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University President Marc Johnson (center) with Presidents Emeriti Joe Crowley and John Lilley at Commencement, 2012.  THERESA DANNA-DOUGLAS

President Joe Crowley: A University life and a University legacy

When Joe Crowley arrived on campus in 1966, he was not expecting to stay.

He was hired as a temporary appointment, for \$3,500 as a replacement for Eleanor Bushnell, in the Department of Political Science.

The University would benefit far beyond its wildest imagination following that initial investment. From his first semester on campus and lasting until he passed away at age 84 on Nov. 28, surrounded by his wife, Joy, and his four children, Margaret, Theresa, Neil and Tim, Joe's influence on our campus was historic. He helped us transform into what we are today.

Joe's tenure as president at the University of Nevada, Reno from 1978-2000 was the longest by any president in our institution's history.

His time was marked by milestone growth and achievement. Joe was also an astute listener, known for a dry sense of humor.

"What sticks out in my mind after all these years is his sense of humor, which came out as he taught me how to do things right," remembered Glen Krutz '90 (political science), '93 MPA, former ASUN president and now a professor of political science at Oklahoma. "The funniest such moment, albeit an embarrassing one given my profession, was just prior to leaving Reno for doctoral work in 1994, when I asked Joe during a break at a Regents' meeting what the word 'pedagogical' meant. He said, with a wry smile, 'Well, Glen. That is definitely a word you need to know. Pedagogy is the study or science of teaching.'"

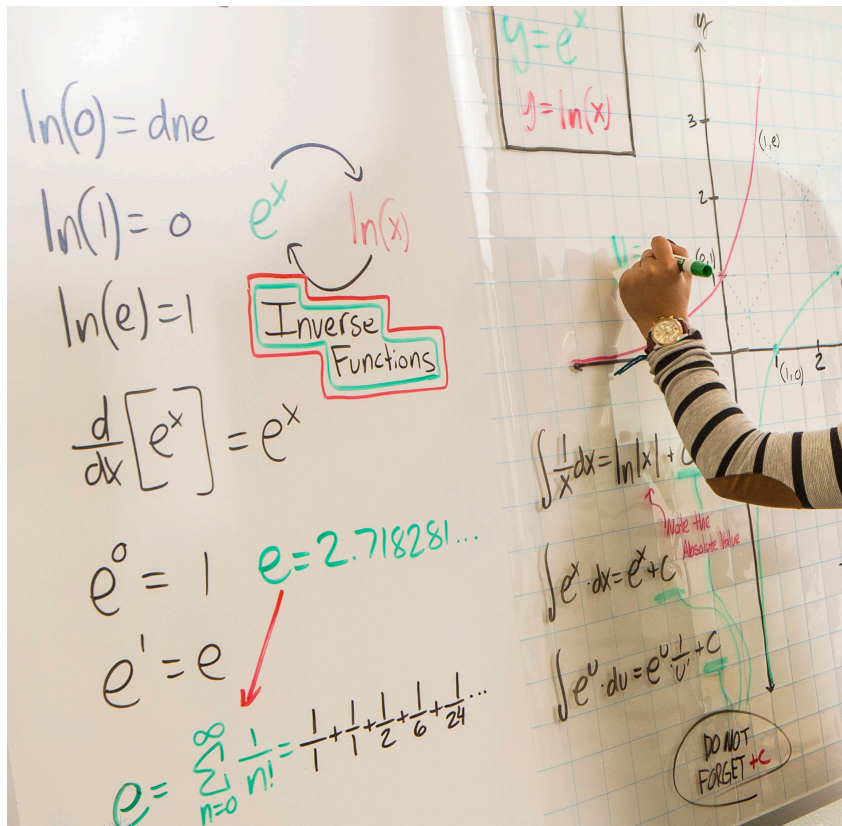
Yet there was also a deliberative and driven sense of advancing the institution. Things we take for granted today – the development of academic master plans, creation of new academic divisions (if not for Joe's support, we would not have today's Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism), the development of a University Foundation, the establishment of a merit pay system for faculty – these were all initiatives championed during the Crowley years.

"In all these efforts Joe used his considerable skills of persuasion with key constituencies: state political leaders, alumni, the community, and faculty and staff," remembered Dick Davies, emeritus professor of history who served as provost during the early years of the Crowley presidency. "Nevada's lofty national rankings today had their roots in these formative years under Joe's determined leadership."

Wrote Joe many years ago: "We enter the new decade with the comfort born of a job well done, the hunger born of the knowledge that there is a big job yet to do, and the enthusiasm inherent in the understanding that there is a great future out there to achieve."

Past, present and future. All university presidents aspire to connect the three. Few did it better than Joe Crowley.

Marc A. Johnson
President



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Jocelyn Marquez (class of 2020), Ian Tralmer (class of 2020), Taylor DeRose (class of 2019), Xavier Gonzalez (class of 2020) and Ronessa Casas (class of 2020) work together in the University Tutoring Center. Located on the third floor of the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center, the Tutoring Center helps students in a wide range of subjects, including math, science, business, and foreign languages.

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Students Helping Students

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The Wolf Pack culture of caring

The strength of the pack is the wolf

Come to any home basketball game at Lawlor Events Center, and you will hear the announcer lead the crowd of more than 10,000 Wolf Pack fans in a rousing recitation of an excerpt of Rudyard Kipling's poem "The Law of the Jungle." As the lines reverberate through the stands, the announcer's voice builds to a crescendo: "For the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack."

On the basketball court, the implication is clear: We all thrive when we work together and help one another. This fundamental belief was key to the Wolf Pack Men's Basketball

team's 2016-2017 Mountain West Conference championship, but the spirit is evident everywhere on campus.

"Students helping students is a big part of our culture," Shannon Ellis, vice president of student services, says. "Everyone has figured out it is just as good for the students offering services as those receiving them. By teaching someone what you know and helping them overcome difficulties they're experiencing inside or outside of the classroom, you gain an amazing skill set that helps you be successful in other areas of your life."

In big and small ways, in every corner of campus, Wolf Pack students help their peers excel and, in the process, gain experience that paves the way for their own personal and professional growth.



Kenneth Kelley (class of 2018) and Kelsey Barnson (class of 2021) receive help from tutor Jay Aquino (class of 2019).

Theresa Danna-Douglas

The Clarence & Martha Jones Family Foundation Tutoring Center: “Building relationships”

When Andrea Witte arrived at the University from Alaska to begin her journey to medical school, she struggled with her first few tests but knew that there were resources on campus that would provide the proper reinforcement to thrive at the University.

“I knew success was critical for my career goals. I didn’t want anything to stand in the way of my dream of going to medical school,” she says. “Many believe there to be stigma about going to the Tutoring Center, but I knew that I wanted to use every resource possible that the University provided to succeed and excel in my classes. The University Tutoring Center provided extra reinforcement and clarity to difficult concepts and classes.”

Andrea took advantage of one-on-one tutoring sessions and drop-in tutoring with groups of other students. She says, “When I was a freshman, through the Tutoring Center, I got connected with other pre-med students who were really helpful. It was a great place to get advice from upperclassmen. Sometimes, the tutors not only have taken the class you’re taking, but they’ve taken the same professor, so they can give you help that is really specific. I don’t go to the Tutoring Center because I’m struggling but because I want to excel.”

Andrea is on track to graduate in December 2018 with a degree in biology and minor in biochemistry. Andrea’s plans after graduation? Medical school.



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Mykiel Ellis (class of 2021)

Below: Ian Tralmer (class of 2020), Jocelyn Marquez (class of 2020), Xavier Gonzalez (class of 2020) and Ronessa Casas (class of 2020)



More than **70**
undergraduate
student-workers

34,000 annual visits

Typical improvement
among frequent visitors:
one to two letter grades

Jay Aquino (class of 2019) has been a tutor since the summer of 2016 and says stories like Andrea’s are what make working in the Tutoring Center not feel like a job. In his time at the Tutoring Center, the mechanical engineering student has worked as a group tutor in the drop-in sessions in DeLaMare Library and as a one-on-one tutor, mentoring students in individualized 50-minute sessions. Recently, he has added to his slate of responsibilities Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) leader. The PASS program helps students in traditionally difficult classes by connecting them with tutors, like Jay, who have previously done well in the class and can offer tips and tricks for success in weekly sessions catered to the material most recently covered.

In whichever mode he is working, Jay says, “It’s surprising how much you are able to actually help someone. It’s such a small amount of time — a fifty-minute tutoring session or a PASS session — but it is so much help. It’s like we are studying with them. It feels like we’re learning together.”

Jay’s experience is typical of the 70-odd tutors in the Tutoring Center, as Director Marsha Urban ’96 M.A. (English), ’02 Ph.D. has established a culture of camaraderie in service of their visitors.

“Our tutors are building relationships,” she says. “From the front desk all the way up to me, we are here to build a community. Students helping students is huge. We emulate and enact that philosophy in everything we do.”

Jay, who takes obvious joy helping other students, has even altered his career goals as a result of his experiences: “It’s really enjoyable when students succeed, really rewarding,” he says. “It’s why I now want to become a research professor.”



The Marshall R. Matley Foundation Disability Resource Center: Universal Access



More than **135**
student-workers

1,800 students
with disabilities
served annually

Free learning
disability assessments
(typical cost: \$2,500)

One floor below the Tutoring Center’s main offices in the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center, Mary Zabel, director of the Marshall R. Matley Foundation Disability Resource Center, is working to ensure every aspect of campus — including but not limited to classrooms, programs, facilities, and even the University’s website — is accessible to all learners. Among the many ways it supports this goal, the DRC facilitates test-taking, note-taking, and the implementation of campus-wide initiatives that enable students with disabilities to receive equal educational opportunities as their peers.

Through 21 years of service, starting as a staff of one, Zabel has made great strides in fulfilling the

DRC’s goals, but she is quick to say, “Student-workers are 100 percent, absolutely essential to the DRC. We employ 35 in-house and an additional more than 100 student-employees who work ‘out in the field.’ We help 1,800 students with disabilities, and we wouldn’t be able to do it without our student-workers.”

One of those “field” student-workers is Mike McKissick (class of 2018). After working for eight years as a wildland firefighter, Mike came back to school to study computer science, a field that presented a challenge for him.

“I have to work really hard to do well in school,” he says, “so it was important to me to find a job that keeps me on campus. When I got the chance to work on campus and to work with my hands as a lab assistant for the DRC, I took it, and I’m glad I did.”

So is DRC client Autumn Cuellar (class of 2020), also a computer science major, who is open about the challenges she faces as a student with cerebral palsy.

“Mike is my hands in the lab,” she says. “For me, with cerebral palsy, I can’t do some things with my hands. I shake so much that it takes all my concentration to even try. With Mike, I am able to focus on learning, and he can physically do the things that I can’t.”

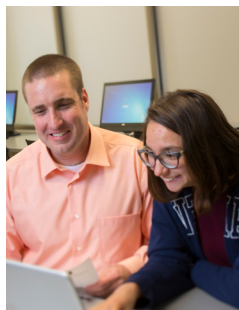
In addition to the friendship they have developed, working with Autumn has had an impact on Mike’s career aspirations.

“This job has shown me that there are lots of cool things happening with assistive technology, and if you think about it, anyone could need assistive technology at any point in their lives,” he says.

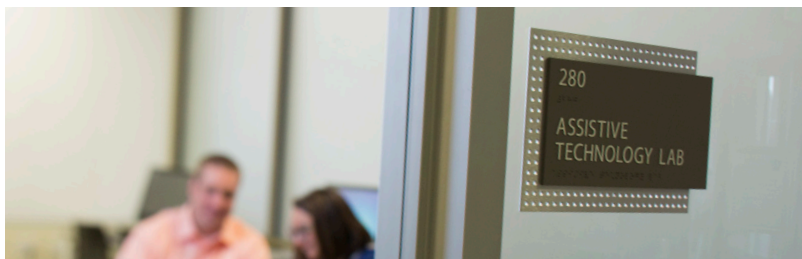
“Like self-driving cars,” Autumn adds. “They have the potential to help everyone, not just people like me. That kind of technology has the power to make people more independent. That’s what I would like to do: help people like me be more independent, because I know how difficult it can be. But developing that technology helps all kinds of people. Like the elderly.”

“Right,” Mike says. “Even something small like a hearing aid: that’s assistive technology. There is a lot of tech out there, and you think about what happens if you help someone who has a disability, someone like Autumn — they might be a genius, but we might not know it if we don’t help them. That’s why I think assistive technology is so exciting.”

After he graduates, in addition to exploring potential applications for his studies in assistive technologies, Mike hopes to continue helping students like Autumn, working as their hands so they can continue to develop their minds.



Autumn Cuellar (class of 2020) receives help from Mike McKissick (class of 2018) in the Disability Resource Center. “With Mike,” Autumn says, “I am able to focus on learning, and he can physically do the things that I can’t.”





The Nevada Career Studio: “Follow your curiosity”

In thinking about his future, Mike McKissick is following the advice Mary T. Calhoon, associate director of the Nevada Career Studio, offers students and job-seekers alike: “Follow your curiosity.”

Across the hall from the Disability Resource Center, the Nevada Career Studio helps students develop their dreams, get professional experience and prepare for their careers. Students can drop in any time to work with the team of 18 peer career mentors. Together, they explore career and internship options.

“We call it the Career Studio for a reason,” Calhoon explains. “It is your space to come in and do the work. We have knowledge and resources, and mentors to teach you strategies for your professional life. Careers don’t follow set paths from point A to point B, so we are here to co-explore with you. We will help you figure it out — whatever it might be — with you, not for you.”

Unlike traditional career centers, the mentors in the Career Studio are all peer mentors, undergraduate student-workers like Brooke MacNeill (class of 2019) and Jason Pitak (class of 2018) who embody the spirit of co-exploration.

For Brooke, who is pursuing a degree in business management and information systems, her role in



Below: Brooke and Audrey Randazzo (class of 2020) (left) help Dedra Tufon (class of 2018) at the Nevada Career Studio.

Theresa Danna-Douglas

18 peer mentors

Serving **3,000** drop-in visitors

98% of visitors report leaving the Studio feeling more confident



Brooke MacNeill (class of 2019), a career mentor in the Nevada Career Studio, helps Maria Rincon (class of 2020) during a drop-in visit.

the Career Studio is direct preparation for her intended career in human resources, but the Sacramento native says the job has also taught her to be flexible.

