable Trust has supported the Sanford Center since 1998. The center’s primary focus is providing services to elders in the community, and so without their support, we would not be able to offer our robust programs. The services simply would not exist,” explained Peter Reed, director of the Sanford Center for Aging.

“The Marion G. Thompson Charitable Trust is one of the funders of those programs, along with the Sanford endowment, the EJC Foundation and a variety of other donors. They provide us with the support that we need to serve elders,” he said. “Together these philanthropic sources probably provide about 60 percent of funding for the center overall,” said Reed.

Marion G. Thompson was born in Canada in 1894 and came to the United States early in her life. Her husband, John, was born in Scot-

land. They both made their way to Reno and profited by their investments. John died in 1965, and Marion died in 1984, after which the trust was founded. While Mrs. Thompson’s will made some specific bequests to individuals, she left the remainder of her property in trust to be used for five nonprofits, including the University.

The initial trustee was Distinguished Nevadaan Lowell C. Bernard ’48 (business administration), who was Mrs. Thompson’s accountant and advisor. Bernard was the trustee for many years and was very involved with the University. In addition to funds for the Sanford Center, the Marion G. Thompson Charitable Trust Scholarship Endowment was established in 1990 to provide funds for general scholarships.

Kirk Gardner ’81 (journalism), ’84 (accounting) is the current trustee and worked with Bernard as well as with Kafoury, Armstrong & Co., the initial successor trustee following Bernard’s death. Gardner has continued Bernard’s practice of supporting the Sanford Center.

The Sanford Center for Aging is named for Graham and Jean Sanford, and Lowell Bernard worked with Jean Sanford. The trustees of the Sanford endowment intended to support aging programs, and Bernard “was able to make those

connections to bring that support forward for the Sanford Center,” explained Reed.

Reed values the Marion G. Thompson Trust’s philanthropy “really as core support. They support all of the activities of the center in various ways.”

For example, the trust provided funding for two graduate assistants, one of whom works in developing a community needs assessment for the new geriatric clinic and has been an active participant in the clinic planning process.

“The clinic would not exist without the support of that research assistant in developing the model and the plan for what we are doing,” said Reed.

The second graduate assistant supports the gerontology academic program.

“We also offer a gerontology academic program with a minor and a certificate in gerontology. We have more than 135 students participating in that program, which is trying to build the state’s workforce to support elders,” Reed explained.

The largest of the Sanford Center’s community outreach programs is the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, which has about 650 participants and serves 38 community organizations across Washoe County.

Another outreach program is Senior Outreach Services (SOS), which provides one-on-one, in-home support and companionship to about 250 low-income elders. SOS helps seniors maintain social connections, provides transportation and connects elders with resources.

In the Medication Therapy Management program, the Sanford Center works with certified geriatric pharmacists on comprehensive reviews of clients’ medication profiles. They then make specific recommendations to the client and his or her primary care provider on adjustments to the medications. This helps reduce issues of polypharmacy and negative interactions between the client’s drugs.

Marion G. Thompson wanted her charitable trust to benefit the Reno-Sparks community, and her resources continue to assist seniors throughout Washoe County. The value of this philanthropy is clear to Reed.

“The Marion G. Thompson Trust provides essential support that allows us to expand our educational offerings and programs for elders to meet the changing needs of one of the fastest growing populations in our community,” he said.



To learn more about supporting the Sanford Center for Aging, please contact Seema Donahoe ’02 at (775)682-7304 or [sdonahoe@unr.edu](mailto:sdonahoe@unr.edu).

# Bardin and Cheney Hope to Inspire Medical Student Scholarship Support



Doctors Carol Cheney and Joshua Bardin

Theresa Danna-Douglas

by JORDAN MISZLAY

Doctors Joshua Bardin and Carol Cheney and University of Nevada School of Medicine faculty members are committed to the education of future generations of physicians, and not just through their teaching.

Bardin and Cheney are spearheading an effort to increase scholarship support for medical students, and they have made generous gifts that will help students complete their studies and pursue their career dreams.

Bardin, an anatomy instructor and retired vascular surgeon, and Cheney, an endocrinologist, believe there is an enormous need for scholarship opportunities. Scholarships like theirs are instrumental to the success of University of Nevada School of Medicine students because many will incur a significant amount of debt in pursuit of their medical education. On average, students attending the School of Medicine will have about \$166,000 of debt upon graduation.

"The cost of medical school is excessive. Graduates have enormous debt and it shapes their career choices. They tend to pick a career that will allow them to pay off their debt, which is a destructive force. Students should choose careers they are interested in," said Bardin.

Bardin and Cheney have provided for a planned gift in their estate that will support future medical students with the establishment of the Dr. Joshua Bardin and Dr. Carol Cheney Medical Student Scholarship Endowment.

"A planned gift to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation is an easy and fulfilling way to support the University. Your assets can be used to maximize your personal benefit, while providing for the future of Nevada and its students, faculty and programs," said Lisa Riley, director of the Office of Planned Giving.

Bardin and Cheney feel so passionately about scholarship support, that in addition to their planned gift, they have made additional contributions to expedite the establishment of their endowed scholarship, which will allow for the first Dr. Joshua Bardin and Dr. Carol Cheney Medical Student Scholarship to be awarded this fall.

"The University of Nevada School of Medicine is enormously grateful to Drs. Cheney and Bardin for taking the lead to provide more scholarship support for our students," said Dr. Thomas Schwenk, Dean of the School of Medicine and Vice President for the Division of Health Sciences. "I am so impressed with their commitment to reduce the financial burden of attending medical school. Their efforts will help students who may have thought they could not afford to achieve their career dreams of becoming physicians. Their work will benefit all of Nevada and enhance medical care throughout the state."

"All medical students are outstanding students and exceptionally high achievers, so awards will be based on need," explained Bardin. "We both feel a sense of commitment to the

future of this medical school."

In light of their recent gifts, Bardin and Cheney are also encouraging others to consider supporting medical student scholarships with the help of a new committee. The University of Nevada School of Medicine Scholarship Support Committee is working towards increasing philanthropic support for medical student scholarships, including the establishment of a faculty scholarship fund to encourage other School of Medicine faculty contributions.

With this committee, Bardin is hoping to both expand his own commitment and involve others in giving so that medical students can focus on their education and not worry about the overwhelming expense of it. Although the committee is still in its early stages, faculty members, physicians, parents of alumni and community leaders are joining Bardin and Cheney in this effort.

"I hope to greatly expand the scholarship money for medical students. It will be a lengthy process, but I hope to improve the commitments from faculty and the community over time," Bardin said.



To learn more about student scholarship support please contact **Seema Donahoe '02** at (775)682-7304 or [sdonahoe@unr.edu](mailto:sdonahoe@unr.edu).

# GATHERINGS



## TEDxUniversityofNevada

Sponsored by the College of Business Online Executive MBA program, TEDxUniversityofNevada was held at the Pioneer Center Jan. 23. COURTESY OF THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

- 1** Anthony Slonim, School of Medicine clinical professor of medicine and pediatrics and CEO of Renown Health, used the TEDx stage to advocate for healthcare reform that considers the comprehensive needs of patients and families.
- 2** University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Professor of Psychology Steven Hayes spoke about a powerful therapy method he developed, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, which addresses the concept of psychological flexibility.
- 3** Jill Tolles '97, '06 M.A. challenged the audience to find the courage to have the difficult conversations necessary to prevent child sexual abuse. Tolles teaches communication studies at the University.
- 4** Zeb Hogan, University ecology biologist and assistant research professor, talked about his search for the world's largest freshwater fish. Through his travels, Hogan strives to understand and save threatened fish and identify ways to sustain the livelihoods of people who share their habitats.



## Blue Tie Ball

The Seventh Annual Blue Tie Ball was held Feb. 5 at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino to benefit Wolf Pack student-athletes.

- 5** Foundation Chair Jerry Smith '03 (honorary degree), Sharon Smith, Kelli Creighton '77 and Foundation Trustee Ken Creighton '75.
- 6** With more than 850 attendees, the event raised \$90,000.
- 7** Erlene Aramini, Be-Be Adams and Kim Aramini '89. **GEORGE ANASTASSATOS**
- 8** Marilyn Knuth, Director of Athletics Doug Knuth, Jen (Maguire) Grogan '94 and Jim Grogan '94.
- 9** Jered Snow '12 and Tara Summers. **MARK RAUH**

## Discover Science

The College of Science's Discover Science lecture series brings renowned scientists from all over the country for a series of engaging lectures that are open to the public. National Geographic contributing writer David Quammen, an award-winning writer on science, history and



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human impacts of emerging diseases and pandemics, spoke Feb. 4 in the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center. 📷 THERESA DANNA-DOUGLAS

**10** Assistant Research Professor Zeb Hogan and David Quammen. **11** University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Opal Adams '85 M.S., Michele Thompson, College of Science Dean Jeff Thompson and Nevada Seismological Lab Director and Geological Sciences Professor Graham Kent. **12** Karla Mundt, Jeff Wolf, Robert Gagolian, Eric Lamberts, Susan Gagolian, Foundation Professor Scott Tyler '90 Ph.D., Constance Howard and Helen O'Brien

### The William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center Opening

The opening of the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center was celebrated at a special event March 15. 📷 JEFF DOW

**13** Vice President for Student Services Shannon Ellis talks to attendees about the vital student centers, services and programming brought under one roof in the Pennington Student Achievement Center. **14** Foundation Trustee Emeritus Rick Banis '67 and Fred Scarpello, both trustees for the William

N. Pennington Foundation, and NSHE Chairman Rick Trachok '74 symbolically unlock the doors to student success. **15** FRONT ROW: Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers, Foundation Chair Jerry Smith '03 (honorary degree), William N. Pennington Foundation Trustee Fred Scarpello, William N. Pennington Foundation Trustee and University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emeritus Rick Banis '67, The Clarence & Martha Jones Family Foundation Trustees Charlotte McConnell and Ann Carlson '59, '78 M.Ed. BACKROW: University President Marc Johnson, The Clarence & Martha Jones Family Foundation Trustee and NSHE Chancellor Dan Klaich '72, and NSHE Chairman Rick Trachok '74. **16** Trustees for The Clarence & Martha Jones Family Foundation

Charlotte McConnell, Ann Carlson '59, '78 M.Ed. and NSHE Chancellor Dan Klaich '72. **17** University President Marc Johnson. **18** Officers for the Mallory Foundation Riley Beckett '68 and Tom Cook '63. **19** Foundation Trustee Emeritus Keith Lee '65, Nevada Military Support Alliance Board Members Alex Woodley '15, President Scott Bensing, Vice Chairman Ronald Bath '68, '71 MBA and Dan Morgan after the ribbon cutting ceremony opening the new Nevada Military Support Alliance Veterans' and Military Center.

# Ask *the* Master

by WENDY HANSON MAZET '96 • Photos by THERESA DANNA-DOUGLAS



▲ Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Coordinator Wendy Hanson Mazet '96 gives flower-growing tips to Reno homeowner Judi Kleidon.