“There really is no normal day,” she says. “Some days, you are working with six students at a time on six different skills. You have to expect the unexpected. You don’t know what you’re going to be asked, and you may not have the answer, but you can research it with the client.”

Jason, who will graduate with a major in psychology and a minor in theater, says, “I love answering client questions that I don’t already know the answer to, because then I get to learn.”

After working in the Career Studio for more than a year, Jason is taking the advice Calhoon gives those she talks to about their careers: He too is following his curiosity. He has enjoyed so much helping students find jobs in all sectors — from marketing firms and engineering labs to business management positions — that he is exploring options to continue working in student services.

“I helped one student get a position as a student ambassador,” he says, “and every time I see him on campus giving tours to prospective students, it makes me happy. I would really like to continue to do this kind of work.”



Pack Internship Grant Program

In an effort to expand the number of paid internships available to University students, the Nevada Career Studio has partnered with the Associated Students of the University of Nevada to develop the Pack Internship Grant Program.

Elizabeth Loun, associate director of the Career Studio responsible for employer relations and internships, explains, “We want to make sure all students have the opportunity to pursue paid internships, so we work primarily with non-profit organizations, start-ups and government agencies across a variety of industries to create paid internships that otherwise wouldn’t exist. We help organizations develop internships that will benefit their needs and support our students’ professional development. Then, we manage the application process, which mirrors real-world application processes. Many of our interns are later offered jobs at their organizations or through connections made during their internships, and all are given important experience that helps inform their career decisions.”

All Pack Internships pay \$12/hour and provide interns with 120 hours of experience. While the funding for the internships comes from ASUN and the Career Studio facilitates the application process, the organizations themselves select interns and are often so impressed by the pool of applicants that they will fund additional internships to secure the services of promising students.

The Reno Ronald McDonald House has been a part of the Reno community for 31 years and is starting their second year in the Pack Internship program. Rachel Gattuso '07 (journalism), marketing and communications manager, explains the predicament the non-profit faced when it decided to take on a marketing and communication intern: “We wanted to bring on an intern, but we felt it wasn’t fair not to offer compensation. The Pack Internship Grant Program allowed us to expand our impact without straining our resources. Janessa is incredibly sharp and astute. After her initial internship ended, we built in compensation in order to retain her longer. We’re sad to be losing her in January.”

Employer applications are accepted every summer and students apply to internships during the fall semester each year. Interns complete their hours during the following spring semester. To be eligible for a Pack Internship, student applicants must be full-time undergraduates with a 2.75 GPA.

 For more information, visit:

<https://www.unr.edu/career/interships/pigp>

More than **50**
paid internships
annually

In **2017**,
45 non-profits,
startups and public
agencies participated
and **50%** of interns
were offered further
employment



10 student cadets

721 hours worked and
1,679 public assists provided
during AY 2016-2017

Escorts provided
weeknights anywhere
on campus

Student Cadet Program: Developing a “command presence”

In 2009, the University Police Services began a program to supplement its cadre of sworn officers with student cadets. Offering rides in their signature carts from classroom doors to dorms, West Stadium Parking Garage and beyond, these student cadets serve as the “eyes and ears” of University Police while making campus safer for their peers. Since its inception, the Student Cadet Program has become an extremely competitive service and development opportunity for students interested in careers in law enforcement.

“We look for applicants with customer service experience. It’s a strong point with us. How to talk to strangers and develop a command presence — in charge but respectful,” says Police Commander Kent Hawthorne, who supervises the ten student cadets and oversees the program. “We usually get 100 applications for two openings. We look for students who can talk to people easily, who are upbeat, positive, but when it’s down to business, it’s down to business. With Lexi, it was clear as soon as I met her that she would excel.”

When 5’2” Lexi Martinez (class of 2018) told her parents that she wanted to study criminal justice in order to become a police officer, they asked, “Are you sure you want to do this?”

The answer was a definite yes.

Lexi became aware of the Student Cadet Program when she was a freshman and used the services after night classes. She started talking to



“Go for what you want to do. Don't let others tell you that you can't. Because the sky's the limit.”

— LEXI MARTINEZ

the cadets about her major, and they recommended that she try out for the program. Three years later, she is a senior supervisor who has gained the respect of Commander Hawthorne, a veteran with 43 years of service as a police officer.

“In addition to basic policing, Lexi has developed real leadership skills,” Commander Hawthorne says. “Cadets recognize her as a leader, with good judgment and dedication to the program. In fact, it was Lexi’s idea to train assistant senior supervisors so that when she isn’t on duty, there is a clear path of authority among the cadets.”

Lexi herself is aware of how much she has grown in her time as a cadet.

“When I was a freshman, I found it difficult to tell people what to do at the tailgates,” she says of the cadets’ other responsibility, monitoring tailgating at home football games, “but now when I say, ‘Stop!’ people listen. It’s one of the things you learn in the program — how to speak so that you don’t escalate situations and how to talk to people in a way that is commanding but not adversarial. You learn how to keep people and situations calm.”

In addition to the practical skills she has developed through the Student Cadet Program, Lexi has participated in two ride-alongs, one with Metro and one with the Reno Police Department. She found

that being a student cadet made getting approved for these invaluable ride-alongs easier.

Commander Hawthorne elaborates, “A police car is an officer’s office. You don’t invite just anyone into your office. Learning someone is a student cadet helps officers to share more of their experiences during the ride-along. It’s an ice-breaker. And ride-alongs are important, because they let cadets see what it’s like to be a police officer in real life, not just on TV.”

As she approaches the end of her academic career, Lexi, a Las Vegas native, is interning with the RPD’s Victims Service Unit and preparing applications to police departments in the region, including RPD.

Both as a reflection of her own experience and a piece of advice for those beginning their academic careers, Lexi says, “Go for what you want to do. Don’t let others tell you that you can’t. Because the sky’s the limit.”

Front row left to right: Max Lewis (class of 2019), Nate Stephens (class of 2020), Lexi Martinez (class of 2018), Marcus Cardona '17 (criminal justice).

Back row left to right: Zack Cefalu (class of 2019), James Gaffey '17 (criminal justice), Caitlin Kozicki (class of 2018), Julia Miller (class of 2020) and Taylor Caldwell (class of 2020).

Not pictured: Vanessa Salas (class of 2020)

David Calvert '12



Campus Escort: 50,000 free rides a year

While cadets accompany students from their classrooms to their cars and dorms, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada has a fleet of vehicles and 46 student-workers ready to drive students and faculty to and from campus. The Campus Escort program provides rides within a three-mile radius until 1 a.m. most nights in 10 Dodge Caravans, two larger passenger vans and two shuttles, including the Connect Shuttle. A 25-passenger shuttle bus, the Connect Shuttle is available, upon request, to student organizations and departments for free transportation to civic and community

engagement projects. On weekends, the retail route takes students to grocery stores, while at Thanksgiving and during the winter break, they offer shuttle service to Reno-Tahoe International Airport. In the last fiscal year, Campus Escort provided 50,000 free rides to students and faculty.

Helena Farrar '09 MBA, program coordinator, captures the ethos of the program and the University as a whole: "If we can figure out a way to help, we will," she says. "It's part of our mission. We serve students. We've even taken students to the airport, not because it is part of our regular services but because we care and we will help if we can.

If your car battery has died, we'll jump it for you. We're here to help."

Criminal justice major Joseph Rinaldi (class of 2020), a director in the Campus Escort program, picks up the thread of service in talking about his job.

Joe, who was so excited to work for Campus Escort that he set up a Skype interview while he was still a senior in high school, says, "Nothing beats the look on someone's face when you jumpstart their car at 12:45 in the morning. They're so relieved and so grateful, and you go to bed that night knowing you've done something good."

In September, the Center for Student Engagement began a Top Rider program that rewards the top two riders in a given month with a gift card to the Wolf Shop. The top



Housed in the ASUN Center for Student Engagement in the Joe Crowley Student Union, Campus Escort provides free rides to students within a three-mile radius of campus. Pictured here: Campus Escort Officers Ashle Love (class of 2020); Rachell Villasenor (class of 2019); Tiffany Braunstein (class of 2018); Adria Barich (class of 2020); Helena Farrar '09 MBA, coordinator, Programs and Services ASUN Center for Student Engagement; Escort Officer Jean-Yves Diei (class of 2019); and Tanner Durfee (class of 2020).

rider in Sept., Nima Mojtahedzadeh, who used Campus Escort for 64 rides that month, says, “Why not use a free and convenient service that makes you feel safer? I used Campus Escort to get to the Fitness Center, usually at 10 p.m., and it never let me down!”

The second top rider for the month of September, Byungchang Jin, expressed his appreciation for the service and articulated his reasons for using the program: “Campus Escort helps me manage my time efficiently. From my house to my laboratory, it takes me 35 minutes on foot. When I use Campus Escort, it takes only five minutes to get there. The driver and assistant always give me great service and greet me with kind words. They make me comfortable.”

Potential drivers receive extensive training

during their 90-day probationary period. Before they are allowed to drive, they must pass a defensive driver training program, in addition to a background screening and a drug test. They receive equipment orientation that includes how to jump dead batteries, use bike racks, operate the universal access van’s wheelchair lift, and put on snow chains. During their employment, drivers must maintain a minimum 2.75 GPA.

All of this training is to ensure student-workers are reliable as well as capable. Farrar says drivers “take on a lot of responsibility. People are depending on you, so you can’t just call in.”

Joe adds, “This job has helped me mature quicker in college, and it’s definitely very rewarding to be so involved. I’ve worked here through school, and it is such a great job. Nothing is like this job.”

Did you know? In addition to gifts from the Marshall R. Matley Foundation, funding for the Student Escort vehicles is partially provided through gifts to the Parents Fund made during the Wolf Call Phonathon. To learn more about supporting programs like Campus Escort, contact Torrey Hood, associate director, Annual Giving at torreyhood@unr.edu or (775) 682-6544.

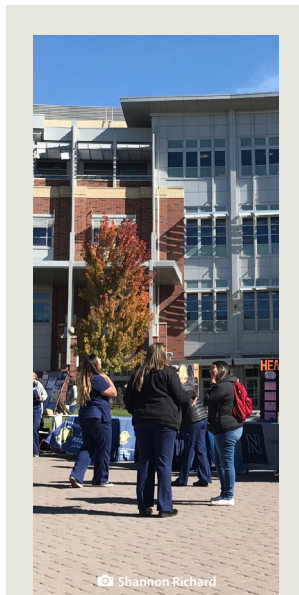


Orvis Student Nurses' Association's health fair and blood drive: 190 lives saved in one day

Housed in the Orvis School of Nursing, the Orvis Student Nurses' Association is the University's chapter of the National Student Nurses' Association. Under the guidance of faculty advisor Assistant Professor Shannon Richard, the 192 members of OSNA organize opportunities for professional development and give support to the community. In addition to raising funds to send student nurses to national conferences designed to help them pass the NCLEX, the licensing examination for nurses, the OSNA organizes a monthly community event to help serve an identified population. At various times, they have collected blankets for women's and children shelters and spearheaded clothing drives to benefit agencies like Friends In Service Helping (FISH) in Carson City.

In August, Olivia Sicroff '17 (nursing), then president, and the other OSNA leaders rallied behind student nurse Courtney Curcio's idea to host a health fair to benefit the student population on campus, with a blood drive to follow soon after.

Courtney (class of 2018) says of her motivation



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64 blood donors

66 units of blood collected

190 lives saved

Under the guidance of Associate Professor Shannon Richard (left), the 192 members of the Orvis Student Nurses' Association, including Courtney Curcio (class of 2018) (center) and Olivia Sicroff '17 (nursing) (right), organize events for professional development and community support, including an Oct. 9 health fair (above and left) and Oct. 23 blood drive.

© Shannon Richard



to organize the health fair and blood drive that “our goal is to help other people — whether that is through education or service events — and in this case we really wanted to educate the student body on physical, mental, and emotional health.”

After two months of preparation, Courtney’s vision came to fruition. The Oct. 9 health fair on the Joe Crowley Student Union plaza featured booths and presentations focused on aspects of health and wellness relevant to college students from a variety of departments across campus. Counseling Services shared information on mindfulness and brought therapy dogs, while University Police invited students to wear drunk goggles designed to show them what they would see if they were intoxicated. With the goggles on, they tried to pass field sobriety tests and play corn hole. A poster, Rethink your Drink, showed the sugar content of energy drinks and explained hypertension and diabetes risks associated with frequent consumption of sugary drinks. The E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center staged races on stationary bikes to see who could burn 30 calories the fastest, and Nevada’s Recovery & Prevention (NRAP) program provided information about sober living.

“Holding the event in midday made it easy for people to participate,” Courtney says to explain the success of the event. “We had activities that allowed students to engage in small bursts, like the therapy dogs and the drunk goggles.”

“And it was all interactive,” Olivia adds. “Putting on the drunk goggles and struggling to walk in a straight line helps you understand the consequences of drinking.”

Attendees of the health fair were invited to sign up for a blood drive to follow. Sponsored by OSNA and run by the United Blood Services, the Oct. 23 blood drive saw 64 students donate 66 units of blood. According to UBS representative Nicole Frosini ’15 (communication studies), the blood collected in that drive will save 190 lives.

“We have partnered with Orvis for three years, and it is one of the best groups we work with,” Frosini says. “Being nurses, they are very committed to the cause, and they come through with their commitments. The University as a whole is our largest mobile blood drive partner. In 2016-2017, the University community donated 1,200 pints of blood, saving 3,600 lives. In northern Nevada, we need 125 pints of blood a day. Thanks to volunteers like Olivia and Courtney and the rest of the University community, blood is reliably on hospital shelves. The entire system is based on good will, and it actually works.”

Courtney, who will graduate in May, says of her involvement in OSNA and outreach efforts like the health fair and blood drive, “We want to be nurses outside of the hospital, too. That’s why we do these events. We want to help.”

The strength of the wolf is the pack

Every member of the Pack has something to offer every other member of the Pack, and the students at the University understand that we are stronger, collectively and individually, when we work together. Vice President Shannon Ellis is proud of the role the students in these stories (and the many others all across campus) play in in the success of their peers.

“Students who participate in mentoring and tutoring programs are really saying, ‘I want you to have what I have. I understand chemistry, and I want you to understand chemistry.’ That is a meaningful and powerful perspective to have on education,” Ellis says. “Not only do these tutors and mentors solidify their own knowledge, but they also establish a culture of sharing. Fundamentally, these programs show that we can accomplish more when we work together by sharing what we know.”

Olivia Sicroff, who recently graduated and is beginning her career of service as a nurse, agrees: “Everybody grows by putting others in front of themselves.”

Not even Rudyard Kipling could have put it any better. **N**



For more information, on these programs, visit:

The Clarence & Martha Jones Family Foundation Tutoring Center:
<https://www.unr.edu/tutoring-center>

The Marshall R. Matley Foundation Disability Resource Center:
<https://www.unr.edu/drc>

The Nevada Career Studio:
<https://www.unr.edu/career>

The Student Cadet Program:
<https://www.unr.edu/police/about-police-services/student-cadet-program>

Campus Escort:
<https://www.unr.edu/campus-escort>

Orvis Student Nurses’ Association:
<https://www.unr.edu/nursing/students/osna>

“Just call me Joe”

Joe Crowley • 1933-2017

Joe Crowley began his tenure on campus with a temporary appointment in the political science department in 1966. After completing his Ph.D. from the University of Washington, he was offered a fulltime contract, and in 1975 became chairman of the Department of Political Science and chair of the Faculty Senate.

Crowley gained prominence as a well-respected professor and faculty leader at a time when the entire state system for higher education was in turmoil: In 1977-78 alone, the chancellor for the Nevada System of Higher Education resigned, a community college division president lost his job, and University President Max Milam was ousted. “At a time of tumult when he first became president,” University President Marc Johnson recalled recently, “he re-established a sense of order on our campus and created a stronger sense of statewide respect for our institution. He did so with a rare sense of personal grace that endeared him to an entire generation of students, faculty and staff at the University, and made him a beloved figure in our community and our state.”

Crowley was named interim president in 1978, but his journey to the presidency remained uncertain. “For three months, it was incredibly difficult,” Crowley recalled in an interview in 1998. “Just a crazy time.” Then he paused and smiled, “in retrospect, it was great preparation for the job.”

Crowley had some allies in his corner, though. Regent Bob Cashell '76 (honorary degree) – later Nevada's Lieutenant Governor and Mayor of Reno – led a group of insurgent regents who pushed to have Crowley's name added to the list of finalists for the position of University president. Prominent members of the University's faculty also came forward in support of Crowley.

Ultimately, the hard work of Crowley and his supporters paid off, and he was appointed fulltime president on March 23, 1979.

President Joe Crowley made historic inroads in all three aspects of the University's mission - teaching, research and outreach - by listening and building consensus, then developing strategic relationships both on and off campus.

“He will listen you to death,” commented Professor Emeritus James Richardson in an interview for the Silver and Blue in 1998. “He's disarmingly quick at grasping things. He doesn't mind admitting he doesn't know everything. He makes people feel at home. He doesn't speak down to them. It seems trite to say this, but he doesn't take himself too seriously. He woke up one day, he was president, and that was it.”

Professor Emeritus Jim Hulse '52 (journalism), '58 M.A. (history) added: “Joe and his people made a convincing case that this was a place people could invest in, and the last 12 or 13 years of his presidency were some of the most productive in the University's history.” Hulse added, on a more personal note, that on more than one occasion he had stomped in a huff over to Crowley's office in Clark Administration, only to be disarmed by Crowley's ability to listen intently, and, at exactly the proper and needed moment, inject

Joe Crowley was the 13th president of the University of Nevada, Reno, from 1978-2000, and served longer than any other University president. Dr. Crowley passed away at the age of 84 on Tuesday, Nov. 28, following a hospitalization for pneumonia at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Joy, and four children, Theresa, Neil, Margaret and Tim. Dr. Crowley's record of accomplishment remains the standard by which all of the institution's presidents will be compared, and he will be sorely missed.





Joe Crowley while cross country skiing at Royal Gorge, California, in the early 1980s.

some wry humor into the conversation. “I know sometimes I’ve gone over to his office angry or annoyed, and he provided a kind of safety valve. He was a good listener, and a reasonable facilitator,” Hulse remembered.

The relationships he built stretched from disparate corners of the state – and of the state’s politics – and included champions of the University in the legislature such as the late Nevada State Senator William Raggio ’48 (political science), ’11 (honorary doctor of humane letters), a master of the budgetary process who quickly grasped the value of the University as a key to economic diversification in Nevada - a message Crowley spread far and wide.

As the University’s achievements grew, so, too, did Crowley’s stature grow nationally. He was president of the NCAA from 1993-95. It was during this time that the NCAA enacted numerous far-reaching reforms, making it more accountable by putting power in the hands of the university presidents.

“Joe helped lay this important groundwork, and of course didn’t demand any credit for having done so,” said Richard Lapchick, internationally known human rights activist and director of the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sports. “But that’s typical of my friend. He prefers to quietly get things done.”

Crowley had the remarkable skill to combine pragmatism with the cultivation of personal relationships to such a degree that he was known as the “Velvet Hammer” in some circles. “Joe had the guts to tackle the issue head-on,” Lapchick said.

In 2007, the University paid homage to Crowley’s service with the opening of the Joe Crowley Student Union. “The Joe” is a fitting namesake that serves as the hub of campus community, fostering diversity, camaraderie and pride in the University.

“Joe was honored that he would be remembered on campus,” recalled Jeff Champagne ’07 (information systems), who was the ASUN president who championed for the new student union to be named after Dr. Crowley. “But the truth is, it was our thank you to him for 23 years of service that always put students first. Dr. Joe broke down



THE FILE ON JOE CROWLEY
1933 - 2017

JULY 9, 1933
Born in Oelwein, Iowa.

1933

Received bachelor’s degree in political science from University of Iowa.

1959

Married Joy Reitz.

1961

Received master’s degree in social science from Fresno State University.

1963

Joined University of Nevada, Reno political science faculty as a one-semester, \$3,500-per-year temporary replacement.

1966

In retirement, Crowley pursued his love of poetry and published a collection, *Hats off to the Cap*, in 2016. He also attended 13 semesters of Gailmarie Pahmeier's poetry workshop.

“In all those years that Joe was a member of our student poetry community, he was always ‘just Joe.’ He was one of us. His generous and inspiring presence was a gift to all, and he will always be present in the hearts, minds, and works of those students lucky enough to have known him as a classmate.”

—GAILMARIE PAHMEIER,
University lecturer and Reno's first Poet Laureate



Oct. 17, 1981 Groundbreaking ceremony of Lawlor Events Center: Erma Lawlor (center), Governor Robert List '80 (honorary award), University President Joe Crowley, State Legislator Bob Barengo and Chancellor Robert Bersi Athletic Director Dick Trachok '49, '54 M.A., Board of Regents President Bob Cashell '76 (honorary award), former Governor Mike O'Callaghan, Regent John Tom Ross '51.

the traditional barriers that sometimes exist between the administration and student government. He was a community builder at heart, who was passionate about bringing students, faculty and staff together in a common mission to develop the University into the world class institution that it is today.”

“Joe valued good writing, often bringing his own essays during his political science professor days to the newspapers for publication, recalled Professor Emeritus and Foundation Trustee Emeritus Warren Lerude '61 (journalism). “Joe had a love affair with the written word that he would develop through the decades ...”

“A dear friend and mentor ... Joe brought civility, brains, wit and calm to a campus, a community and a world that need it more than ever, said John Brodeur '72 (journalism), University of Nevada, Reno Foundation trustee emeritus.

“He presided over the University with poise, class, and integrity and I am proud to have been one of the countless students served by this remarkable man,” remembered Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval '86 (English), whose friendship with



President Joe Crowley with award recipient State Senator Bill Raggio in the fall of 1999.



President Joe Crowley and Senator Harry Reid standing in front of the Harry Reid Engineering Laboratory at the building's dedication ceremony Nov. 3, 2000.

Given full-time contract at University of Nevada, Reno as political science professor.

Received doctorate in political science from University of Washington.

1967

Delegate to Democratic National Convention.

1972

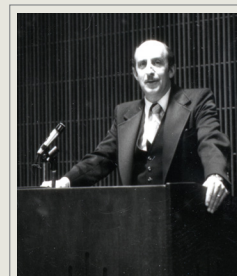
Chairman, University of Nevada, Reno political science department.

1976-78

FEBRUARY 24, 1978

Appointed acting University of Nevada, Reno president.

1978



MARCH 23, 1979

Appointed University of Nevada, Reno president.

1979

Named outstanding Alumnus of the Year at Fresno State University.

1989



University President Emeritus Joe Crowley and his wife, Joy, at the opening of the Joe Crowley Student Union Nov. 15, 2007.

Crowley dates back to Sandoval's time on campus as a student in Crowley's political science class. (Crowley, even as president, made it a point to teach at least one class a year.) "I was fortunate to consider him a mentor and will always remember his quiet dignity and strength of character," Sandoval said.

The University experienced unprecedented growth under President Crowley's direction: he strengthened relationships in northern Nevada by coming to a better and more pragmatic understanding of the needs of the community the University served, he recruited faculty who helped fortify and broaden the institution's national and international reputation, and he re-instilled in the campus a sense of its historic mission as the state's land-grant institution, which in turn led to a statewide impact never achieved before.

Under President Crowley's leadership, student enrollment grew from 7,500 students to 12,500; budgeted faculty grew from 1,211 to more than 1,800; and research reached an all-time high of \$87 million in 2000. Fundraising, which hit a then-high-water mark of \$3.7 million in 1983, brought in \$124.5 million with the University's Century Campaign from 1990-95, and when Crowley left office in 2000, was exceeding \$28 million annually.

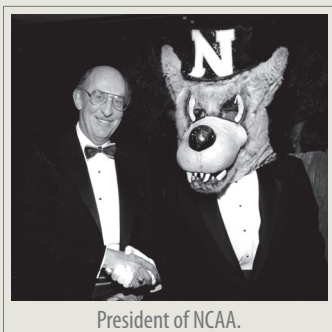
And although the campus is essentially land-locked on a bluff above downtown Reno, Crowley was still able to expand facilities and buildings on campus at an astounding rate – a full 50 percent of the University's facilities through 2000 had been acquired or built during Crowley's 23-year tenure.

One of the members of the Board of Regents during Crowley's tenure, Jill Derby, said in 2000, "The University of Nevada is unrecognizable today compared to what it was like when Joe started. The whole University has gone to a new level with him at the helm."

Among his many contributions to the University and the community are initiatives to launch a National Public Radio station and a public television station (KNPB), as well as founding the College of Human and Community Sciences and the Reynolds School of Journalism.

“ I learned a great deal from Joe as he was a great mentor. And while our political backgrounds differed, we had great respect for each other. The University and the state of Nevada lost a wise and thoughtful educational leader and a really great guy!”

—FRANK FAHRENKOPF '62
*University of Nevada, Reno
Foundation Trustee Emeritus*



Wrote the book "No Equal in the World: An Interpretation of the Academic Presidency."

University of Iowa Distinguished Alumni award winner.

Received Honor of Merit from the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.

Wrote the book "The Constant Conversation: A chronicle of campus life."

Stepped down as University of Nevada, Reno president.

Served as coordinator of Nevada System of Higher Education's legislative activities.

1993-95

1994


1998

2000

2001



“Joe Crowley will be remembered as one of the finest presidents in the history of our University,” said President Marc Johnson. “He will be spoken about in the same breath as some of our most influential figures in the history of Nevada. Today we mourn his loss, we remember his legacy, and we offer sincere condolences to Joe’s wife, Joy, and the entire Crowley family.”

In closing, we fondly recall Crowley’s Four P’s: “Be patient. Be persistent. Know that pain will be a frequent companion. Maintain that sense of humor that comes with having a broad perspective, the kind that makes room for both human heterodoxy and human genius, and allows you to laugh at yourself.” 

(Front row) Marie Magera, Mike Magera '92 MBA, Margaret Crowley '87, Joe and Joy Crowley, Regina Crowley, Chase Crowley. (Back row) Annie Magera, Stacey Crowley, Tim Crowley '92, Ryan Magera, Colleen Crowley, Theresa Crowley, Gracie Crowley, Neil Crowley '88 and Ben Crowley.

  visit unr.edu/nevada-today/news/2017/joe-crowley for more.

Joe and Joy Crowley ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Crowley family has requested that a scholarship be established in Joe and Joy’s names and has asked that memorial gifts be made to the Joe and Joy Crowley Endowed Scholarship Fund. Gifts in Dr. Crowley’s memory and Joy’s honor can also be directed to:

The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation
Mail Stop 162
Reno, NV 89557-0162

  unr.edu/giving

 To learn more about contributing to the Joe and Joy Crowley Endowed Scholarship Fund, contact John Carothers, vice president of development and alumni relations, at (775) 784-1352 or jcarothers@unr.edu.

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Served as interim president of San Jose State University.

2003-2004

Wrote the official centennial history of the NCAA, “In the Arena: The NCAA’s First Century.”

Served as interim president of University of Nevada, Reno.

2006



Joe Crowley Student Union dedicated in his honor.

2007

Received Iowa’s Hancher-Finkbine Alumni Medallion.

2012

Publishes first book of poetry, “Hats off to the Cap.”

2016

WHAT I'VE LEARNED



Donald and Carolyn Bernard

Community advocates, Philanthropists, Wolf Pack supporters

From a conversation with Director of Donor Relations, Keiko Weil '87. Donald and Carolyn Bernard are native Nevadans, proud graduates of the University of Nevada, Reno, and longtime Wolf Pack supporters. Don was born in Reno and raised in Pioche, Ely and Carson City. He received his B.S. in political science from Nevada in 1958 and attended graduate school at the University of Denver in Colorado. He is currently chairman of Bernard Holdings & Capital Group, a real estate and securities holding company. He has served on numerous national and state boards, and is currently chairman of the Estelle J. Kelsey Charitable Foundation. Carolyn is a fourth generation Nevadan, born in Yerington. She received her B.S. in elementary education from Nevada in 1982. She has been an educator, chairman and associate of numerous boards and charitable organizations, and is a strong advocate for volunteerism and philanthropy for underprivileged children and senior citizens. She was elected to the National Board of the Assistance League's 22,000-member organization. She has been Vice Chairman of the Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation since 1986, and was elected Chairman in 2015. Together the Estelle J. Kelsey Charitable Foundation and Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation make grants to deserving Nevada charities in the approximate amount of \$2 million annually.