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Wendy Hanson Mazet has trained Master Gardeners volunteers and offered horticulture advice to our communities for more than 16 years

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TO HAVE A GORGEOUS LANDSCAPE, BREATHTAKING FLOWERS AND BEAUTIFUL VEGETABLE GARDENS, FOCUS ON WHAT'S BELOW THE SURFACE.

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**T**he University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program continues to provide intensive training to those who become part of a cadre of 460+ volunteers who provide research-based information and programs to more than 70,000 Nevadans annually. Master Gardeners say that now is the time to make sure you are providing appropriate plant placement, water, nutrition and pruning care in your landscape. Here is some advice from the experts.

**Soils** - One of the most important components for plant success is enhancing your soils with organic matter, which is essentially nature's fertilizer. Most soils in Nevada have less than one-half percent of organic matter, whereas areas

such as the fertile Midwest have more than 5 percent. By incorporating organic matter into the top 6 inches of soil, you will have better moisture retention, increased root growth and increased plant health and vigor.

**Water** - When watering your landscape, focus on watering plants and turf areas in the morning, when temperatures are cooler and winds are calm. Early morning watering prevents moisture loss caused by evaporative winds. Delivering water early and allowing it to soak a minimum of 6 inches into the soil allows moisture to be available throughout the day as temperatures increase.

**Turfgrass** - Monitor your irrigation system and adjust

frequently to account for temperature changes. Mow your lawn to a height of at least 3 inches. Set your mower at its highest setting and leave longer grass blades to encourage deeper roots. Deeper roots mean plants have access to more soil moisture, so you won't need to water as often. Avoid fertilizing in the summer when turfgrasses typically struggle in the heat. Work with the plant's natural cycle; if plants need a boost, fertilize in spring or fall.

**Trees** - If trees have been established for more than five years, it's best to water not only under the canopy, but also beyond to encourage a wide and deep root system. Water trees at least 12 to 18 inches deep and add 2 to four 4 of organic mulch or compost around the tree's base to prevent moisture loss and weeds. By adding compost, you also feed the soil, which in turn feeds the tree. Avoid adding additional fertilizer to the tree's rooting area to prevent overfertilizing.

**Flowers** - Keep flowers blooming throughout the summer by incorporating continually blooming annuals with prominent perennials that add not only color, but also structure and texture to the landscape. Flower beds can also be amended with compost to reduce weeds and hold moisture.

**Vegetables** - When purchasing plants, be sure they are not overgrown for their containers, and choose bushy, rather than spindly plants. Before planting, gradually introduce them to outdoor conditions by "hardening them off," leaving the plants outdoors for increasing amounts of time before planting them in the ground. This will allow them to acclimate to full sun and wind. **N**

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## The Discover Science Lecture Series



 Courtesy of David Quammen

by CARRIE BUSHÁ '06

Writing about the Zika virus for National Geographic online in January 2016, David Quammen, award-winning science writer, traces the roots of the global health scare that has dominated the media in recent months. He writes that the virus has been developing in the shadows over decades and its spread is intricately tied to human activity. "This is a story" writes Quammen, "of biogeography as well as medicine and public health, and of the consequences of human travel and transport."

Quammen's writing has taken him around the globe with the world's leading scientists to study zoonotic diseases, and he places their importance within a broader context for his readers. On February 4, Quammen spoke with University of Nevada, Reno graduate students before giving a public lecture in the Redfield Auditorium in Davidson Mathematics and Science Center.

David Quammen is just one of the fascinating speakers the College of Science brings to campus as part of the Discover Science lecture series, which is free and open to the public. With past speakers such as Bill Nye, Neil deGrasse Tyson and Michio Kaku, the Discover Science lecture series allows the community to experience the extent of the science universe, right here on the Nevada campus.

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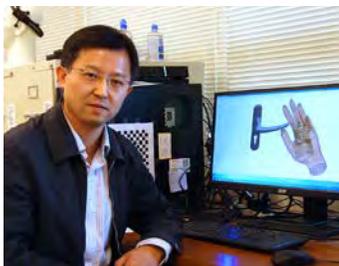
**New season of Monster Fish series featured three of the craziest catches**

A fish that spears its prey is just one of the underwater giants featured in the latest season of the popular television series *Monster Fish*. The Nat Geo WILD series chronicles the work of Zeb Hogan, University of Nevada, Reno ecology biologist and assistant research professor, as he travels the globe to find, study and protect the world's largest freshwater fish. Hogan said this season's episodes, which premiered in January and February, introduced fish with "some of the craziest attributes we've seen."

◀ Zeb Hogan ▶ Theresa Danna-Douglas

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*Robotics to help blind and visually impaired*



▶ Mike Wolterbeek '02

The methods and technology Yantao Shen develops have great potential in advancing small and wearable robotics with applications in space exploration, law enforcement and search and rescue.

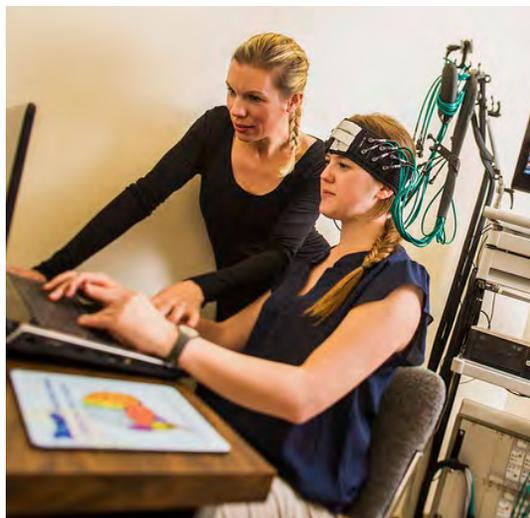
by MIKE WOLTERBEEK '02

A hand-worn robotic device is being developed in Yantao Shen's electrical engineering lab that may help millions of blind and visually impaired people navigate past movable obstacles or assist in their ability to pre-locate, pre-sense and grasp an object.

In a collaboration with the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, researchers here will develop new technology, with co-robotic functions currently unavailable in assistive devices, for the wearable robotic device. The team received an \$820,000, three-year National Robotics Initiative grant from the National Institutes of Health's National Eye Institute.

"The miniaturized system will contribute to the lives of visually impaired people by enabling them to identify and move objects, both for navigational purposes and for simpler things, such as grasping a door handle or picking up a glass," said Assistant Professor Shen. "We will pre-map the hand and build a lightweight form-fitting device that attaches to the hand using key locations for cameras and mechanical and electrical sensors. It will be simpler than a glove and less obtrusive."

*Expanding the frontier of neuroscience*



▶ Jeff Dow

Associate Professor Jaqueline Snow (left) collaborates with graduate student Filiz Gozenman '15 Ph.D. in the use of "functional near-infrared spectroscopy" to study brain function and activity.

by JOHN SEELMEYER

How do we think, remember, see or hear? What does it mean to be asleep or awake? How do the molecules, nerve cells and networks of the brain work, and how can we help the brain when it ages or fails?

These are some of the many questions faculty and students throughout campus actively pursue through the booming growth of research and educational initiatives in the neurosciences, supported by a \$10 million grant from the National Institutes of Health Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE).

Foundation Professor of psychology Michael Webster began work several years ago with faculty in the departments of psychology and biology to create an interdisciplinary bachelor's degree in neuroscience. It has exploded in popularity since it was started six years ago and now has nearly 400 students.

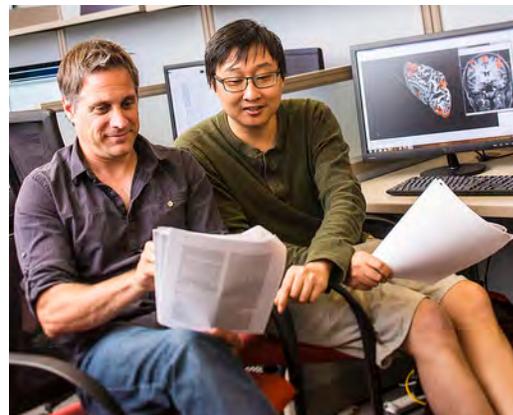
A new graduate program in integrative neuroscience launched in fall 2015 with an initial class of eight doctoral students and involving 50 faculty members from nearly every corner of campus.

These programs dovetail with a new neurology program at the School of Medicine, whose students and physicians

will put research findings to work in the treatment of patients.

A significant agreement between the University and Renown Health—one of many partnerships between the two—has created a facility in Reno for functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), a technology that has revolutionized cognitive neuroscience.

Lars Strother, director of neuroimaging, explains



▶ Jeff Dow

The surge in neuroscience research presents more opportunities for graduate students such as Zhiheng Zhou '02 M.S. (right) to collaborate with accomplished researchers such as Director of Neuroimaging Lars Strother (left).

a regular MRI scan is like Google's satellite photo of your hometown. It shows the layout of the streets in great detail, but not the activity.

"An fMRI scan monitors blood flow in the brain to show you how the traffic is moving, the equivalent of watching what happens when a stoplight changes from green to red, or how and where the bottlenecks emerge at rush hour," Strother said. The facility is already supporting the research of five different University teams, including research by two new assistant professors of psychology. Jacqueline Snow explores how the brain responds differently to real objects versus pictures, and Fang Jiang studies how the brain is organized differently in individuals who have lost their sight or hearing.

Webster says the opportunities are almost endless. "It's hard not to be intrigued and fascinated by the brain. It's an incredibly exciting time to be in the field," he said.

*The bachelor's degree in neuroscience has exploded in popularity since it was started six years ago and now has nearly 400 students.*

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## University researchers uncover new findings about bees and memory



courtesy of Anne Leonard and Felicity Muth

With funding from a National Science Foundation grant, researchers Anne Leonard and Felicity Muth found that bees are capable of distinguishing colors for the purpose of identifying food.

by ALI ROVACCHI

Bees can learn colors based on pollen rewards and thus recognize and remember long-term which flowers have pollen and nectar, College of Science Postdoctoral Researcher Felicity Muth and As-

stant Professor Anne Leonard have discovered in new research.

Bees are model organisms for the study of learning and memory, yet nearly all such research to date has used a single reward—nectar, according to Muth. Her research found that many bees collect both nectar (carbohydrates) and pollen (protein) on a single foraging bout, sometimes from different plant species.

“After a few times of going between the foraging array and colony, bees had learned where to go to collect nectar and where to go to collect pollen,” Muth said.

“After they had learned those associations, we further found they would generalize them to new flowers they had not previously experienced, but which were a similar color,” Leonard said. “So, in essence, bees form expectations about what kind of reward a flower will offer based on its color.”

## Bringing fresh produce to those in need



Courtesy of Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada.

Each hoop house is 8 feet high, 16 feet wide and 96 feet long. The project could reap as many as 500 pounds of fruits and vegetables in the summer.

by MIKE WOLTERBEEK '02

More than 30 volunteers, including students and staff, spent a sunny and windy winter day building the structural elements for six hoop houses that will be used by the University's Desert

Farming Initiative to grow fruits and vegetables year-round. The hoop houses will be used in the Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada food programs through the St. Vincent's food kitchen. The workers erected the framework for the hoop houses on the east side of the University's 900-acre Main Station Field Lab in east Reno. The first crops will be planted this spring.

The Desert Farming Initiative grows fresh produce for research, education and outreach. This sustainable year-round production of fruits and vegetables highlights the benefits of locally grown food and healthy eating. It also fits the initiative's mission to demonstrate the ease and simplicity of construction and the economic benefits of this type of structure.

“We do what we do well: growing, planting, harvesting,” said Jennifer Ott '13 MBA, director of the Desert Farming Initiative. “They will distribute the produce using their programs throughout the community, and thousands of people will receive this food in their meals. It's a mutually beneficial partnership, using both of our strengths to benefit the community.”

## Faces on the Quad



Zach Hadsell is a veteran from Reno in his third year at the University pursuing a degree in electrical engineering with a minor in computer science. During his six years of service in the U.S. Air Force, Hadsell trained as a cryptologic linguist translating Arabic to English. He received a scholarship from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the G. Ray Ekenstam Memorial Scholarship, a national scholarship awarded to student-veterans seeking a career in electric power and energy engineering. He will receive this scholarship at the IEEE Power and Energy Society's general meeting this summer in Boston. Hadsell is a member of the Tau Beta Pi honor society for engineering and has completed two marathons and a century bike ride from Carson Valley to Lake Tahoe.

Lindsay Honaker is a senior majoring in journalism with an emphasis in strategic communications and a minor in anthropology. In 2014, Honaker helped lead development of a strategic communications plan for the Nevada Department of Transportation that is currently being implemented statewide. In 2015, she played a vital role on the University's team in the National Student Advertising Competition of the American Advertising Federation. Honaker was selected to receive the Vance and Betty Lee Stickell Award as the outstanding member and University student. Recently, she was recruited to be the account executive for the University's team in the PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America) Bateman Case Study Competition. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority, co-chair for the strategic plan for Fraternity and Sorority Life, former Panhellenic President, member of the Order of Omega Honor Society and was campaign manager for the elected ASUN President and Vice President for 2016-2017. She was also presented the Order of Omega Outstanding Leadership Award this Spring.



Escenthio Marigny, Jr. moved to Reno in 2013 from Seattle, Wash. He is an active student leader pursuing a degree in women's studies. He is president of the Reno Justice Coalition (RJC), a student group he co-founded that is dedicated to starting dialogue and challenging situations of injustice locally, nationally and internationally. The organization conducts training around social justice and peaceful demonstrations, highlights important documentaries, brings important figures to campus and collaborates with other organizations to host events like “Real People, Real Solutions.” Marigny has been involved with organizing efforts for more than a decade, starting in his hometown of Oakland, Calif. He was called to act in this field by his first-hand experience with poverty and racism. He is currently an organizer at the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada. He has received the California Teacher's Association Peace and Justice Caucus' Youth Activist Award, and the University's Thornton Peace Prize jointly with the co-founders of the Reno Justice Coalition.

Michael Stuyvesant is a Reno High School graduate who has been studying journalism at the University. He has been involved in the Winter Sports Club, the student club Wolf Pack What, and now works as a videographer for the Associated Students of the University's Center for Student Engagement. Stuyvesant produced an independent documentary film, “Little Truckee Big Responsibility,” with the help of the Reynolds School of Journalism. After graduation in May, he plans to continue his career as a filmmaker and work on documentaries, marketing campaigns and short films. He wants to stay in Reno and pursue emerging opportunities.



# Campus Changes:



Great Basin Hall, the new STEM-themed residence hall, will be directly west of Lincoln Hall and is designed to visually complement the historic structure.

VanWoert Bigotti – Great Basin rendering

by NICOLE SHEARER '03

## Saying “so long” to White Pine

To keep up with the increasing demand for on-campus student housing, which currently exceeds 122 percent, White Pine Hall was removed in February 2016 to make room for Great Basin Hall. The new, STEM-themed hall will focus on academic success when it opens in 2018.

Great Basin Hall is designed to house approximately 430 students, anticipated to be 90 percent freshmen and 10 percent upperclassmen. The concept behind the new hall will allow informal mentoring to take place in a continued effort to recruit and retain students in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

## Preserving Lincoln Hall

Built in 1896, Lincoln Hall is one of the oldest buildings on campus and in Reno. To respond to the University’s ability to meet the modern and evolving needs of a growing campus and address safety, while also continuing to preserve the building’s legacy, renovations are underway at Lincoln Hall. Through this renovation, Lincoln Hall will undergo structural upgrades that address safety and seismic standards.

Closed as a residence hall in May 2015, Lincoln Hall is being converted to office uses. In cooperation with the State Historical Preservation Office and a design agent who specializes in historic structures, upgrades in seismic, fire safety, mechanical, plumbing, phone and data plus Americans with Disabilities Act access will be included in this project.

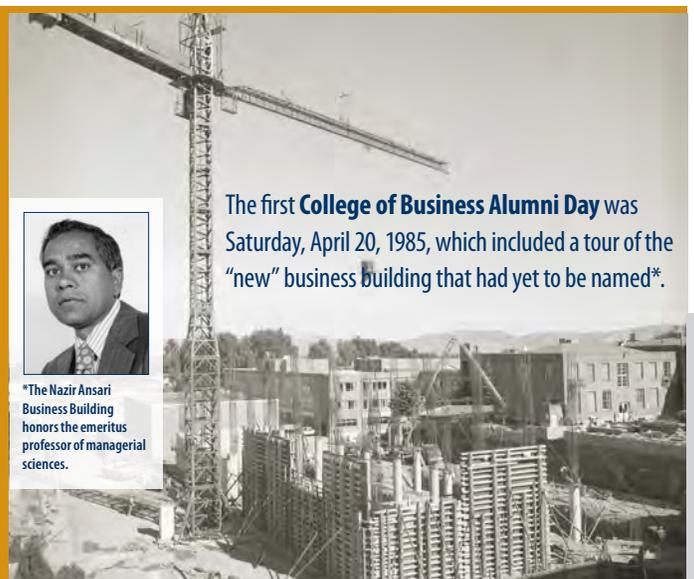
*“One of the most visible forms of momentum at the University continues to be the multiple construction projects taking place on campus. With the proliferation of new buildings comes an important opportunity for our campus as we re-purpose existing space to meet our current needs.” - University President MARC JOHNSON*



## University MBA program celebrates golden anniversary

### Did you know?

- ★ There have been 2,400 MBA students who have graduated from the University since 1965.
- ★ The College of Business Masters of Business Administration degree was fully accredited in 1971 by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.
- ★ The MBA program is the largest graduate school program on the University’s campus.



\*The Nazir Ansari Business Building honors the emeritus professor of managerial sciences.

The first **College of Business Alumni Day** was Saturday, April 20, 1985, which included a tour of the “new” business building that had yet to be named\*.



**Seismologists kept busy by thousands of 2015 earthquakes**

More than 17,500 Nevada earthquakes were recorded in 2015, including 231 quakes in south Reno and the magnitude 4.8 in Caliente that shook Las Vegas in January 2015. The shaking was captured and studied by the University's renowned Nevada Seismological Laboratory, a public service and research department in the College of Science and host of the annual Great Nevada Shakeout. "What's really bumping up the number from the background rates is the energetic sequence in far northwestern Nevada called the Sheldon sequence," said Graham Kent, Seismological Lab director, of the 4,511 earthquakes recorded in the remote Sheldon Wildlife Refuge east of Cedarville, California.

◀ University of Nevada, College of Engineering earthquake shake table

*New CIO and AVP bring strong optimism, experience*



◻ Courtesy of Steve Smith

▶ Ellen Purpus, assistant vice president for enterprise and innovation, visits with Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval '86 and University Vice President of Research and Innovation Mridul Gautam at the University's Innovation Center, Powered by Switch.



◻ Tim Dunn

◀ New University CIO Steve Smith is glad to be a part of the University's steady growth in excellence and reputation.

Steve Smith joins the University as chief information officer and vice provost for information technology, and Ellen Purpus joins the University as assistant vice president for enterprise and innovation in the Office of Research and Innovation.

Smith views information technology as a bridge and system security as an imperative. Most recently, he was associate vice president and deputy chief information officer for the University of Hawaii System. He previously served as CIO for the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, as well as for the University of Alaska System.

"I think northern Nevada is on an upward curve of tremendous growth and opportunity in

many directions," Smith said. "The University of Nevada, Reno is a focal point for that growth."

Across a career that has taken her from government to business to academia, the common thread for Purpus has been connecting research-driven discoveries with the realm of commercialization. She is the former director of The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Office of Technology Transfer.

"When I first visited, it became clear the University of Nevada is really on the move and pushing to create an innovation ecosystem," Purpus said. "Entrepreneurial activities are a big part of this."

**In 1965, the University's MBA program was one of only two in the West.**

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**Resumes, then and now.**

**1972**

The College of Business collected graduate resumes to send to employers. Each graduate's resume included his/her age, marital status, height, weight, health condition along with his/her education, extracurricular activities, salary expectation and previous jobs.

**2015**

The College not only works with students on refining their resumes, but also offers coaching to enhance each student's networking and interviewing skills.



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## Students honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Eighty-five students used their last day off before the spring semester to give back to the community. They joined with seven local non-profit organizations in Reno and Sparks to make Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a day of service. Their total contribution of 255 volunteer hours was spent partnering with the Kiwanis Bike Program to fix bikes for children from low-income neighborhoods, delivering dolls to children in local hospitals, packing boxes for hungry families at the Northern Nevada Food Bank and the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission, and cleaning up roadside trash.

## White House appointees on campus to launch 70th anniversary of Fulbright program



Theresa Danna-Douglas

The University hosted the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board in Reno in early February. From left to right: Fulbright Country Director from Chile Antonio Campaña; Board Member Jeffrey Bleich; Reno City Council member Naomi Duerr '78, '83 MPA; Board Member Tom Healy; Board Member Betty Castor; Board Member Shervin Pisevar; University President Marc Johnson; Board Chair Laura Trombley; University Vice President and Provost Kevin Carman; Board Member and Director of the Latino Research Center Emma Sepúlveda Pulvirenti '76, '78 MPA; University Vice President for Research and Innovation Mridul Gautam; U.S. Department of State Academic Deputy Assistant Secretary Mala Adiga; Board Member Joseph Falk and Fulbright Country Director for Argentina Norma González Centeno.

by NATALIE SAVIDGE '04

The University welcomed the U.S. State Department's J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board to campus in February for the 270th board meeting and to kick off the 70th anniversary of the Fulbright program.

Since 1962, when the first Fulbright grant was awarded at the University, the institution has been home or host to more than 20 Fulbright U.S. students, 20 Fulbright foreign students and more than 70 Fulbright scholars.