What are you most proud of?

We are most proud to have raised two very successful children, both graduates of the University of Nevada, Reno — Don Bernard '85 (speech communication) and Cobi Bernard Hess '83 (elementary education). Our children have produced six outstanding grandchildren, five of whom are college graduates, including two from the University of Nevada, Reno. Our youngest grandchild is currently a sophomore at Nevada. And, we have a beautiful great-granddaughter in Southern California.

We take great pride in the fact that we came from very humble backgrounds and upbringing, and were fortunate to achieve a high degree of financial independence through perseverance, hard work, sacrifice and trying to make a better world for our family, friends and community.

What have you learned?

Fortunately, our parents instilled in us the notion that a college education was not an option but a necessity. If we were to fulfill our dreams and aspirations, college was something we would automatically do following high school. We met at the University of Nevada, Reno —

Don was a senior and SAE, and Carolyn a sophomore and Pi Beta Phi. The attraction was immediate. The following year when Don returned from graduate school in Denver, we were married. The rest is history. Happiness is finding contentment in your life. Looking back at where you've been, what you've done, and where you are going. There are always trials and tribulations that will fall in your path. Doing your best to overcome these obstacles makes for a life that you, your friends, and your family can be proud of.

What advice would you give those just starting out after college?

Students who graduate often have no idea what they will be doing in life, and in many cases, even if they are aiming for a particular profession, chances are they will end up in a job or career totally different than what they envisioned. With that in mind, our advice for students just starting out after college is to work hard, keep an open mind, take advantage of any and all opportunities that fall in your path, maintain your integrity, and be honest, trustworthy and caring to others. If you do all that, the odds of having a very successful and rewarding life are extremely high.

“Happiness is finding contentment in your life.”

GATHERINGS



School of the Arts Fundraiser

A fundraiser was held to support the School of the Arts May 11 at the home of Roger and Liza Norman. The evening reception included faculty performances and exhibits.

📷 Theresa Danna-Douglas

- 1** *Tierra Bonaldi, Foundation Trustee Emeritus Louis Bonaldi '75, '77 M.D. and Jeff Hurwitz.*
- 2** *Roger Norman, Janett Weber and Franz Weber.*
- 3** *College of Liberal Arts Dean Debra Modellmog, Susanne Pennington, Liza Norman and Roger Norman.*
- 4** *Dolora Zajick '76, '78 M.A., Assistant Professor of Music Albert Lee and Lynne Gray.*

Discover Science

The College of Science welcomed Mick Hitchcock '17 (honorary doctor of humane letters) April 5 for the final Discover Science lecture of the year. Dr. Hitchcock worked for more than 30 years in the biopharmaceutical industry, applying science to solve some of the most pressing issues of our time. Dr. Hitchcock is a University of Nevada, Reno Foundation trustee and recipient of a 2018 University Service Award. 📷 Theresa Danna-Douglas

- 5** *Foundation Trustee Emerita Joan Zenan, Lois Snedden and Foundation Trustee Ann Ronald.*
- 6** *Foundation Trustee Dean Byrne '04, Maureen Rovig, Foundation Trustee Emeritus Dan Rovig and Foundation Trustee Mick Hitchcock '17 (honorary doctor of humane letters).*
- 7** *Julie Cole, Judy Cole '73 M.Ed. and Jill Winter.*
- 8** *Rich DeLong and Dean of the College of Science Jeff Thompson.*

Distinguished Nevadan

The 2018 Distinguished Nevadans, President's Medalists and honorary degree recipients were celebrated at a ceremony in Morrill Hall May 18. 📷 Theresa Danna-Douglas

- 9** *Joyce Anderson Bock was named a 2018 Distinguished Nevadan.*



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10 John and Foundation Trustee Emerita Catherine Farahi. John was awarded an honorary doctorate. **11** Foundation Trustee Ken Creighton '75, who was awarded the President's Medal, with Foundation Trustee Emeritus Chuck Mathewson and honorary degree recipient Stacie Mathewson.

Engineering Spring Celebration

The annual College of Engineering Spring Celebration was held May 8 at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino to honor outstanding students, faculty and staff. 📷 Theresa Danna-Douglas



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12 Jeff Ceccarelli '76 with Charlotte and Dick McConnell. **13** Dick '66, '71 M.S. and Suzi (Natucci) Reynolds '66 with Nigel Bain. **14** Bob Goff '73, Atam Lalchandani, Kathie Priebe and Mike Hess. **15** Leonard and Foundation Trustee Sara Lafrance '73 with College of Engineering Dean Manos Maragakis.



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Mackay Banquet

The Mackay Banquet was held May 4 at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino to celebrate donor generosity, outstanding faculty and student accomplishments of the Mackay School of Earth Sciences & Engineering. Thank you to Barrick for sponsoring this great event. 📷 Theresa Danna-Douglas

16 Foundation Trustee Dennis Bryan, Sharon Maginnis '76, '87 M.A. and Mark Evtz '88, '99 MBA. **17** College of Science Dean Jeff Thompson, Michele Thompson and Doug Graham. **18** Foundation Trustee Emeritus Keith Lee '65, Provost Kevin Carman, Susan Welsh and Professor Graham Kent.



Harry Reid Public Engagement Lecture

19 The Inaugural Harry Reid Public Engagement Lecture was held April 3 in the Joe Crowley Student Union, featuring former Nevada U.S. Sen. Harry Reid and former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. Moderated by Assistant Professor of History Hugh Shapiro, the lecture was open to the public and discussed bipartisanship and public service. Theresa Danna-Douglas

Scripps Dinner

The 54th Annual Scripps Dinner and Lecture was held April 9 in the Joe Crowley Student Union and featured national NPR correspondent Leila Fadel. Theresa Danna-Douglas

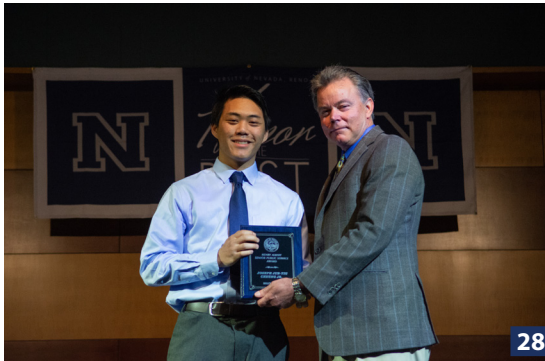
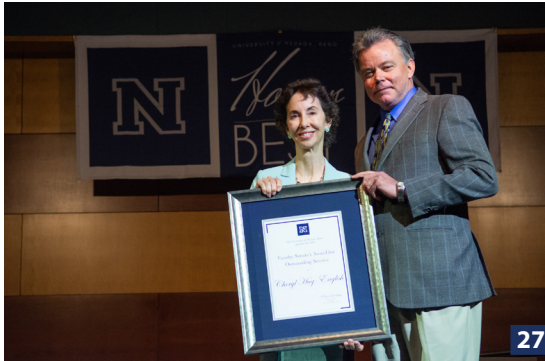


20 Leila Fadel is a national correspondent for NPR covering culture, diversity and race. **21** Carol Wilson, Robin Joyce '83, '04 M.A., Lynn Purdue '87 and Madeline Purdue. **22** Guest Speaker Leila Fadel, Scripps awardee Madeline Purdue and Karina Gonzalez, Scripps Foundation President Liz Carter, Dean Alan Stavitsky, Scripps awardee Mikaella Alvarez, Cindy

Scripps. Back row: Ed Scripps, Scripps awardee Ryan Suppe, President Marc Johnson, Will Scripps and Scripps awardee Karolina Rivas.

23 Sheila Lynn '66, '91 M.Ed. and Ronda Bachtell '66, '83.





24 Jackie Leonard '71, Barbara Trainor, Kristin Loebbecke and Associate Director of Development Laurice Antoun-Becker.

25 Assistant Professor of Journalism Sheila Peuchaud, Sherry Bailey and Professor Ceasar Andrews, the Leonard Distinguished Professor in Ethics and Writing at the Reynolds School of Journalism.

Honor the Best

Each year, University leadership, faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends gather to honor the achievements of those who display the dedication and commitment that make the University an outstanding institution. The 2018 Honor the Best ceremony was held May 16 in the Joe Crowley Student Union. 📷 David Calvert '12

26 Mira Seekins and Provost Kevin Carman. Mira was awarded the R.O.T.C. Governor's Award.



27 Cheryl Hug-English '78, '82 M.D. and Provost Kevin Carman. Cheryl was awarded the Faculty Senate's Award for Outstanding Service. **28** Provost Kevin Carman awarding Joseph Jun-Yiu Cheung Jr. the Henry Albert Senior Public Service Award. **29** Kevin McReynolds with his parents Kevin and Cynthia, and grandmother Ivone. Kevin was awarded the Thornton Peace Prize for his work to diversify local police forces.

30 NSHE Regent Carol Del Carlo '72 with Academic Advising Coordinator Natalia Rudi '13 M.A., who received the Regents Academic Advisor Award, Provost Kevin Carman and NSHE Regent John Moran. **31** University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Chair Joe Bradley '78, 2018 Foundation Professor Wendy Calvin and Provost Kevin Carman.



Caring for future caregivers

Emmanuelle Garcia, UNR Med Class of 2018, received a scholarship from the William N. Pennington Foundation to attend medical school.

📷 Jamie Kingham '93

William N. Pennington Foundation increases support to provide full tuition scholarships for medical students from northern Nevada.

by ANNIE FLANZRAICH '07

Michael T. Lee '16 (biochemistry and molecular biology) always knew his dream of becoming a doctor would involve finding the financial means to do so. But that didn't stop him from applying to be part of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine's class of 2021.

"I'm going into this profession because I want to do it," Lee said. "I want to help people, and I want to change our community."

Lee would need to take out loans and use other means to pay for the tuition, fees and other costs associated with medical school. As part of his acceptance package, he was offered a scholarship from the William N. Pennington Foundation that would cover all of his tuition and fees.

"I had a huge sense of relief," Lee said. "It lifted me, because I was afforded an opportunity to finally see my dream come true

without having that financial burden in the back of my mind."

Since its establishment 14 years ago, the William N. Pennington Foundation Medical Scholarship has provided more than \$1 million dollars to more than 60 northern Nevada students in UNR Med. The award has aimed to attract and retain promising young physicians to practice in our community and ensure quality medical care in the region. The Pennington Foundation recently made a gift to increase the impact of the scholarship. The support allows the UNR Med admissions committee to attract and retain northern Nevada's highest achieving students as well as support deserving students with significant financial need.

While the Pennington Foundation has given medical student scholarships since 2002, the organization dramatically increased the amount it will provide in 2017. The foundation will now support five students in the class of 2021 at \$28,000 per year – an amount that fully covers tuition for UNR Med students.

"Studies show that medical students who have more school debt are more likely to experience stress, burnout and emotional exhaustion," said Dr. Cherie Singer, UNR Med associate dean for student affairs.

UNR Med is ranked among the nation's top 20 most affordable medical schools; however, students still graduate with an average of \$135,788 in debt. The foundation's increased commitment means a potential \$112,000 re-

duction in debt for recipients in the class of 2021.

The foundation also increased the annual scholarship for four students from each of the classes of 2020, 2019 and 2018 from \$10,000 to \$28,000.

Emmanuelle Garcia, a scholarship recipient and member of the class of 2018, said she was "flabbergasted" when she opened her scholarship letter.

"I am overwhelmingly grateful," Garcia said. "I can't even conceive having all of my tuition paid for."

With this increase in giving, the Pennington Foundation helps UNR Med get closer to the goal of covering 50 percent of student expenses with scholarships. In 2016, scholarships covered about 36 percent of student expenses.

Providing scholarships of this magnitude also increases a student's continued connection to the northern Nevada community and the likelihood that they'll choose to stay and practice here one day.

"We want to grow our own, so to speak," Dr. Singer said. "The larger part of that is keeping them connected to this community."

As for Garcia, she plans to practice medicine in northern Nevada and pay it forward.

"I know that in the future I will give back as well," Garcia said. "Where I am now would not be possible without donors giving back to the school. And that's something I hope to do too one day."

Giving is a learning experience

Student Outreach Clinic provides medical students early patient interaction while benefitting the medically underserved.

by ELLYN (MORRILL) KIRTLEY '13, '17 M.A.

Dr. Tim Baker '04 M.D., associate dean of medical education and practicing general internist on the UNR Med faculty, says he will always remember the first time he diagnosed a patient as a first-year student at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine.

“As part of my medical education with my preceptor [physician mentor], I was instructed to take a patient’s history and conduct an initial exam. Been sick a few days. Got it. Fever. Okay. I still remember listening to the patient’s lungs. Normal, normal, normal. Fine. Then, wait. That’s different.”

As a first-year medical student, Dr. Baker heard something strange, and as part of the patient’s medical team, he was able to diagnose the patient with pneumonia. Years later, the local physician and UNR Med educator still recalls this moment. For the first time, he experienced what it was like to be a doctor.

Clinical experience, such as Dr. Baker’s, is an integral part of the medical school curriculum. In the first semester, medical students spend hours in labs and lectures learning how to be doctors. In their second and third semesters, they go out into the community on clinical externships — preceptorships — with clinical community faculty mentors to see what it’s like first-hand. Then they are in the classroom to hone their skills for the second semester of their second year, then back out in the community for clerkships in their third and fourth years. They’ve learned the skills. Now it’s time to put them to work.

Outside of this curricular process is the student-run Student Outreach Clinic (SOC), where even first-year students gain valuable experience while providing invaluable medical services such as general sick visits, wellness checks, physicals, specialty testing, gynecological exams and immunizations to those with limited or no access to health care. The clinic operates solely on grants and philanthropic donations, keeping medical care free to those it serves. It receives no federal or state funding, and everyone — from the front desk staff to the supervising licensed

physicians — are volunteers.

The student-run, volunteer nature of the SOC is what makes it a truly special and unique facet of the medical education offered at UNR Med.