"The University was thrilled to have this opportunity to host the Fulbright board and share with its members the many international activities and opportunities we offer in Nevada," said University Executive Vice President and Provost Kevin Carman. "And we are proud that the University is home to Emma Sepúlveda Pulvirenti '76 (Spanish), '78 M.A., professor in Foreign Language and Literature and director of the Latino Research Center, who was appointed to the Fulbright board by President Obama in 2014."

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## Research finds a popular mercury measuring system yields inaccurate data

Foundation Professor Mae Gustin of the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources has been leading research to determine the accuracy of a widely used mercury measuring instrument. The study by Gustin and her team shows the instrument, which is commonly used in the scientific community to measure mercury in the air, yields inaccurate results. The findings have been validated by other notable agencies and are anticipated to inform future regulatory decision-making, other research efforts and even international treaties.

According to Gustin, mercury inputs into the atmosphere have increased worldwide several fold over the past 150 years. Gustin said this historical context requires a dramatic shift in thinking regarding the scientific community's understanding of atmospheric mercury. She was invited to present her research at a mercury conference in Beijing's Tsinghua University in December 2015. Gustin's work is supported by the National Science Foundation, the Electric Power Research Institute and the Environmental Protection Agency.

## Sold out

TEDxUniversityofNevada ignites dialogue



Tim Dunn

Steven C. Hayes, Foundation professor in the University's Department of Psychology, gave a haunting TEDx talk on his personal struggles with panic disorder.

by NICOLE SHEARER '03

Twenty-five speakers and artists took to the stage during TEDxUniversityofNevada Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Reno. Each speaker brought a new idea or concept to spark conversation locally, live, and internationally through videos posted to the Internet.

This year's event was a milestone for organizers at the University's College of Business. Rather than hold the event at the University, the decision was made to move it from campus out into the community to engage a broader local audience.

"We had no idea how many people we could expect by doing this," said Bret Simmons, College of Business associate professor and TEDxUniversityofNevada organizer. "Seeing the Pioneer Center filled with people from our community was such an incredible honor for our team. Our goal has always been to create an inspiring event, and this year was a home run."

TEDx events are locally organized programs aimed at sharing short, powerful talks.

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## Pavement research sets stage for federal highway improvements



Theresa Danna-Douglas

Assistant Professor Elie Hajj '03 M.S., '05 Ph.D. shows off samples in one of the five pavement testing labs in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

by MIKE WOLTERBEEK '02

When the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) needed to update its crucial and complicated 30-year-old formula for fuel consumption and vehicle operating cost predictions, it awarded the project to the University's renowned pavements/materials program.

"The project is one of the critical and influential projects for FHWA and the nation," said Elie Hajj '03 M.S. (civil engineering), '05 Ph.D., assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering and the project's lead researcher. "This award is a great accomplishment for the program and the college, showing that the program is one of the major leaders in the nation."

Hajj works with Peter Sebaaly, director of the University's Western Regional Superpave Center, on this and a number of research projects to improve pavements in Nevada and around the country, including asphalt and concrete pavement testing; software management tools used around the world; a national research database; and super heavy-load research—all in the department's five labs dedicated to pavement and materials research.

The results of the study will give federal highway managers more accurate data as they seek to improve the nation's transportation network.

## Native Americans "today and into the future"



Courtesy of the Center for Student Cultural Diversity

Artist Patricia Mills visits with students and campus guests in the Joe Crowley Student Union during an Art Walk featuring her native-inspired, impressionist works.

by JANE TORS '82

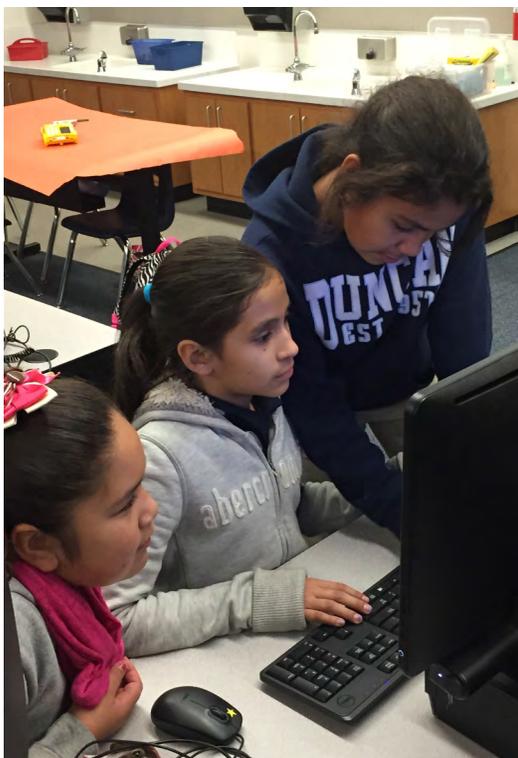
Through development of strategies that deal with climate change on tribal lands and the careful archiving of papers detailing the long legal battle over Shoshone grazing rights, as well as nutrition outreach programs, the University is becoming more closely engaged with Native American tribes and peoples. A wide swath of the University is involved, from Cooperative Extension to art galleries, and from hydrology and agricultural research teams to the Center for Student Cultural Diversity.

"It is significant to see things that are representative

of your culture on campus," said Sandra Mitrovich, outreach and retention coordinator in the University's Center for Student Cultural Diversity and a Native American, of four art and history exhibits hosted on campus in the fall semester.

Named Nevada's American Indian Youth Services/ Role Model of the Year in November, Mitrovich sees this engagement as fostering greater cultural understanding. "We are a people that live and breathe today and into the future. These programs can reframe the view of Native Americans."

## Program encourages girls to pursue STEM careers



Julie Henjum

"Research indicates there is a middle school drop, where girls start opting out of STEM disciplines," said Lynda Wiest, College of Education faculty member. "This program targets students before that gap to increase interest and make sure these students don't make a choice to drop out of something they may, in fact, be interested in and good at."

by NICOLE SHEARER '03

The disparity between men and women working in the computer science field is often referred to as the coding gender gap. While women earn 57 percent of bachelor's degrees nationally, they earn only 12 percent of computer science degrees.

In an effort to recruit female students into computer science, University faculty members Lynda Wiest and Heather Crawford '06 (elementary education), '09 M.Ed. have expanded The Northern Nevada Girls Math and Technology Program, offered as a summer program through the University's College of Education since 1998, to include a new one-hour weekly component at the Glenn Duncan STEM Academy. It is part of the school's 21st Century After School Program and specifically targets female third, fourth and fifth grade students.

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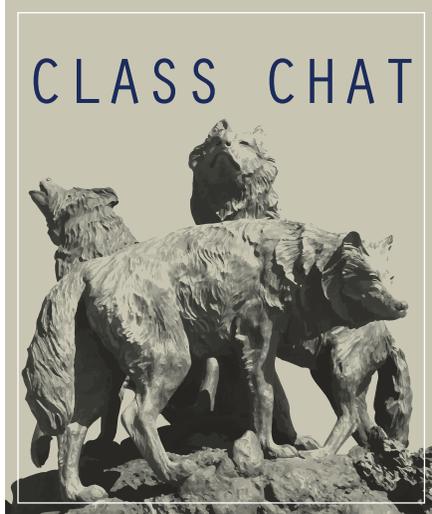
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NICK BUTLER '02 (ECONOMICS), '06 M.Acc. is the 2015-16 Nevada Alumni Council President. He's excited to lead the Nevada Alumni Association in its mission to foster and cultivate a common bond of pride, affinity and connection among alumni, students, prospective students and friends of the University.

Nick is looking forward to the Nevada Alumni Association's Student Recruitment Receptions, held each spring throughout northern California and Nevada. He enjoys the opportunity to engage with prospective students and share his Nevada experience.

One of Nick's favorite Nevada Alumni Association events is Pack Picnics on the Quad. This summertime tradition takes place Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. July 6 - Aug. 10. Nick and his family will be bringing their picnic dinner to enjoy the live music, face painting, bounce houses, games, lemonade and snacks.



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1940s

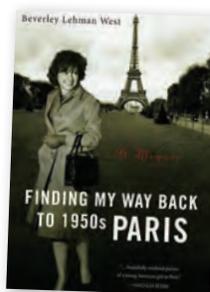
AL LAZZARONE '47 (economics) is retired, mainly because he just turned 93 years young. Al played on the first baseball team at Nevada in 1947. He is president of the Northern Nevada Italian Association, whose main purpose is to give five \$2,500 annual scholarships to students in need to attend Nevada. He and his wife, Dorothy, were married for 68 years. She passed on a year ago last June. Al and Dorothy originally met in the Navy, and all-in-all, they had a great life.

1950s



BEVERLEY (LEHMAN) WEST '50 (journalism) has written a memoir entitled *Finding My Way Back to 1950s Paris* about her adventures in Paris after college. Beverley,

known as "Scoop" in college, worked as a writer for the San Francisco Chronicle, and later as a freelance travel writer for the *Los Angeles Times*, *Denver Post*, and the Paris edition of the *International Herald Tribune*, among others. She received a master's degree in English as a Second Language (ESL) from San Francisco State University and taught at Seattle Central College for over 30 years. She currently lives on Bainbridge Island, Washington, and often returns to Paris with a backpack and a laptop.



1960s

JERRY GAINES '61 (physics) has retired from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory where he worked as a research physicist. Jerry visited the University of Nevada last year and hardly recognized the place. He spent many memorable years in Mackay Science.



GEORGIA TACHOIRES

GARY TACHOIRES '64 (chemistry) and GEORGIA (TESKEY) TACHOIRES '62 (elementary education), '67 M.ED., '75 EDSC have been married and living in Reno for 52 years. Due to Gary's Parkinson's, golf life and horse shows have become a thing of the past. Since retirement, they have traveled a lot, mostly cruises in Europe and Alaska, plus a land trip to Spain. Gary and Georgia have one grandson, Elliot, who is 7 years old. They have two dogs, two cats and two horses at their home in south Reno, where they have lived since 1971.

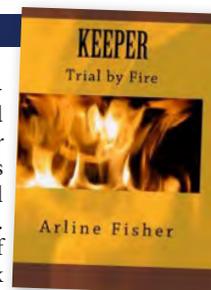
CLARENCE D. BASSO '68 (journalism) has just published his 114th monograph on Nevada history. *The Writings of Dan De Quille* is a bibliography of the nineteenth century Comstock journalist's prolific production that appeared in newspapers and literary journals across the U.S. De Quille, also known as William Wright, was a contemporary of Samuel Clemens on Virginia City's *Territorial Enterprise*.

GARY JOHNSON '69 (elementary education) retired in 1999 and has since "bagged" U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey markers at Mt. Eddy, Mt. Rose, Bad Water, Broke Off Mountain and Death Valley in California, Boundary Peak in Nevada, Phantom Ranch in Arizona and Four-Corners in Utah, as well as the entire Tahoe Rim Trail in California and Nevada. Next in sight are Havasupai Falls and Humphreys Peak in Arizona.