Department of Family Medicine Chair Daniel Spogen, M.D., emphasizes this uniqueness, “There are other free clinics across the nation, but most are faculty-run. That has a different flavor to it: The students rotate through like a required rotation. Students don’t run these clinics, so they don’t get an idea of practice management. They also lose the volunteer aspect of giving back to the community.”

Few can reflect on the beneficial aspects that UNR Med’s SOC offers medical students who volunteer their time better than second-year medical student and SOC Executive Director Ryan Johnson. As a bright, charismatic aspiring physician, Johnson had many choices when deciding on a medical school and says the SOC was a factor in that decision.

“The advantage that the SOC gives UNR Med is the early hands-on clinical training right from the onset of medical school, an opportunity rarely found elsewhere. After being in school for less than two weeks, I was already working under the supervision of advanced fourth-years getting histories and practicing physicals. The immediate integration of classroom concepts

in a setting with real patients is an incredible system and not something other schools provide so early. For me, it was one of the most alluring attributes of UNR Med.”

In addition to practice management and the practical application of classroom concepts, Johnson explains how the SOC helps promote an inter-class community at UNR Med:

“When first, second, third and fourth-year medical students all work together in a clinical setting, there is a top-to-bottom continuity that links the whole school together,” says Johnson. “Underclassmen are eager to learn, and upperclassmen are eager to teach. At any given clinic, a fourth-year medical student might be surrounded by a handful of less advanced students for personalized clinical learning.”

The SOC also connects UNR Med students and faculty to the community.

“Every clinic brings new patients, but we also see patients who have relied on the clinic for a number of years,” Johnson says. “We know these patients by name and have felt the impact the SOC has had on their lives.”

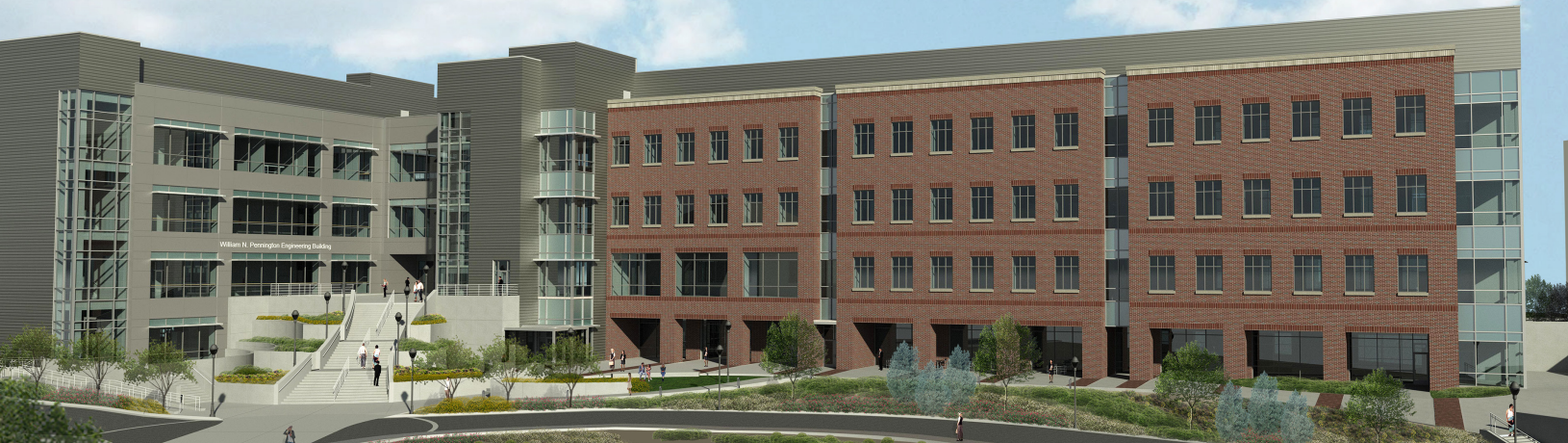
While maintaining the demanding schedule of a typical medical student, including regular curriculum-based preceptorships, Johnson explains why his involvement with the SOC is so important in his overall medical education:

“It is easy to remain passionate about a cause when you see the effect it has each day. The people we treat are always so grateful. At every clinic, medical students continually grow and learn to become better care providers. I believe in what we do and the positive impact it has on the community. The SOC has also provided me a tremendous platform upon which to grow as a leader while simultaneously providing a means by which to give back to the locally underserved.”

Ryan Johnson is a second-year medical student and executive director of the Student Outreach Clinic.

by Elyn (Morrill) Kirtley '13, '17 M.A.





Support for the William N. Pennington Engineering Building grows

by CURTIS VICKERS '07 M.A.

Community and alumni support for the planned William N. Pennington Engineering Building, expected to break ground as early as fall 2018, continues to grow. Recently, Jerry and Roxie Enneking have made a gift in support of the building, and Brian S. Lent '93 (computer science) also made a pledge to the project.

The 94,000-square-foot, \$85.8 million William N. Pennington Engineering Building is designed to allow faculty and students plenty of space to conduct research, interact with each other across departments and invite local industry leaders in to collaborate as well. The new building will include more than 40 new offices as well as more than 40 research labs, including a Class 100 clean room laboratory that reduces air contaminants from 500,000 parts per cubic foot down to 100. The clean room allows for research in biosensing and nanotechnology that is not otherwise possi-

ble on campus. It will enable the college to recruit top-caliber faculty in fields such as biomedical engineering, materials science and engineering, chemical engineering, and mechanical engineering.

“The Pennington Engineering Building is an important way the College of Engineering is responding to increased demand for highly qualified engineers in the developing industries that call Nevada home,” says College of Engineering Dean Manos Maragakis. “Receiving support from both an exceptional alumnus like Brian and outstanding community partners like Jerry and Roxie demonstrates a real commitment to our faculty, staff, students and graduates.”

Since their arrival in northern Nevada 15 years ago, Jerry and Roxie Enneking have supported Wolf Pack athletics, student-athlete scholarships, and University building projects, including the recently opened E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center. At the Oct. 19 Homecoming Gala, the Nevada Alumni Association

honored them with a University Service Award in recognition of their generosity.

A graduate from the University's honors program and the recipient of the R. Herz Gold Medal in 1993, Lent served as Director of Information Technology at Amazon.com and is now the chief technology officer at HERE Technologies, a real-time data analytics company. In recognition of his career accomplishments, Lent was awarded the 2015 Scrugham Medal.



To learn more about supporting the William N. Pennington Engineering Building, please contact Flynn Ginty, director of development, at (775) 682-7696 or fginty@unr.edu; or Scott Krizman, assistant director of development, at (775) 682-7695 or skrizman@unr.edu.



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Above: Rendering of the south view of the William N. Pennington Engineering Building. Courtesy H+K Architects

Left: Brian S. Lent '93, chief technology officer at HERE Technologies, has pledged support to the William N. Pennington Engineering Building. The 94,000 square-foot building is expected to break ground in fall 2018. Courtesy Brian Lent

Right: Patron members of the University's Honor Court, Jerry and Roxie Enneking have been staunch supporters of the University since they moved to northern Nevada 15 years ago. Recently, they made a gift in support of the William N. Pennington Engineering Building.

Theresa Danna Douglas





Senator Richard H. Bryan '59 establishes public service award

by CURTIS VICKERS '07 M.A.

Senator Richard H. Bryan '59 (pre-legal) has recently established the Richard & Bonnie Bryan Family Public Service Award Endowment. To reward students who have a demonstrated record of civic engagement, the award will be presented annually to an undergraduate by the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN).

As an undergraduate at the University, Senator Bryan served as president of ASUN during the 1958-1959 school year. At that time, he met Bonnie (Fairchild) Bryan '61 (psychology) and began a loving relationship that would last 57 years, until her passing Aug. 30, 2016.

After graduating from the University of California Hastings Law School, Senator Bryan's elected positions include two terms in the Nevada State Assembly, two terms in the

Nevada State Senate, Nevada Attorney General, two terms as Governor of Nevada and two terms as U.S. Senator from Nevada. In 1995, he was honored as the University's Alumnus of the Year, in 2001 he received the University's Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, and in 2011, he was recognized by the Nevada System of Higher Education as a Distinguished Nevadan.

During Senator Bryan's political career, Bonnie supported her own causes, from children's literacy to teen DUI prevention to the creation of Great Basin National Park. In 2005, she received the Lifetime Community Achievement Award from the Junior League of Las Vegas. Throughout her professional and personal life, Bonnie was known for her warmth and her tireless service to her community.

"Richard and Bonnie's contributions to the University and to the state of Nevada cannot be overestimated," John Carothers, vice president of development and alumni relations, said.

"From their time as undergraduates through their careers of service, they each showed the desire and ability to lead. The establishment of this award to nurture future community leaders is a fitting way to honor Richard and Bonnie's own spirit of service."

The first recipient of the Richard & Bonnie Bryan Family Public Service Award will be named at an event in April.

To learn more about supporting University students, please contact John Carothers, vice president of development and alumni relations, (775) 784-1352 or jcarothers@unr.edu.

Senator Richard Bryan '59 and the late Bonnie Bryan '61 with their grandchildren at the 2016 unveiling of the Senator Richard H. Bryan statue between the University Quad and the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center.

Theresa Danna Douglas



Through donations in memory of the late Willem "Wim" Houwink, the Willem Houwink Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence Endowment in the College of Business and the Willem Houwink Memorial Endowed Scholarship have been established.

Courtesy the University International Business and Economics

Wim Houwink honored with memorial endowments

by JOANNA TRIEGER

The late Willem "Wim" Houwink, a professor of economics in the University's College of Business from 1957 to 1983, has been honored with the establishment of two endowments: the Willem Houwink Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence Endowment in the College of Business and the Willem Houwink Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

Born in Meppel, Holland in 1920, Houwink excelled in both athletics and academics and was the youngest graduate in his high school class and held the highest grade point average. During World War II, he was a member of the Dutch underground resistance and was arrested by the Gestapo in 1942 and interned in the Nazi-controlled Dachau concentration camp from 1943 to 1945. The experience instilled in Houwink a respect for moral strength and character that defined the remainder of his life and career.

At Nevada, Professor Houwink was an energetic and engaged faculty member who maintained lifelong friendships with many of

his students. In the wake of his death in 2016 at the age of 95, the University received many donations in his memory from former students, colleagues and community members who had known him as an extraordinary mentor and friend, including Larry '64 (political science) and Colleen Struve '69 (English), '76 M.A.

In June 2016, a number of Houwink's lifelong friends gathered in Reno to celebrate his life. "The prevailing memory of Wim centered not on the specifics of what he taught us but on how he made us feel confident, capable and purposeful. It significantly enhanced our careers and life choices," said Larry Struve.

To contribute to the Willem Houwink Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund or the Willem Houwink Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence Endowment in the College of Business, please contact Mitch Klaich, director of development, (775) 682-6490 or mklaich@unr.edu.

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Felicity Muth receives L'Oréal Fellowship

by PATRICK HARDIN '17

Felicity Muth, a postdoctoral biology scholar at the University of Nevada, Reno, was chosen as one of only five women in the nation to receive the prestigious L'Oréal USA For Women in Science Fellowship in 2017. This fellowship has only been awarded 75 times since its creation in 2003 and has awarded more than \$3.5 million in grants.

Muth's grant will be used to continue her work studying the effects of pesticides

on the cognition of bumblebees. Muth noted that some of the most recognized pesticides "have sub-lethal effects on bumblebees. It doesn't kill them, but it impairs them and affects their cognition." She enjoys studying the effects pesticides have on bee cognition because "not only is it interesting from an intellectual standpoint, but it has real-world consequences."

The grant will help fund outreach programs to interest young women in science. In the past, Muth has worked with Girl Scouts

Felicity Muth pipetting in the Mount Rose meadows for her research into the effects of pesticides on bees.

📷 Courtesy L'Oréal

of Sierra Nevada and Nevada Bugs and Butterflies to introduce her research to young students.

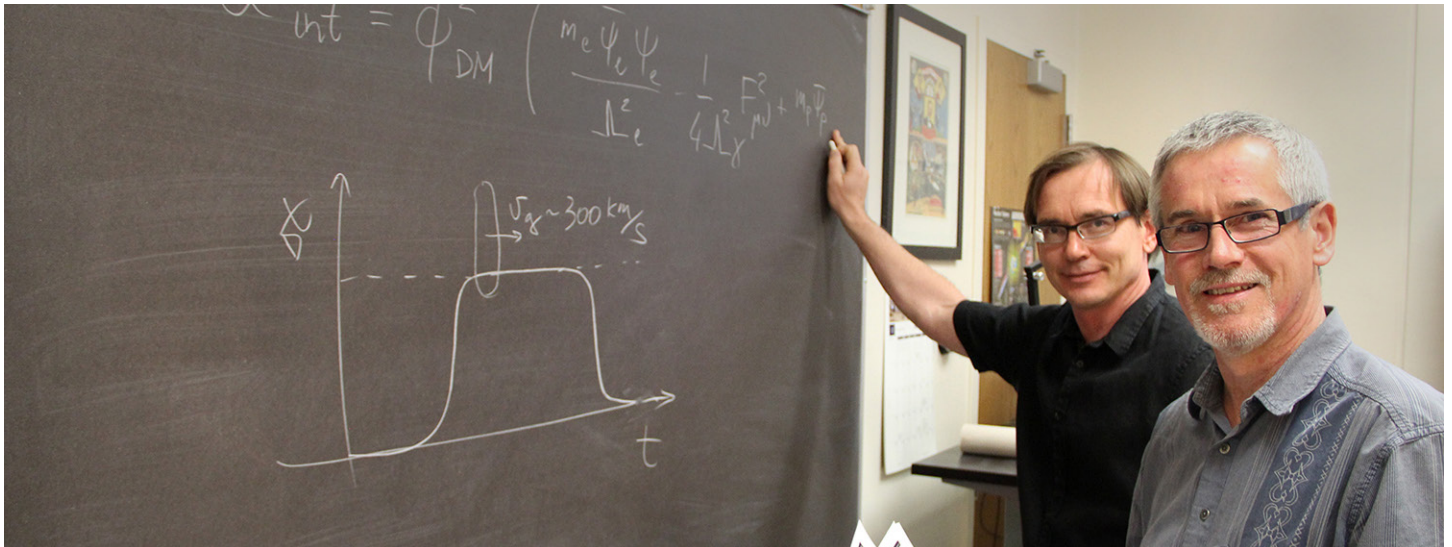
While this fellowship was awarded to Muth, she stresses this isn't an individual effort. Anne Leonard, an assistant professor of biology, is the reason Muth gives for moving from Tucson, Ariz., to Reno for her post-doc research. "I am really lucky to receive this award, but research hardly ever happens because of one individual," Muth said. "I have great colleagues and strong support."

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One step closer to dark matter

GPS satellite atomic clocks on the hunt

by MIKE WOLTERBEEK '02

-campus collaboration brought together a quantum physicist and a geophysicist to look for particles. One professor who studies the earth and one who studies space came together in the pursuit to detect and define dark matter. Using 16 years of archival data from GPS satellites, physics Professor Andrei Derevianko and geosciences Professor Geoff Blewitt looked for dark matter clumps in the shape of walls or bubbles and which would extend far out beyond the GPS orbits and the solar system.

Dark matter makes up 85 percent of all matter in the universe. While there are multiple astrophysical evidences of dark matter, its nature remains a mystery. Many forms for dark matter have been hypothesized, and Derevi-

anko and Blewitt posit that this form of dark matter, arising from ultralight quantum fields, would form macroscopic objects.

“We are another step closer to discovering how to detect dark matter and ultimately to define more accurately what it is – what kind of particle it is” Derevianko said.

“Instead of spending billions of dollars to eliminate some plausible dark mater models, we repurposed some common tools (GPS atomic clocks) we use every day for basic, fundamental science to look for the answers to this great mystery – to devise our own planet-sized dark matter detector.”

The Earth is speeding through the Milky Way dark matter halo at 300 kilometers per second, or one-one thousandth the speed of light. Dark matter clumps are estimated to take three minutes to cross the GPS constellation.

Professors Andrei Derevianko, inaugural holder of the Sara Louise Hartman Professorship in Physics, left, and Geoff Blewitt of the College of Science explain their research to discover how to detect dark matter, and ultimately to define more accurately what kind of particle it is.

Mike Wolterbeek '02

“It’s like a wall moving through a network of clocks causing a wave of atomic clock glitches propagating through the GPS system at galactic speeds,” Derevianko said. “The idea is that when the clump overlaps with us, it pulls on the particle masses and forces acting between the particles. Mind you, this pull is really weak, otherwise we would have noticed it. However, ultra-sensitive devices like atomic clocks could detect such pulls.”

They looked for the predicted patterns of clock glitches as the earth and the satellites moved through the halo of dark matter in the galaxy. The data came from the 32 satellites in the 31,000-mile-wide GPS network and ground-based GPS equipment, collected every 30-seconds for 16 years.

An article of the team’s work was published in the journal Nature Communications.

University addresses rural teacher shortage

by NICOLE SHEARER '03

More than 30 people from across Nevada attended the state’s first Nevada Rural Education Summit Sept. 15 at the Winnemucca Convention Center, an initiative spearheaded by College of Education Dean Ken Coll, in partnership with Great Basin College. The summit was designed to build a bridge between higher education and the rural school districts, assist with the teacher shortage in Nevada’s rural communities, and continue looking for ways of changing Nevada’s image as it pertains to education.

“Our goal with this summit was to gener-

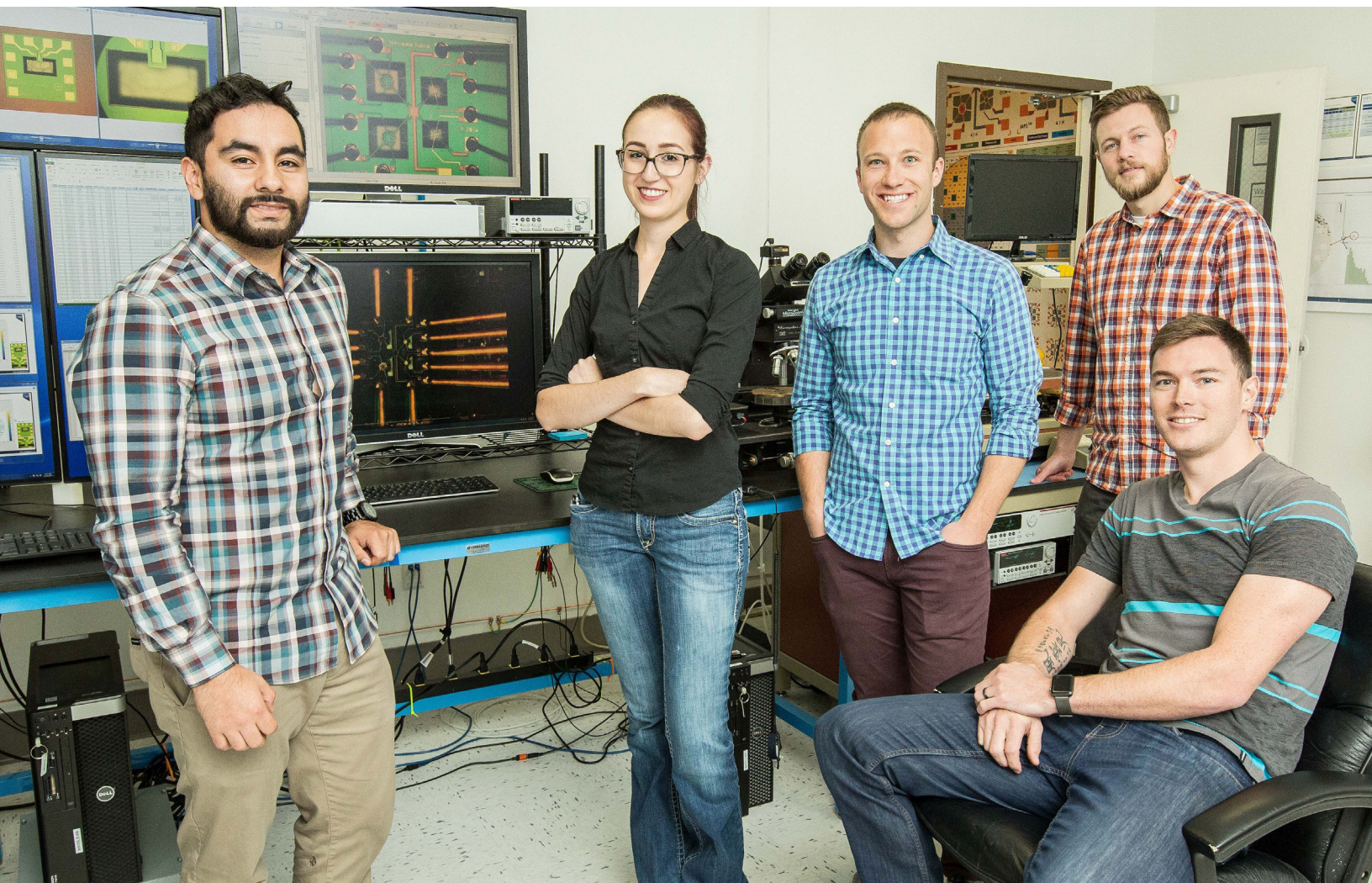
ate concrete, tangible goals to create incentives and interest in higher education at the K-12 level and to then bring those students back to the rural communities as highly qualified teachers,” Coll said. “If there’s incentive to go back, we know rural students are likely to return.”

Within the College of Education, only 10 percent of students are from rural Nevada. One of the goals that came out of the Summit is to look at ways to increase that number. While some Nevada rural school districts offer signing bonuses and respectable starting salaries, district officials say that is often not enough.

There are currently 100 open positions across Nevada’s rural school districts and, according to Coll, this leaves a gaping hole that needs filling.

Three goals were identified from the Summit to further explore how best to assist rural Nevada communities’ education and teacher pipeline and retention: 1. Financially support student teachers in rural districts. 2. Award dual credit in high school to promote the teaching. 3. Establish incentives to work in rural districts.

In the coming months, Coll and a working group will explore the possibility of each.



Nevada alumni, Nevada technology, NevadaNano

by JANE TORS '82

NevadaNano, an advanced manufacturing business based in Sparks, is using discoveries licensed through the University to develop digital technologies to analyze odors.

Digital Scent is an advanced gas sensor that detects, identifies and measures hazards such as explosive, toxic or carcinogenic gases. NevadaNano's Molecular Property Spectrometer solution integrates an array of chemical sensors on a single silicon chip and brings gas sensing to the Internet of Things.

A recent infusion of \$18 million in second-round investor funding supports NevadaNano's continuing development and market launch of the next generation of sensors

that can be used in homes, offices and outdoors to monitor exposure to hazardous gases and enable people to take action to protect their health. Using University-developed technology, these sensors can detect trace levels of gases at a lower price point with high levels of performance.

The team of 39 includes many University alumni. Of the 20 engineers employed at NevadaNano, 12 are alumni of the University's College of Engineering.

"Being able to recruit excellent UNR science and technology graduates and consult leading researchers has been instrumental in achieving our vision," said NevadaNano President Ralph Whitten.

While an assistant professor at the University, Jesse Adams, NevadaNano co-founder

and current technical advisor, led the University-based research that resulted in the licensed technologies. Launched in 2004, NevadaNano was one of the first startups to grow out of the University.

"Seeing a faculty-developed and research-based technology move onto the market and have a role in the creation of high-tech jobs is very rewarding," said Mridul Gautam, vice president for research and innovation at the University. "The NevadaNano story is a strong example of how the University is having not only regional impact, but national and global impact as well."

Grads at work: NevadaNano uses technologies developed at the University by a team of University alumni, including J.J. Hernandez '16, Rachel Bowe '17, Robby Liebherr '08, '11 M.S., Jacob Owens '14 and Alex Woods '13, '16 M.S.

Theresa Danna-Douglas



STEM education for all

by MIKE WOLTERBEEK '02

Efforts to increase opportunities for Nevada's Hispanic community in STEM careers received a boost by the National Science Foundation with a \$300,000 grant award to the University of Nevada, Reno. The pilot program will help build a sustainable and diverse workforce-development pipeline for Nevada's emerging science, technology, engineering and mathematics industries.

David Shintani, associate dean in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources, is the lead researcher on the project to establish outreach, academic, career and community support to increase the participation of low-income, first-generation college students from underrepresented groups

in Nevada's growing STEM economy.

The project represents a partnership between Washoe County School District, Truckee Meadows Community College, the University of Nevada, Reno, Charles River Laboratories and the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development.

"This program will allow Hispanic students the opportunity to earn advanced degrees while working part- and full-time at STEM companies," Shintani said. "The program is built on Nevada's LEAP framework, which leverages company and educational resources to offset college cost and ensure continued career and academic advancement for Hispanic students from a high school diploma to a bachelor's degree and beyond."

Kristina Klette '04, '09 Ph.D. of Hamilton Robotics in Reno demonstrates one of the robotic automated liquid handling stations in the lab, located in the Howard Medical Sciences Building.

Robert Moore

High school graduates from Washoe County Career and Technical Education programs with training in human and veterinary health sciences will be employed by Charles River Laboratories and at the same time be enrolled in a STEM degree program at TMCC or the University.

"With all the high-tech companies coming to Nevada, it's essential that we develop a sustainable STEM workforce that represents the demographics of the state," Shintani said. "All Nevadans should have the opportunity to benefit from our state's new tech economy."

We have a great team built that has the resources, vision and determination to make Nevada a leader in developing a diverse workforce in high-tech jobs."

Engaged Learning

by ANNE McMILLIN

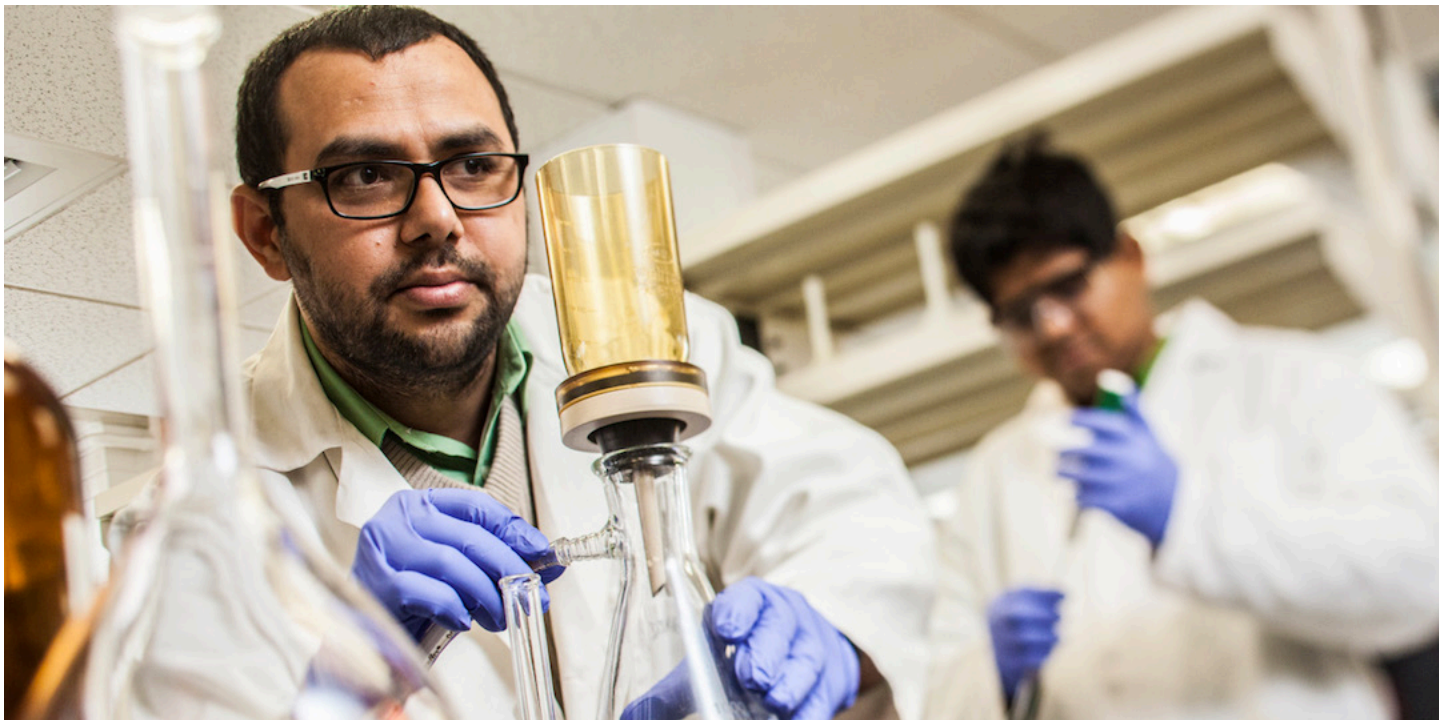
A year after piloting an online course in effective teaching practices, the University is more fully implementing a new, evidence-based teaching program that encourages instructors to make classrooms more engaging, civil and embracing of diversity.