MIKE VADER '69 (marketing) has had a successful life, thanks to his education at Nevada. Mike was appointed assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Education by President George H.W. Bush. He was also appointed chief deputy director of California Department of Fair Employment and Housing and assistant secretary by former California Governor George Deukmejian, commissioner of the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission by California Governor Jerry Brown, and chief deputy director of California Department of Consumer Affairs by California Governor Pete Wilson. Mike has also owned several prosperous businesses.

1970s

ARLINE FISHER '74 (journalism) has published her second novel, *Keeper - Trial by Fire*. The story is an action/suspense novel set largely in Las Vegas. Arline was the editor of *The Native Nevadan* for six



years and worked in publishing in Chicago, editing two national travel magazines. She also specialized in book packaging and direct-mail marketing. She lives in St. George, Utah.

**N GENE BAUMANN '76** (health education) retired from being an airline captain Sept. 1, 2015. Gene is now traveling more than when he was working, just with longer layovers.



**FRED MCELROY '76** (physical education) of Dickson Realty has been named *The 2016 Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) President for The Council of Residential Specialists,*

*Sierra Nevada Chapter.* Fred has been a realtor since 1986 and is past president of the Reno Sparks Association of Realtors. Fred and his wife, Alice, spend their recreational time traveling, sailing and skiing with family.

## 1980s

**JEFF COONCE '85** (art) owns Pyro Guys, a Reno fireworks display company. Jeff produces fireworks displays for the Wolf Pack football team runout, the March from the Arch's pep rally display off Morrill Hall, the Reno Rodeo and the Reno Aces. He has also produced displays nationally for Professional Bull Riders, the San Francisco 49ers and the Super Bowl.

**TOM VERDUCCI '85** (finance) has spent the past 30 years assisting more than 20,000 Nevada public employees to save in their employer-sponsored retirement plans. Tom began working for The Hartford in 1987 on the State of Nevada Deferred Compensation Plan and currently works for MassMutual, assisting Washoe County and City of Reno employees in their deferred compensation plan. He lives in Reno with his wife, **LORI (BAUER) VERDUCCI '85** (accounting), whom he met at Nevada in 1983.



**N GREG BORTOLIN '86** (journalism), '11 M.ED. recently accepted a position as public information officer for the Nevada Department of Education.



**ADRIENNE KRISTINE '87** (sociology), '91 M.A. (English) had an interview published in the February 2016 issue of *VegNews* magazine. Adrienne is a two-time cancer survivor, and she is thriving without chemo or radiation on a whole foods, plant-based vegan diet, plenty of water and a daily exercise program. Both cancers are in remission.

**N TODD BLONSLEY '89** (finance and criminal justice), '92 MBA received the Platinum Award from Marcus & Millichap Real Estate Investment Services Company for his 2015 achievements. Todd also won the Crystal Ball Award from the Northern Nevada Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) Chapter for his 2015 forecast on the northern Nevada apartment market.

## 1990s

**DAN DOHERTY '90** (finance) is executive vice president for Colliers International, and is happy to see the commercial real estate market improving in southern Nevada.



**LEE SCARLETT '91** (history) recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of his company, Celtic Construction. Celtic Construction received the Builder of the Year award for the sixth year from *Citiscapes Magazine*, *Best Builder in Celebrate Arkansas Magazine* for the third year and Best of Houzz.com for the fifth year. He and his wife celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in October 2015. The couple live in Arkansas with their three daughters.

**MATTHEW FRANCIS '93** (political science and English) joined the board of directors for High Fives Nonprofit Foundation, a California nonprofit focused on raising awareness of injury prevention, while providing resources and inspiration to those who suffer from life-altering mountain sport injuries.

**KRISTINA MATHEWS '93** (education) has released four novels in the series, *More Than a Game*, from Lyrical Press, and is starting a new series, *Swift River Romance*. The first of three books in the series is entitled *Swept Away*.



**LISA FRIEDE REBAGLIATI '93** (speech communication) was recently named learning engagement director at Idea Learning Group in Portland, Ore. Lisa joined Idea Learning Group as a senior learning consultant in 2013 and most recently held the position of learning engagement manager.

**SEAN EVANS '94** MPA wrote an article entitled "Developing Sustainable Security: Police Intelligence in Post-Conflict Reconstruction," which has been published in the March issue of *Policing, Intelligence, and Counter Terrorism*.



**STACY KENDALL '94** (social psychology), '99 M.A. (sociology) received the 2015 Gold Spike Community Excellence Award for public service from the Public Relations Society of America –

Sierra Nevada Chapter. This follows previous honors from Reno-Tahoe Twenty under 40 and Northern Nevada Women of Achievement. Stacy recently joined the board of the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum and serves as the director of communications and new media for Renown Health.



**N STEPHANIE CLEMON HANNA '96** (journalism) has joined Waddell & Reed as a financial advisor where she will help develop customized financial plans, recommend investment strategies and counsel clients throughout the area. Stephanie has a passion for financial planning and enjoys helping people. She and her husband, **JOHN HANNA '96** (computer information systems), live in Reno with their three young boys.

**VINCE ILLIA '96** (speech communications) was recently named regional sales manager for Federal Signal Corporation. Vince was previously the truck sales manager at Peterbilt of Las Vegas.

**DEBORAH SELTZER-KELLY '97** (history) was promoted and granted tenure at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind. She teaches in the educational studies department, and her academic interests center on diversity and multiculturalism in the classroom, epistemologies of teaching and learning, and the methodological aspects and implications of research approaches commonly used in education.



**WENDI MINA '98** (elementary education) recently started a new vending business. JW Vending Nevada provides customized snacks, beverages, fresh food and over-the-counter medicines to local businesses in the Reno, Sparks and Carson City areas. In addition to partnering with local businesses, Wendi is actively involved in giving back to the community.

**SUSAN (BENEFIELD) RICE '98** (music education) has been appointed head of school at Palm Valley School in Rancho Mirage, Calif. Susan worked in public education for 12 years and was named Nevada Music Educator of the Year by the Nevada Music Educators Association in 2009 before making a switch to independent/private schools. She and her husband, Tim, a software engineer, were just married in San Francisco last summer and are now enjoying the warm climate of Southern California and the great hiking in the San Jacinto mountains.

# almost famous Paul Mitchell



As the recruitment and retention coordinator for the Reynolds School of Journalism, **PAUL MITCHELL M.A. '96** (journalism), '10 Ph.D. (educational leadership), gives advice all day long – but none of it about hair.

Formerly a reporter and editor, Paul left the newspaper business for the world of academia. No surprise, since his roots are in education. Paul was named for his dad, a master's in education graduate from the University of Pennsylvania. And when Paul received his doctorate in educational leadership in 2010, it was his mother, a doctor of education herself, who did the hooding.

Paul routinely shaves his head in honor of his brother, a chronic lymphocytic leukemia survivor who lost his hair during treatment. He's handing that love of family down to son Josiah, 24, and twins Sydney and Spencer, 6, much like the deep voice – and the name – that his dad gave to him.



by *CHRISTY JERZ '97*

**DAVID O'MARA '99** (political science), owner of the O'Mara Law Firm, has been named an American Bar Foundation Fellow. Membership in this prestigious organization is limited to one percent of the attorney population in Nevada.

**DAVID TAYLOR '99** (journalism), marketing director of Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, has been promoted to president of the Great Reno Balloon Race board. David has been involved with the event since 2011.

## 2000s

**BRADLEY CORN '00** (marketing) recently started Fit Body Boot Camp after working as a real estate appraiser for 13 years. Bradley lives in Reno with his wife, **KACEY DURANT '07** (biochemistry), '11 M.D. and their two sons, Remy and Austin.

**DEREK FOERSCHLER '00** (health education), '02 (biology) has been selected to be director of the anesthesiology residency program at the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth in Portsmouth, Va., one of three U.S. Navy anesthesiology residency programs. Derek lives in Chesapeake, Va. with his wife, Charlotte, and two children.

**JOE NANNINI '00** (human development and family studies), '10 Ed.S has recently joined the Nevada Career Studio at the University of Nevada as coordinator of internship and professional experience. He is excited for the opportunity to work with the team at the University's central career office in developing programming and relationships to help Nevada students prepare to move seamlessly from the University into their careers. Joe is proud to be vice president for student outreach on the Nevada Alumni Council, and he also serves as vice chairman of the Artown board of directors.

**SCOTT MORRISON '00** (mathematics), '04 M.S. (mathematics) has taught mathematics at Western Nevada College since 2006, where he earned the 2006-07 Outstanding Instructor of the Year award. He accepted the position of academic director for the Western Nevada College Liberal Arts Division in 2013. Scott is married to fellow Nevada grad, **SARA MOORE '14** (community health sciences), and together they have two beautiful children, Maya and Lincoln. Scott has lived in northern Nevada for 28 years.

**NATALE CARASALI '01** M.D. recently completed a six-month mission with Doctors Without Borders in western Ethiopia, near the South Sudan border. During this time, Natale lived and worked as a pediatrician at a Doctors Without Borders hospital located in the middle of a refugee camp, where 40,000 displaced persons fleeing the civil war in South Sudan were living.

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### WOLF PUPS



#### Maddox Reilly



Olena Claire

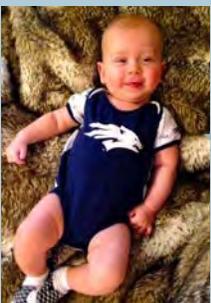
**Jesse Viner '00** (biology) and **Larissa Viner** are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Olena Claire, in November, 2015.

**Natalia Callahan '04** (mathematics), '07 M.Ed., '12 Ph.D. (educational leadership) and her husband, **Silas Callahan '07** (civil engineering), '10 M.S. (civil and environmental engineering), are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Maddox Reilly, Jan. 28, 2016. Maddie joins his very excited big brothers, Grayson Brodrick and Quentin Liam.

#### Cole



**Walker Hilton '08** (psychology) and **Heidi (Epper) Hilton '08** (nutrition) announce the arrival of their son, Cole, in April 2015.



Allesandrina

**Luke Tatum '13** Ph.D. (organic chemistry) and **Alyssa (Cofano) Tatum '12** (nutrition) welcomed the birth of their first child, Allesandrina "Alli" Marie, July 15, 2014.

#### William Roan

**Will Gresslin '02** (history) and **Kara Gresslin** are pleased to introduce their first child, William Roan. Roan was born Aug. 8, 2014.

**CHRIS DONDERO '01** (journalism), licensed producer for Nevada Insurance Agency Company, has been promoted to board vice president for the Great Reno Balloon Race (GRBR). Chris joined the board in 2012, and has taken an active role within the organization, including managing GRBR's Cloud 9 VIP Club for the past two years.

**BECKY BOSSHART '02**, after two years of work, completed an English literacy project to develop two curriculum workbooks for studying modern and contemporary American literature at Chernivtsi National University, where she served as a TEFL Higher Ed Program volunteer with the Peace Corps. The goal of the project, named Inspired to Write Ukraine, was to create an engaging contemporary reading curricula for teachers and students at the university's English and translation departments. Becky served with the Peace Corps in Ukraine from 2012 to 2014.