The Association of College and University Educators' online Course in Effective Teaching Practices will train both junior and experi-

enced faculty across campus in techniques to enhance students' engagement with the learning process.

"We are asking faculty to slightly change the 'outside' of their curriculum; it is a different way to do what professors already do," said Beth Leger, associate professor in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources, a co-facilitator for the course.

Juliana Lessa Sacoman, molecular biology lecturer, said the course urges instructors to become more engaged with students by memorizing their names and learning something about their passions, interests and career goals. "There is better engagement and the topic is relatable to students if they can connect with it based on their own background and experiences."



Nevada doctoral candidate earns Department of Energy scholarship

Dinesh Adhikari is the first Nevada student to receive the Department of Energy Student Award for his research in the coupled biogeochemical cycles of iron and organic carbon soils.

📷 Jeff Dow

by NICHOLAS RUGGIERI, Class of 2018

College of Engineering doctoral candidate Dinesh Adhikari is the first Nevada student to receive the prestigious Department of Energy Student Award and the Soil Chemistry Convener's Award. Both awards come as a result of research in the coupled biogeochemical cycles of iron and

organic carbon in soils.

Along with the Department of Energy award, Adhikari has received the Department of Energy Office of Science Graduate Student Research scholarship, which aims to prepare graduate students for careers in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics by providing research opportunities at the Department of Energy laboratories.

While Adhikari's five-month research stint at the DOE laboratories won't begin until spring of 2018.

Adhikari presented his research at the Soil Science Society of America's annual meeting in Tampa Bay, Florida, in October as one of the three recipients of the Soil Chemistry Convener's Award. The award recognizes Adhikari's work in iron redox reactions.

Graduate certificate in cybersecurity

STAFF REPORT

A new graduate certificate program in cybersecurity at the University emphasizes developing real-world cybersecurity solutions. The program is open to current graduate students and working professionals, and teaches students to identify cybersecurity risks and work in teams to develop appropriate, user-friendly protection and response options. Students in the program will not only use existing approaches when resolving cybersecurity threats but learn to create new ones, particularly solutions relevant to the challenges that face small businesses.

The Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity

will use an interdisciplinary approach to provide students the essential domain knowledge to address evolving cybersecurity challenges.

Cyberspace is a dangerous place, and none of the regulatory or market-driven attempts to improve security over the past twenty years have made matters better. Thus cybersecurity remains a "grand challenge," one that calls not just for technical solutions, but requires the skillful blending of business, engineering, scientific, sociopolitical, and strategic expertise.

The certificate requires four courses: Computer Science 650, Fundamentals of Integrated Computer Security; Information Systems 670, Computer Security, Controls, and Information Assurance; Political Science: Problems in American Public Policy; Criminal Justice 740: Crime and Criminal Justice.



Shamik Sengupta is associate professor and executive director of the Cybersecurity Center, which uses an interdisciplinary approach to provide students with essential knowledge to address evolving cybersecurity challenges.

📷 Jamie Kingham '93

📱📄 To learn more about the new graduate certificate and how to apply, visit the University's cybersecurity certificate website at www.unr.edu/cybersecurity/education/graduate-certificate.



Hall Cushman joins CABNR by ROBYN FEINBERG, Class of 2018

Hall Cushman has been hired as professor and department chair for CABNR's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Science.

 Robyn Feinberg

Hall Cushman joins the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources as professor and department chair for the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Science.

Before coming to the University, Cushman spent 23 years as a professor in the California State University system at Sonoma State

University.

Cushman received his bachelor's degree from Marlboro College in southern Vermont, and continued his education at the University of Arizona, where he received his master's in ecology. He completed his doctorate at Northern Arizona University, and completed post-doctoral fellowships in England, Australia

and California.

Cushman looks forward to his time at the University and working within CABNR.

"This is an incredible department of scientists who are truly making a difference in the world," he said. "So, the opportunity to be the chair of this department, or even a member of this department, was really attractive to me."

School of Community Health Sciences

by ANNE McMILLIN

After becoming an independent academic unit last summer, the School of Community Health Sciences, under the leadership of founding dean, Dr. Trudy Larson, has ambitious plans to grow and further address the social determinants of health for Nevadans.

Among its first priorities as an independent school is to grow the numbers of faculty, graduate students and master of public health programs in each of the core areas of public health, and doctoral degrees while engaging in more robust research and community service.

"Our online MPH program launched last January and we had 33 students enrolled last semester. To meet demand, we enroll students in each of our three semesters every academic year," Larson said.

The fastest-growing program of late is the undergraduate community health sciences major, which now boasts approximately 2,000 students. Enrollment swelled when the school took in about 600 pre-nursing undergraduates, offering them an academic home as they work toward a bachelor's degree.

With such robust growth in its programs, Larson embarked on an ambitious hiring effort, adding five faculty members this academic year with plans to hire six more in 2018-19.

Other immediate initiatives are re-engage alumni, develop more student internships, raise its awareness in the community and pursue additional research opportunities.

Community Health Sciences students Stephen Page and Marissa Houston conduct a community assessment at Pagni Park in Sparks.

 Anne McMillin



Back to the Pack

by CHAD HARTLEY '03

After a successful professional basketball career of more than a decade, Brian Green '16 (community health sciences) found himself at a bit of a crossroads. Back in the United States, after years of playing in Spain, New Zealand, Australia, China and Bosnia, Green was ready to hang up the basketball shoes for good and enter a new stage of his professional life. He encountered a few roadblocks, however.

"I was 20 years removed from college and looking into different job opportunities,"

Green said. "But when you don't have a degree, you eliminate yourself.

Your character, your ability and your work ethic can only take you so far."

A highly successful player in the 1990s for the Wolf Pack, Green was invited to a training camp with the NBA's Phoenix Suns in 1996. He was cut from the team and headed back to Reno to finish coursework for his degree and had about two semesters of work to do.

Three weeks into the semester, he received a call from his agent. A team in the Philippines offered a contract for \$14,000 a month. He dreamed about playing professional basketball and a team overseas was offering that chance. His academic advisor at Nevada, Maureen Cronin, warned him that the longer he took to finish, the harder it would be to come back.

"She planted that seed in my head and I never forgot it," Green said. "When I was playing, I always remembered that."

Cronin and Green kept in touch during his professional career. As she changed jobs at the University — she now works in the registrar's office — she kept Green's file with her.

In 2016, Green made the choice to finish what he started. He had nine classes to complete his degree in community health sciences. After a couple

of online courses, he realized he missed the atmosphere of being on a college campus, so he came back to Reno to complete the remaining coursework. Now in classes with other students half his age, Green put his life experience to work.

"With age, you realize how much easier things come to you when you prepare for them," Green said. "My perspective was way different this time around. Preparation is huge. Test anxiety goes away when you are prepared. It's just like basketball — the game is easier when you practice more. So I took the time to get ready. My life experience helped."

On a beautiful spring day in May, Green, age 43, walked across the stage in the University's quad and finished what he started.

"I can't even put in to words what that feeling was like," he said recently. "My mother was there and my brothers were there. I saw instructors that I had back in the 1990s on the stage that day. To share it with my family and Maureen was just something else.

"I've been waiting 20 years to call myself an alum, and now I can."

While back in Reno, Green spent time with the Wolf Pack basketball teams.

His playing days long behind him, he has different professional



"I've been waiting 20 years to call myself an alum, and now I can."

Brian Green '16 played Wolf Pack basketball in the 1990s. He came back to campus to complete his degree in community health sciences in 2016.

Theresa Danna-Douglas

aspirations now. He purchased a partnership in a sport equipment manufacturing company years ago. With a degree in hand, he's considering pursuing a doctorate in physical therapy. But he also hasn't ruled out coaching.

"I follow all the games," said Green, who lives outside of Atlanta. "When I went back there to finish, Coach (Eric) Musselman and his staff welcomed me back with open arms and let me watch practice and I went to all the games. I spent a lot of time trying to learn from him as a coach – his player development abilities are amazing."

Green is not the only former Wolf Pack basketball player who has returned to campus to finish his degree in recent years.

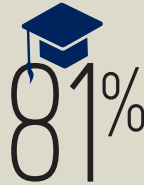
Men's basketball player Ronnie Stevens '17 (general studies) and former football players Stephon Jefferson '14 (art) and Maurice Harvey '17 (general studies) are among those who have come back to earn degrees. **N**

Former Nevada basketball star Brian Green '16 lit up Lawlor in the 1990s before spending more than a decade playing professionally overseas. Twenty years after his days with the Wolf Pack, he returned to campus to complete his degree.

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Updates



Nevada posts record-high Graduation Success Rate

Student-athletes at the University of Nevada are graduating at a record-high rate of 81 percent, according to the NCAA's annual Graduation Success Rate report announced in November.

The record mark shows a two-point rise from last year's score of 79 percent in the Graduation Success Rate and the 81 percent tops the previous high-water mark of 80 percent, which the Wolf Pack had twice hit previously.

"Our student-athletes strive for excellence in competition and in the classroom, and we are proud of their successes, achievements and accolades," Athletics Director Doug Knuth said. "We are unwavering in our support of the academic mission of our great University and are thankful for the commitment and support from the campus administration and the academic units. Our coaches and staff maintain a focus on academic achievement."

This is the 13th year that the NCAA has calculated data for the GSR and the Wolf Pack's rate has risen nine times in that span. The Wolf Pack's first score was 62 percent in 2005 and the GSR has risen steadily since. Overall, Nevada has seen more than 800 of its student-athletes graduate in the past dozen years.



Blue Tie Ball

The Blue Tie Ball is one of the premier social events in northern Nevada. Now in its ninth year, the scholarship gala supports student-athletes at the University. Black tie attire is required and tickets are on sale now starting at \$250. This year's event will once again be held at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno. For more information, call (775) 682-6901.



50th Governor's Dinner

The annual Governor's Dinner, the Wolf Pack's signature summer event held each year at the Governor's Mansion in Carson City, will celebrate its 50th year in 2018. An announcement about the featured guest will be made soon. For more information, call (775) 682-6901.



SUMMER ON CAMPUS

ACTIVITIES, CAMPS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The University of Nevada, Reno strives to leverage the knowledge, resources and talent on campus for the advancement of the community. The University hosts or co-sponsors a wide variety of summer youth camp programs and other family-centered activities to promote a culture of cooperation and connection. Here's a list of the top northern Nevada summer camps and activities for children, adults and families.

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

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

CHILD AND FAMILY RESEARCH CENTER DAY CAMP, for children ages 5-10. Call (775) 784-6762 or visit www.unr.edu/education/centers/cfrc.

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

ENGINEERING SUMMER CAMPS, for students age 12-18. Call (775) 784-6925, email ebozsik@unr.edu or visit www.unr.edu/engineering.

FLEISCHMANN PLANETARIUM AND SCIENCE CENTER, programs and exhibits for all ages, call (775) 784-4812 or visit www.planetarium.unr.nevada.edu.

GIRLS MATH AND TECHNOLOGY CAMP, for girls entering grades 7 and 8. Visit www.unr.edu/girls-math-camp.

KIDS UNIVERSITY, an educational day camp for children entering grades 2-8. Call Extended Studies, (775) 784-4062 or visit <http://kidsu.unr.edu/>.

LAKE TAHOE MUSIC CAMP, for musicians entering grades 8-12, dates available at www.unr.edu/ltmc. Contact Chris Money at Extended Studies, (775) 784-4046 or cmoney@unr.edu.

MOVIES AT THE JOE, dates vary. Call the Joe Crowley Student Union, (775) 784-6505, or visit www.unr.edu/studentunion.

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

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

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE (OLLI), educational experiences for adults 50 and over. Call (775) 784-8053, email olli@unr.edu or visit www.oli.unr.edu.

READING AND WRITING TUTORING at the E.L. Cord Foundation Center for Learning and Literacy for elementary students in first grade and up. Call (775) 784-4951 or visit www.unr.edu/dl/tutoring.

SMALLWOOD MULTIMEDIA BOOT CAMP, rigorous instruction by University faculty and staff using multimedia equipment and software in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center @One Department for a select group of northern Nevada high school students entering their senior year. Following the camp, students will continue to have access to the Knowledge Center's facilities and staff during their senior year of high school. Call Jacqueline Grant, (775) 682-5669 or jackieg@unr.edu, or visit http://imedia.unr.edu/knowledge_center/Smallwood.

SUMMER SESSION, Everyone is invited to take a class during Summer Session; you don't have to be a traditional or degree-

seeking student! Summer Session offers all students the opportunity to learn from renowned University faculty. Find out more online at unr.edu/365/learning-options/summer-session/visiting-or-non-degree-students.

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

PACK PICNICS ON THE QUAD, free and family friendly, co-sponsored by the Nevada Alumni Association and Summer Session. Call (775) 784-4652 or visit www.summersession.unr.edu.

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

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

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2018 Nevada Alumni Council

For 2018, the Nevada Alumni Council will be led by Kris (Perkins) Layman '93 and six executive committee officers. We also welcome six new board members and 21 returning this year (listed to the right).



KRIS (PERKINS) LAYMAN '93
PRESIDENT



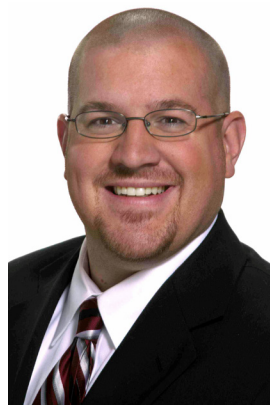
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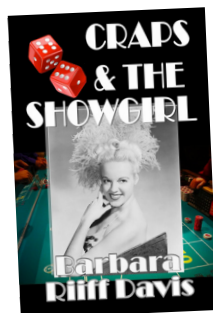
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1950s



While she was a student at Nevada, **BARBARA (BURGESS) DAVIS '58** (speech communications) worked as a dealer in Harolds Club casino. Her book, "Craps and the Showgirl," tells the story of her years in the gaming world and working as a showgirl in renowned shows in the U.S. and South America.