**ANDRE WALTON '02** (social psychology), '05 Ph.D. (social psychology) recently wrote a paper on group creativity that has been published in the *Harvard Business Review*. Creativity is Andre's passion and was the focus of his Ph.D. research at Nevada.

**LAUREL L. BOWER '03** Ph.D. (English) retired from teaching after more than 10 years at the

University of Phoenix, Idaho campus, where she received several teaching awards and taught literature, humanities and writing, in order to pursue her dream of publishing novels. In December 2014, she published *Fairy Wars: The Dark Ones*, the first of a fantasy trilogy. She is working on her second book, *Fairy Wars: Spies among Us*.



**JENNIFER ALLEN '06 MSN** has been promoted to nurse manager of Renown South Meadows Emergency Department after more than 16 years at the Renown Regional main campus. She is also one of the community's many great nurses to be nominated for a Northern Nevada Nurse of Achievement award.



**ALEXANDRA (REARDON) PENN '06** (English literature) recently earned her master of arts in instructional design and technology with a specialization in e-learning from the University of Central Florida. Shortly after graduation, she accepted a position at Valencia College in Orlando, Fla. as a faculty/instructional developer.

**ANDY TURMAN '07** (psychology) is co-founder of the startup Bizible, recently named one of *Inc. Magazine's* 10 Best New Marketing Technologies for 2015. Bizible tells corporate, university and agency marketing teams where their digital marketing dollars are working by reporting how and where customers have touched a company's or university's online ads and digital presences before the purchase.

**THOMAS BARCIA '08** (economics), '10 MBA is a former Wolf Pack football walk-on (2004-2007) from Reno High, who recently earned his Certified Financial Planner (CFP) designation. Thomas is now one of 49 CFPs in Reno. He lives in south Reno with his wife, Elisa, and 1-year-old son, Ben.

**CHRISTOPHER E. HARVEY '08** (anthropology) recently earned an MBA from the Colangelo College of Business at Grand Canyon University. He was accepted to their doctor of business administration program and began classes in January.



**ERIC HOLLEN '09** (finance and economics) recently earned the Certified Financial Planner designation, a professional certification for financial planners. Eric is an advisor at Open Window, a Reno-based



investment advisory firm. He is also an active board officer of the University of Nevada, College of Business Alumni Association.

**J. MATTHEW MARTIN '09 MJS** recently accepted an appointment as an administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration.

**VICTORIA ROCHA '09** (international affairs/German/theatre) is pursuing a master of public administration at USC after six years in Washington, D.C., working in federal government and non-profit government relations. Victoria received a City/County Fellowship from USC and hopes to transition into local government or consulting work.



**KYLE YAMAMOTO '09 M.D.** recently opened Sierra Nevada Cosmetic and Laser Surgery, a private practice specializing in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. Kyle is excited to be a small-business owner and a practicing physician in his hometown of Reno.

## 2010s



**EVELYN KLATT '10** (French and journalism) has been named marketing director for the Reno Philharmonic, bringing several years of experience in marketing and extensive nonprofit work with the Nevada Military

Support Alliance. Evelyn is active in the community, teaches press release writing classes to small business owners in Midtown, and is a member of the Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter.

**LAINE DURGIN '11** (social work) recently earned her master of social work from Western New Mexico University and was inducted into the Phi Alpha Honor Society. Laine also received the master of social work Community Impact Award.



**TREVOR DEW '12** (information systems) is a project manager at Hewlett Packard Enterprise. Trevor's experiences at Nevada have contributed greatly to a successful career in I.T. He and his wife, Mikaela, are expecting their first child in April.

**DREW ERNHOUT '12** (theatre) is teaching English and performing in Osaka, Japan.



**ALLEN HARDISON '12** (general studies) was recently named general manager of the Orange County Breakers professional tennis team. Allen, a former All-Mountain West Selection

and Scholar Athlete for the Wolf Pack football team, is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Breakers. He still follows Wolf Pack athletics closely while living in Newport Beach, Calif. with his wife, Eva.

**DANIEL HERR '13 MBA** and **MEREDITH HERR '15 MBA** have moved to San Francisco and have both been promoted to new positions with their respective firms, Castle Crow & Company and Connor Group.

**MIAOMIAO ZOU '13** (management), '15 M.S. (finance) is a graduate assistant at the University of Nevada, working on his doctoral degree in economics. Miaomiao expects to graduate in May 2017.

**ERIN MEYERING '14** (journalism) was hired as the full-time associate editor of *Edible Reno-Tahoe* magazine, a publication dedicated to the local food and drink movement.

**RACHEL WILLIMOTT '14** (psychology) earned her master of social work from USC in 2015 and is now working toward a clinical license at University of Nevada. She is so glad to be back on campus!

**RYAN BAYFIELD '15** (general business) recently accepted a job at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He'll use the experience with laser cutters and 3D printers he gained working in Nevada's DeLaMare Science & Engineering Library on space exploration projects.



**KRISTINA (POMERLEAU) BOZANICH '15** (wildlife ecology and neuroscience) is traveling to Inuyama, Japan to study grooming in Japanese macaques. The research will be completed for her master of research dissertation in primate biology, behavior and conservation at the University of Roehampton, London.



**KEVIN FINN '15** (marketing) recently joined ITS National as a carrier specialist where he will be responsible for carrier procurement and management. When Kevin is not at work, he is snowboarding or skydiving, and cheering on the San Francisco Giants, 49ers and Sacramento Kings.

**DENISE GARCIA SEGURA '15** (social work) recently landed her dream job as a social worker for the State of Nevada. **N**

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**MATT MCKISSICK '10** (ecohydrology) and **GILLIAN GRIFFITH '12** (journalism) were married August 8, 2015 in Incline Village.

**ZACK MADONICK '11** (journalism and communication) married his college sweetheart, **VICTORIA LEVI '11** (journalism and communications), in South Lake Tahoe July 5, 2014. The two met in philosophy class their sophomore year at Nevada.



**CASEY MENTZER '14** (chemical engineering) and college sweetie **MEGAN FIELDS '15** (psychology and sociology) tied the knot June 25, 2015.



**BRIE (GANT) WILLIAMS '12** (elementary education) and her college sweetheart, James Williams, married September 19, 2015 at McKinley Cultural Center in Reno. They look forward to finishing their degrees and traveling.

*Chris Vargas '95 (finance)*  
Occupation: Financial Planner



*What has your life been like since graduation?*

Life has been great. I've had a lot of amazing moments since graduation, both personally and professionally. I had the wonderful opportunity to play professional football in the Canadian Football League for five years. A year after graduation I married my wife, Katie (Haggard) Vargas '94 (human development and family studies). After retiring from football in 1998, I joined Dain Rauscher as

a financial advisor. In 2006, I started my own financial planning firm, Legacy Wealth Planning, with three partners. It was such a challenging move and one that I'm very proud of, and I'm grateful for all the experiences at the University that prepared me for the new adventure of owning my own business. Securities and advisory services offered through LPL Financial, a registered investment advisor, Member FINRA/SIPC.

We have two incredible kids, Nick (12) and Drew (10). We like to ski and golf, and we're lucky to spend time with family in Lake Almanor, Calif. I have been fortunate to coach my kids in various sports and have also been a dad in the stands.

Making Reno our home has been fantastic, and we love everything the area has to offer. It is very important for me to give back to the community and University that has given me so much. I have served on boards for the Barracuda Championship, Hometown Health and EDawn. I have been fortunate to serve on the Nevada Alumni Council, Athletic Association of the University of Nevada and the Alumni Football Association. I have also had the honor of calling football games for Wolf Pack radio.

*What are your fondest memories from Nevada?*

My years at the University of Nevada are a part of my life that I look back on with great fondness. There are a lot of memories to choose from: meeting lifelong friends, meeting my wife and campus life in general. However,

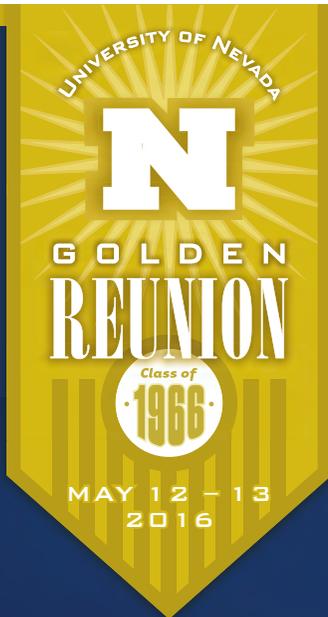
my fondest memories were with my teammates and as part of Wolf Pack football. I am extremely grateful to Chris Ault, who took a chance on a slow, skinny, 150-pound quarterback. I am proud to have been part of two Big Sky Championships and a Big West Championship team. There were a lot of amazing games at Mackay Stadium, and I feel honored that I can say I wore the Silver and Blue.

*What you are most proud of?*

I have a lot to be grateful for, but my wonderful family is what I'm most proud of. Katie and I have been married for 20 years and are parents to two amazing boys. I love the family vacations, kids' sporting events and just sharing time at home watching a movie or playing in the backyard. I really like the fact that we can spend a lot of time with our extended family. Sometimes I think the boys don't just have cousins, they have many brothers and sisters.

*What advice would you give someone just starting out after college?*

There are two things that I would suggest: travel if you have the chance, and find a profession you are passionate about. It is a great thing to be able to see a different part of the world or country and see life through other cultures (not to mention easier when you are young). I tell people that if you are happy with your job 90-95% of the time, then you are doing what you love to do. It makes the challenges that everyone faces much easier to get through.



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# CHAPTER UPDATES

➤ *Members of the Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter at the fourth annual Alumni Dinner Sept. 30.*

**Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter**

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The Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter hosted its fourth annual Alumni Dinner Sept. 30. More than 50 alumni, current staff members and friends gathered at Pinocchio's Bar and Grill as the chapter awarded Warren Lerude '61 (journalism) with the 2015 Frank McCulloch Lifetime Achievement Award. Warren served as editor-in-chief of the Sagebrush from 1959-60, before spending the majority of his newspaper career as editor and publisher of the *Nevada State Journal* and the *Reno Evening Gazette*. The award was created in 2013 to honor the many accomplishments of successful Sagebrush alumni. Past recipients include Guy Clifton and award namesake Frank McCulloch '41 (journalism), '67 (honorary doctor of letters). The chapter board is already working on details for the 2016 dinner and will announce information soon.

Join us for our monthly Deadwine happy hour event April 25 at Beer NV in south Reno. Please follow us on Facebook to stay up to date, and visit our webpage to join the chapter. Membership is only \$25 per year and is open to all.



◀ *OSNAA members help Orvis students prepare for their careers during the annual Orvis Mock Interview event Feb. 17.*

**Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Chapter**

Jan (Pritchard) Brady '63, '88 MBA,  
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The Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association had a busy and fun-filled season. We once again sponsored the Orvis Mock Interview event Feb. 17 for Orvis students and OSNAA members. This event helps students become comfortable and confident as they begin their health care careers, and OSNAA members love the opportunity to interact with students and give them the benefit of their experiences.

Plans for the Orvis School of Nursing's 60th anniversary celebration are coming along nicely. Our gala event will be April 22, 2017 at the Atlantis Resort and Spa and will be a must-not-miss affair! Put the date on your calendar now and stay tuned for more details. This will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with classmates and old friends as we celebrate 60 years of excellence for the Orvis School of Nursing.

Congratulations to Andrea Elise Garrison '15 (nursing), the December recipient of the OSNAA Scholarship!

**Nevada Bay Area Alumni Chapter**

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At the end of March, the Nevada Bay Area Alumni Chapter (NVBAAC) socialized at the Draft Kings Lounge in Oracle Arena before watching the record-setting Golden State Warriors take on the Dallas Mavericks! This event quickly sold out, so we'll be sure to increase the number of tickets available for next year's game.

Alumni gathered in San Francisco for viewing parties Jan. 23 and Feb. 20 to watch both Nevada vs. UNLV basketball games and cheer on our Wolf Pack! We also gathered for pizza and drinks before attending the Nevada vs. San Jose State University game Feb. 17.

The chapter will be hosting two educational events on financial planning, presented by a certified financial planner from Ameriprise Financial. One will be held in the Ameriprise office San Francisco, and the other will be held in the Ameriprise office in Campbell (the South Bay). We hope alumni from all across the Bay Area will be able to attend, so stay tuned for more details. As always, we'll continue NVBAAC happy hours and other events this spring! Visit our website for contacts and upcoming events, and don't forget to stay in touch on Facebook. Go Pack!



**Nevada Football Alumni Chapter**

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The Nevada Football Alumni Chapter is now on Twitter! Follow us on Twitter, @NevadaFBAlumni, and "like" us on Facebook to stay in touch and hear about upcoming events.

Congratulations to Virgil Green '10 (criminal justice), Brandon Marshall '11 (criminal justice) and Kyle Roberts '14 (biology) who are now Super Bowl Champions!

We meet the first Monday of each month from 6-8 p.m. at the Little Wal to stay in touch during the off season. Come say hello, and hear what's coming up for the next football season. Go Pack!

**Sacramento Alumni Chapter**

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Young alumni living in the Sacramento area have begun meeting regularly at Bunz Sports Pub & Grub with owners Aaron Toto '03 (physical education) and Rebecca Howe '96 (elementary education). Visit our website, stay in touch on Facebook for details on the next meeting and the upcoming Founders' Day event at Bunz.

Thanks to Kyle Ramos '76 (managerial science) and Tom Ramos '77 (civil engineering) for a stout Mystery Bus Trip. We had a lot of fun and raised \$3,000 for the scholarship fund.



◀ Student Ambassador Alumni Chapter members during their trip to Apple Hill Nov. 11. Front row: Theo Meek '15, Priscilla Acosta '10, Desirae Acosta '15 Back row: Lily Davalos '15, Jackie Barrera '14, Jessica Adams '13, Mimi Premo '14, Cynthia Uba '14, '15, Hector Mendoza '12 and Peter Reed, director of the Sanford Center for Aging.

**Student Ambassador Alumni Chapter**

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Members of the Student Ambassador Alumni Chapter sat on a panel of professionals for the First in the Pack retreat in January. The program supports first-generation freshmen throughout their first year of college. The panel allowed students to see their majors in real life. The advice was invaluable and students left inspired and motivated for the spring semester.

This spring the chapter plans to take a trip to Napa Valley and will also continue our community service activities. Please visit our website for more chapter information and upcoming events.



^ **Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter**

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The Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter had a fantastic showing of alumni at Born And Raised bar and restaurant in Las Vegas for the Nevada vs. UNLV football game viewing party Oct. 3! While all of us would have liked to see the football game end with a win, we were happy to see our basketball team defeat UNLV Jan. 23!

Our chapter is gearing up to assist the Nevada Alumni Association with spring student recruitment events, as well as planning for various spring, summer and fall events. Find us on Facebook or stay updated with emails from the Nevada Alumni Association!



^ Members of the AAPI Alumni Chapter during their Mystery Bus Tour Oct. 7.

**Asian American Pacific Islander Alumni Chapter**

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The Asian American Pacific Islander Alumni Chapter (AAPI) held a sushi social Oct. 7, and it was a blast! We were able to meet new friends and catch up with old ones from out of town, all while having all-you-can-eat sushi! Did somebody say food coma?!

The 2015 Mystery Bus Tour Nov. 20 did the impossible—it was even better than the year before! We had pizza and beer at the Little Wal, more food and tea at Moo Dangs, kamikaze shots at Se7en, orange crush drinks at Singer, and 50 raffle prizes to split among the 40 attendees. We sure painted the town BLUE! To cap off the school year, we will be hosting the AAPI Graduation May 10 at 7 p.m. in the Joe Crowley Student Union. Come see our new grads off as they celebrate their educational achievements.

Stay tuned to AAPI emails as we will be hosting our spring sushi social sometime during the week after graduation. Bring your empty bellies!



^ Members of the Southern California Alumni Chapter during the annual holiday luncheon Dec. 5.

**Southern California Alumni Chapter**

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The Southern California Alumni Chapter's annual holiday luncheon was held Saturday, Dec. 5 at Mimi's Café, directly across from Disneyland. It was a great time for Nevada graduates living in Southern California to connect with each other and celebrate the holiday season.

**Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter**

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The Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter held the second Professional Mentorship Lunch and Learn Jan. 28. We hosted lunch and a faculty member led a workshop on time management. Our professional mentorship program continues to be the only program of its kind offered through an alumni chapter to Nevada student-athletes.

One of the three pillars of our mission is to raise money to support academic scholarships for our student-athletes. We are asking for your support as we strive toward our goal of raising money for a permanent endowment and two \$1,000 annual awards. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 this year. Please consider making a donation through our website at [www.unr.edu/alumni/chapters/cheer](http://www.unr.edu/alumni/chapters/cheer) and select the Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter Scholarship under designation. Thanks and go Pack!

# Chad Blanchard

'93, '03 M.S., '09 MBA

## *Federal Water Master*

In 1906 the first snow survey system was created by University Professor James Edward Church on the flanks of Mt. Rose. This pioneering system led to the process used to determine the amount of water supplied to Tahoe, Reno and northern Nevada by each winter's snow pack. Today, this same system is what Chad Blanchard '93 (resource management/hydrology), '03 M.S. (resource and applied economics), '09 MBA relies on to determine the amount of water available from the Carson and Truckee rivers that flows to users downstream.

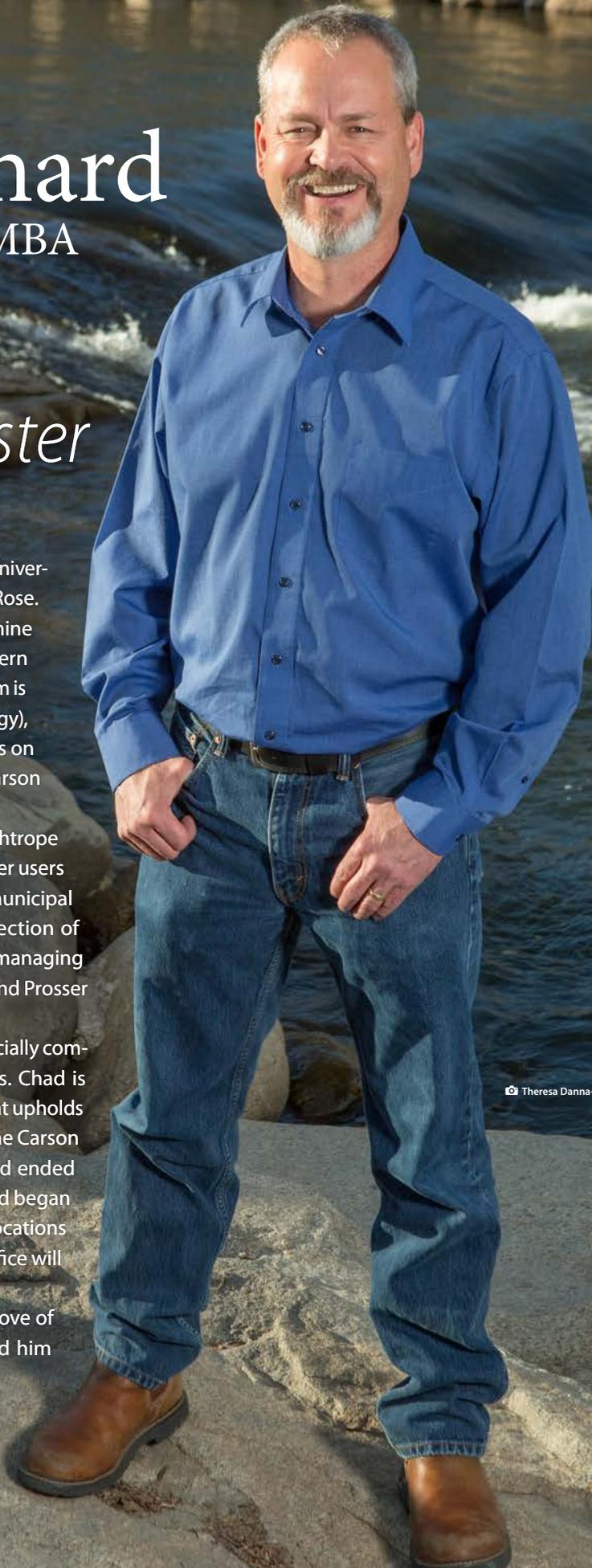
As the region's federal water master, Chad is like a tightrope walker, expertly balancing the historic legal rights of water users with an ever-fluctuating resource. Allocating water for municipal and agricultural use, power generation, and the protection of threatened endangered species keeps Chad on his toes managing the water levels and releases of Tahoe, Boca, Stampede and Prosser reservoirs.

The relationship between humans and water is especially complicated in the West, fraught with competing interests. Chad is charged with managing the water distribution process that upholds both new and centuries-old water rights pertaining to the Carson and Truckee rivers. When the snow accumulation period ended and the snow-melt season began April 1 of this year, Chad began the intricate process of determining water levels and allocations for water right owners along each river, a task that his office will repeat almost daily until next April.

Chad looks back fondly on his time at Nevada. His love of learning and the opportunities the University afforded him continue to impact his life and career.

by CARRIE BUSHÁ '06

Theresa Danna-Douglas



# ALUMNI GATHERINGS



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## Nevada vs. UNLV Basketball Pregame Party

Nearly 100 Wolf Pack alumni and fans gathered at the Nevada vs. UNLV Men's Basketball Pregame Party Feb. 20 at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. 📷 DAVE SMITH

- 1 Scott Frost '88 and Megan Frost with Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers. 2 Jodie Tarkanian, Donielle Freedman '83, '90 M.D., Jaymie Morris '82, Denise Cashman '83, University President Marc Johnson, Leslie Gospodnatic and Ed Wilson '69. 3 Anthony Snowden '07 and Daniel Snowden. 4 Donielle Freedman '83, '90 M.D., Rick McGough '85, Ed Spoon '84, '89 M.D., Steve Strobeck '82 and Timothy Mullin '06.

*The Nevada Alumni Association hosts many events year round for alumni, friends and family. Visit us online to find one near you.*

[unr.edu/alumni/events](http://unr.edu/alumni/events)

## Student Recruitment Reception

The Nevada Alumni Association, in partnership with the Office for Prospective Students, recently held the third in a series of 10 student recruitment receptions throughout northern California and Nevada. More than 350 prospective students and their families attended the event March 10 at Arden Hills Club & Spa to learn more about Nevada.

📷 THERESA DANNA-DOUGLAS

- 5 Prospective students Miranda Psaila and Alyssa Harrison with their moms, Linda (left) and Sandra (right). 6 Prospective student Christian Keller and his parents learn about pursuing an engineering degree from College of Engineering Dean Manos Maragakis. 7 Prospective student Kaylie Greathouse and her parents, Alice and Eric, speak with Rod Aeschlimann, executive director of residential life, housing and food service. 8 Director of Admissions Steve Maples '96 M.A., '02 Ph.D. addresses guests. 9 Prospective student Diana Namuddu Mugerwa and father, Paul, speak with a student ambassador about life at Nevada. 10 Twins Jackson and Benjamin Maves came to learn more about studying biology and engineering at Nevada.



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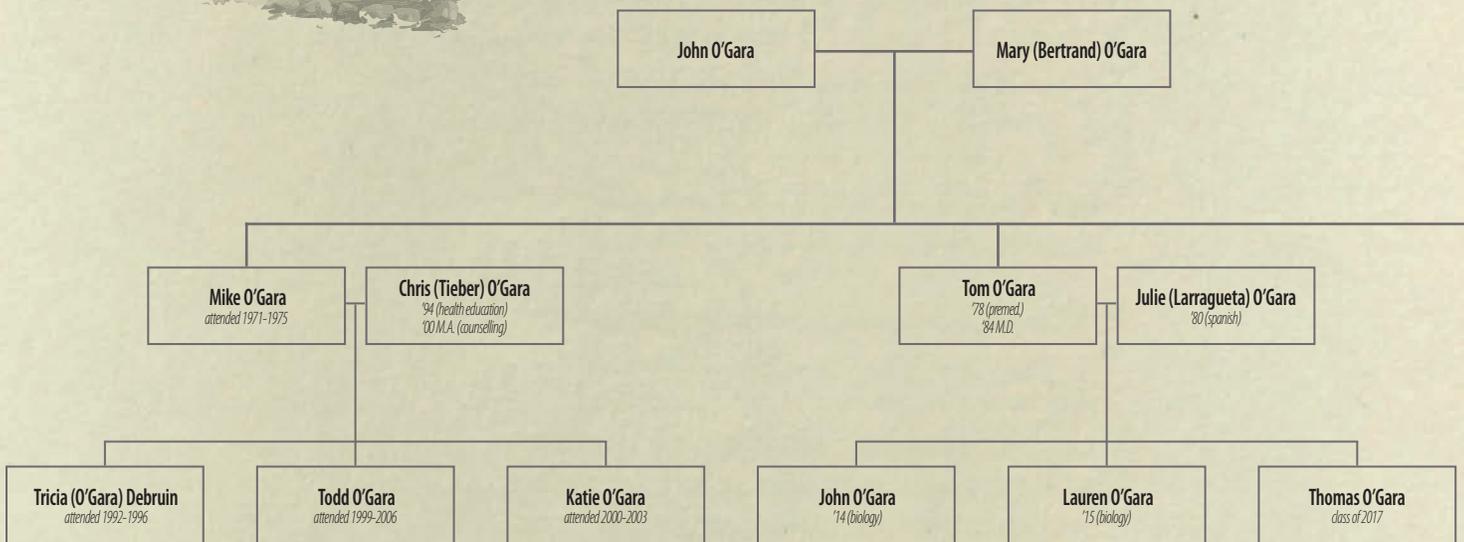
**2016 School of Medicine Match Day**

Sixty-four medical students from the Class of 2016 were matched with residency institutions in Nevada and across the nation March 18 at events in Las Vegas and Reno. Forty-four percent of the 2016 School of Medicine graduates will enter primary care specialties. ANNE MCMILLIN, APR

**11** John and Karen Thiele celebrate Karen's match into family medicine at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. **12** Christina and Evan Raps '11 celebrate their couples match at the University of Utah. She is going into emergency medicine while he is pursuing pathology. **13** Brianna Ruch '12 and Paulo Garcia '10 matched into general surgery and pathology, respectively, at Virginia Commonwealth University, and Daniel Ignatiuk matched into pediatrics at the University of Utah. EDGAR ANTONIO NUNEZ. **14** Members of the Class of 2016 who matched in the Reno event on the steps of the Center for Molecular Medicine.



# The O'Gara Family Tree



## True-Blue Roots Run Deep

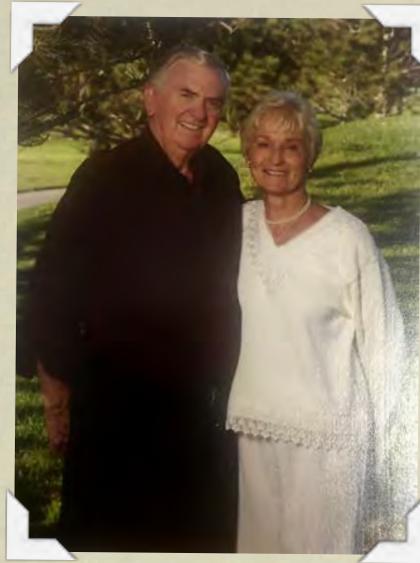
John and Mary O'Gara moved to Reno in 1955 from Butte, Montana. Their five children all attended the University of Nevada, Reno and pursued medical and dental careers. They are strong supporters of Nevada athletics. Their Nevada roots run deep as all of their 12 grandchildren have attended or graduated from Nevada. The O'Gara family makes Reno their home.



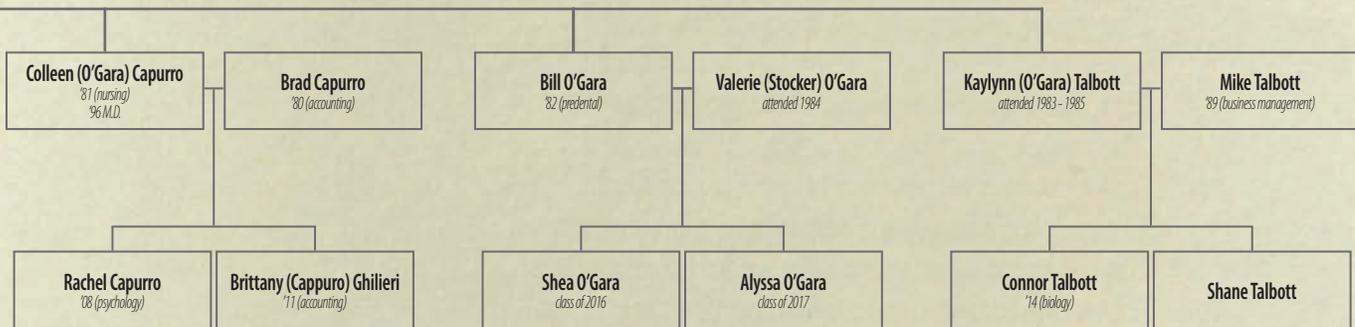
Colleen '81, '96 M.D. and Brad Capurro '80 at Colleen's medical school hooding in 1996.



The O'Gara family at their home in 1967.



John and Mary O'Gara at their 50th wedding anniversary in 2003.



Lauren O'Gara '15, John O'Gara '14, Connor Talbott '14, and Brittany Capurro '11 at the UC Berkeley vs. Nevada game Sept. 1, 2012.

How many University of Nevada 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 [unr.edu/alumni/magazine](http://unr.edu/alumni/magazine) or call 888.NV ALUMS.

# Carol Franc Buck

*Takes the Lead in Support of the Arts*



*Philanthropist Carol Franc Buck has supported fine arts projects at Nevada for more than three decades.*



*Boaz Vaadia's Ginnetoy 2nd in the Carol Franc Buck Foundation Sculpture Garden at the entrance to the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.*

Philanthropist and University Foundation Trustee Emerita Carol Franc Buck has long been an avid supporter of visual and performing arts in the American West. Her generosity has already left a big impact on the University of Nevada, Reno campus, and that impact continues to grow as the University sharpens its focus on arts education.

Buck, who serves as president of the Carol Franc Buck Foundation, recently pledged \$1 million to support the Act Two project in the School of the Arts, which will create a new fine arts building that will connect to Church Fine Arts through a sky-walk or bridge. The building will include a new recital hall, an art museum, an instrumental rehearsal room, digital media space, practice rooms and offices. It will also include a choral opera rehearsal room named in Buck's honor.

"This new space will give our students the chance to hone their skills in an acoustically and visually superb environment, and will truly elevate the musical and artistic standards of the University," said College of Liberal Arts Interim Dean Larry Engstrom. "We are delighted that community members like Ms. Buck value the visual and performing arts so highly and are making arts education a priority in the Reno-Tahoe area."

In addition to her support of Act Two, Buck made a major gift to fund the creation of the Carol Franc Buck Foundation Sculpture Garden, which serves as a transition between the campus green and the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. The popular garden is a calm, visually appealing space that was designed for both social

interaction and personal reflection in the middle of a bustling campus.

"It is exciting and satisfying to be a part of the beautiful transformations that have been happening on campus over the last decade," said Buck.

Buck has been a dedicated supporter of the University for more than thirty years. Reflecting the broad range of her interest in visual and performing art, she has lent major support to the book arts projects of Foundation Professor Peter Goin, who has focused on the changing landscapes of the Nevada desert and Lake Tahoe. Buck has also given generously to the University's marching band and KUNR radio.

Outside of the University, Buck supports many of northern Nevada's major cultural institutions, including the Reno Philharmonic, the Nevada Museum of Art, Nevada Opera, Sierra Nevada Chorale and the Nevada Ballet Theatre, among others.

In 2006, Buck received the Nevada Governor's Art Award in recognition of her outstanding and enduring contributions to Nevada through artistic achievement, commitment and service to the arts. In 2007, she was named Philanthropist of the Year by the Northern Nevada Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

"Individuals like Carol Franc Buck are the reason that northern Nevada is becoming known as a haven for artists and performers," says Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers. "She has played a major role in our focus on the arts at the University for more than three decades, and we are thankful for the tremendously positive impact she has made."

*by JOANNA TRIEGER*



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