1960s

FRED MCGINNIS '63 (mechanical engineering) and his wife, Rita, are enjoying their golden years visiting their expanding family in Norway. They have three grandsons and six great-grandchildren (three little Vikings and three beautiful girls). After retiring from Boeing, Fred and Rita wandered off on their sailboat, Oracle, for four years, traveling from Seattle to the South Pacific and back to Seattle. Then they traveled by motorhome from Alaska to Mexico and Belize. Fred and Rita live on Bainbridge Island, off the coast of Washington.

1970s

RON COONEY '72 (English) and **BETH (GILLMANN) COONEY '84** (journalism) are proud Nevada alumni, and even more proud of their daughter, **LAUREL (COONEY) WITT '13** (social work). Laurel received her juris doctorate degree in May from the University of Colorado, Boulder,



**LAUREL
(COONEY)
WITT '13**

has passed the Colorado State Bar examination, and now is a licensed attorney. She recently joined the Denver City Attorney's office as the city council and administration fellow. Laurel lives in Boulder with her husband, Jonathan, and their dog, Radar.

N Col. STEWART WYLAND '72 (economics) recently retired after 26 years active duty service and 13 years civil service with the U.S. Army.

MIKE PETERSON '77 (physical education) has been a baseball umpire for the past 34 years, and loves every minute of it. Between the two of them, he and his wife of 11 years, Mary, have five kids and three grandkids. He's looking forward to Mary's retirement next May when they'll get to travel around the country visiting family.



TERRENCE TOBEY '77 (civil engineering) recently joined Lumos & Associates, Inc. as structural engineering division director.



GARY ALDAX '92

during a Council tour of the University's Museum of Natural History, and they immediately hit it off. Tours are open to the public so visit naturalhistory.unr.edu for details.



KENT WILLIAMS '95



VINCE ILLIA '96 (speech communications) has accepted a position as the regional sales manager for Capacity Trucks, Inc., where he'll be responsible for the Western U.S. He has also been a licensed commercial real estate agent since 1999.

1980s



JOSEPH De ANGELIS '85 (accounting) was named Best of the Bar 2017 and Best Lawyers in America 2018! He is a partner at Downey Brand LLP.



MIKE WILHELM '95 (biology) '98 M.S. (civil engineering) has more than 18 years of civil engineering experience. He's worked on countless private and public works projects, and he recently

joined the team at CFA Inc. as principal and engineering manager.

1990s

DR. KEVIN LAZARCHEFF '90 (veterinary science) was recently sworn in as president of the California Veterinary Medical Association, the largest state veterinary medical association in the nation with more than 7,200 members.

Fluffy, meet Gary. **N GARY ALDAX '92** (journalism) is the coordinator of operations and services at the Sanford Center for Aging at UNR Med. He's also served on the Nevada Alumni Council for 4 years. On Dec. 1, Gary met Fluffy the tortoise

After 20 years working as television meteorologist for affiliates of all the major networks in states stretching from Nevada to Georgia, **KENT WILLIAMS '95** (general studies) is now a tenured middle school science teacher in Springfield, MO. His passion for drums, rooted in playing for the Nevada marching and jazz bands, is still strong. Kent is currently playing in Branson, MO at night, and tours with a Jimmy Buffett Trop Rock band during the spring and summer. He is still driving his college car, which received MANY parking tickets from campus police during his Nevada days.

2000s



DANIEL JACQUES '00 (biology), '04 M.S. (secondary education) was recently awarded the prestigious SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service at the State University of New York at Geneseo for his innovative laboratory sciences safety programming and his campus social justice activism. Daniel currently lives in Rochester, NY, with his husband, Brian.



JAMES GIBSON '02 (management) recently joined Balsiger Insurance, an independent agency that provides commercial, personal and benefits insurance throughout Nevada. He serves as a commercial producer, focusing on the company's growth strategy within the common interest community and non-profit industries in Nevada and the surrounding region.



MEGAN MYERS '03 M.A. (journalism) is a 15-year veteran of KNPB Public Television, and she's been named vice president of content and marketing for the station. Megan oversees a team



N Col. STEVE LEWIS '89 proudly wears his Wolf Pack gear outside the Korean War memorial in Seoul, South Korea. Steve is the chair of the Behavioral Health Department at Brooke Army Medical Center and the Social Work Consultant to the US Army Surgeon General.

of nine professionals who create and produce KNPB's award-winning local programs like arEffects and Wild Nevada. Listen for her on air during the station's fundraising campaigns!

This January, **SENA LOYD '07** (anthropology) marks four years as director of the Carson City Library, and she was named Nevada's Librarian of the Year in 2016 during the Nevada Library Association's annual conference in Lake Tahoe. Sena said one of her greatest accomplishments was bringing "Discover Tech: Engineers Make a World of Difference" to the library early in her career. That project transitioned into the creation of the Digiorium and a teaching partnership with Carson High School. She's also been instrumental in lobbying the state Legislature on behalf of libraries across the state.

Just two and a half years ago, **DEPUTY MICHAEL JERAULD '09** (criminal justice) was working as the front desk support specialist with the Carson City Sheriff's Office. Today, he's worked his way to being the newest member of the department's Motor Unit. Michael has been on the bike for nearly two months now, after passing one of the most rigorous training schools in law enforcement. The Motor Unit is used as the traffic management team with the Sheriff's Office, using the bikes to enforce and educate the public on traffic laws and investigate crashes. They're also used as escorts for parades and processions.

2010s



KELSEY DORY '14 (marketing) just joined Whittier Trust Company of Nevada as a marketing associate. Before that, Kelsey worked in marketing for the local casino industry.

MORGAN THACKER '16 (journalism) and **TYLER BAUMGARDNER '15** (mechanical engineering) took the ride of their lives on StartupBus, a mobile accelerated startup business incubator, and they won 2nd place! Their company, DropIn Pedals, makes cycling accessories, and after the ride on the StartupBus they have customers from all over the world waiting to purchase their products. Morgan and Tyler met on the Nevada ski team and were able to jump start their entrepreneurial journey with the help of the Reno startup community.

DR. MERRILYNE LUNDAHL '17 Ph.D. (English) has been hired as the new professor of English at Southern Oregon University. Dr. Lundahl teaches a young adult literature class at both the undergraduate and graduate levels while also participating in the Oregon Writing Project in Jackson County. 📖

Wolf Mates



NATALIE (SAVIDGE) FRY '04 (journalism) and her love, Seth Fry, were married July 7 at Lavender Ridge in Reno. They are looking forward to a love-filled life with Seth's two daughters, Addy and Eden.



ESPERANZA (GARCIA) GRADOVILLE '07 (health ecology) married Rob Gradoville Jr. on August 4 in Berkeley, Calif.



NICK CLAUS '12 (journalism) and **KELSEY (HAND) CLAUS '12** (journalism) were married June 24 in Incline Village.

Sports Illustrated recently awarded **COLIN KAEPERNICK '10** (management) with the Muhammad Ali Legacy Award for his steadfast pursuit of social justice. He was also named the 2017 Citizen of the Year by GQ magazine. As a WolfPack football player, Colin was named the Western Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year twice. He went on to play for the San Francisco 49ers until 2017 when he became a free agent.



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Jesse '09 (civil engineering) and Aubree (Bussa) Carlson '12 (neuroscience), '14 (nursing), '17 MSN welcomed their baby, Clay Carlson, born Aug. 10.



Todd '07 (biology) and Brittney (Ballard) Davis '08 (computer science) welcomed their first child, Emma Mae Ballard, on January 31, 2017.

Blakely Scarlett

Chris Ferguson '07 (business administration) and Allison Dansby-Ferguson '17 MJM welcomed their baby, Blakely Scarlett, born November 11, 2016.



Connor

Brooklyn Joiner '11 (management), '14 MBA and Patrick Walsh welcomed their baby, Connor, born July 15.

Chenay Pointer-Bueltel '08 (anthropology) and Chris Bueltel welcomed their baby Max Everett, born June 25. Max joins big sister Evey.

Ellenie Hope

Jocelyn Weart '02 (biology) and David Farkouh are so happy to announce the birth of Ellenie Hope on September 8.



Kyla Belle

Jay and Erin (Winter) Harrelson '04 (journalism) welcomed baby Kyla Belle, born on April 30, 2017.



Max Everett



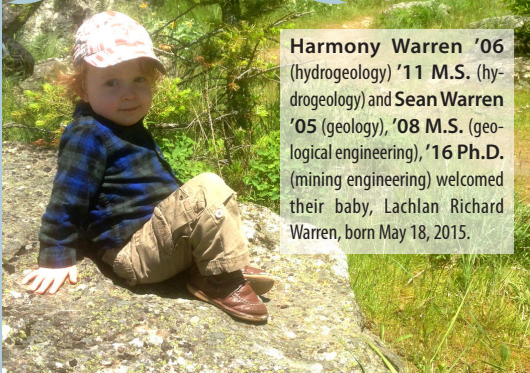
Benjamin Russell

Lauren (Eshenbaugh) Knight '17 BSW and Abram Knight announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Russell Knight, on June 30.



Lachlan Richard

Harmony Warren '06 (hydrogeology) '11 M.S. (hydrogeology) and Sean Warren '05 (geology), '08 M.S. (geological engineering), '16 Ph.D. (mining engineering) welcomed their baby, Lachlan Richard Warren, born May 18, 2015.



Colleen Cynthia



Shelby (Moore) Watty '13 (biology) and her husband, Matt, welcomed their daughter, Colleen Cynthia, on May 25.

Nevada Alumni Association Celebrates Fall 2017 Senior Scholars



FRONT ROW: Jonathon Mills, Alexandra Tierney, Carlene Burnett, Julian Phan, Amy Taylor, Janey Mellum. **BACK ROW:** Miguel Arucan, Katherine Hepworth, Elizabeth Pringle, Sandra Olguin, Keith Dennett, Matthew Weber, Melanie Minarik, Alexander Howe, Katharine Schweitzer, Glynn Swain. Not Pictured: Adrienne Edwards and Bob Ives.



Nevada Alumni Council President Kris Layman '93 with Julian Phan '17, Amy Taylor '03 M.Ed. and Provost Kevin Carman.



Miguel Ashley Arucan '17 with his parents, Alex Arucan and Evelyn Huerta.



Alexandra Tierney '17 with her family, Angela, Ann and Adt Paemai.



Family, friends, college deans and University administrators joined the Nevada Alumni Association to recognize

graduates with one of the most prestigious awards at the University — the Senior Scholar distinction. The event honored the top graduating student with the highest grade-point average in their respective school or college. Also recognized were the mentors selected by each scholar as having the greatest impact on their studies.

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE,
BIOTECHNOLOGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES**
Scholar: Julian Phan
Mentor: Amy Taylor '03 M.Ed.
GPA: 4.0

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Scholar: Jonathon D. Mills
Mentor: Bob Ives
GPA: 3.983

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Scholar: Matthew Ryan Weber
Mentor: Keith Dennett
GPA: 3.926

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
Scholar: Glynn Swain
Mentor: Adrienne Edwards
GPA: 4.0

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
Scholar: Alexandra Tierney
Mentor: Elizabeth Pringle
GPA: 4.0

**DONALD W. REYNOLDS
SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM**
Scholar: Miguel Ashley Arucan
Mentor: Katherine Hepworth
GPA: 3.754

**SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY
HEALTH SCIENCES**
Scholar: Alexander Erick Howe
Mentor: Melanie Minarik '08 Ph.D.
GPA: 3.94

ORVIS SCHOOL OF NURSING
Scholar: Carlene Burnett
Mentor: Sandra Olguin '01, '10 MSN
GPA: 3.969

THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Scholar: Janey Mellum
Mentor: Katharine Schweitzer
GPA: 3.93

Kris (Perkins) Layman '93
President, Nevada Alumni Council

When the Wolf Pack went to the NCAA Tournament Sweet Sixteen in 2004, Kris Layman and her family were there. "At first we only had three tickets," she recalls, which posed a problem because there was no separating her family of four from seeing that game together. "It was a frenzy. Everyone was scrambling at the last minute for game tickets, flights, hotel rooms. It was crazy." She called everyone she knew trying to get that ticket, finally getting it from Matt Ochs' mom. Matt Ochs '04 (social studies) was the student assistant coach for the team, which was inducted into the Nevada Athletics Hall of Fame in 2016. "Because of the Wolf Pack, March Madness went from something fun to watch to something fun to live. Even though we lost that game, it was such an amazing feeling – the fans, everyone in one place rooting, such an incredible energy."

Kris got her first season tickets out of necessity – she needed to get her new baby out of the noisy student section and a little further away from the band. Obviously, NOT going to the games wasn't an option. Wolf Pack athletics is a way of life for Kris, and twenty two years with season tickets comes with a lot of memories. But as the teams change – new students, new coaches, new athletics directors – the fans stay the same. "Once you're an alum, you're part of this huge body of people with amazing passion for our University."

Kris has served on the Nevada Alumni Council for five years, and is the 2018 council president. When her friend, Rita Laden '96 Ed.D., asked her to join the council, she was initially reluctant. "She badgered me to join, actually, and I ultimately did so out of duress. I just didn't want to sit on another board." But it didn't take Kris long to realize the Nevada Alumni Council is different. "Teams win and lose, but when you focus on the University, it's always a win. It's not just about campus; it's about our home."

Continuing that focus on the University and our home is Kris's goal as council president this year. She sees the alumni council as a tool to rekindle the connections between alumni and the University. And just as alumni are woven into the fabric of our larger community, so too is the University and the council intertwined with Nevada's business, academic and athletic communities. Kris looks forward to seeing those connections strengthened and to invite alumni and friends back to campus through events, Wolf Pack games, and other opportunities to be engaged.

- by CARRIE BUSHÁ '06

CHAPTER UPDATES

Visit all our alumni chapters online > unr.edu/alumni/chapters
and be sure to follow them on facebook!



^ Nevada Football Alumni Association members and friends at the end-of-year team banquet at the Eldorado Resort Casino Nov. 25, 2017.

Nevada Football Alumni Association Matt Airoidi '94, mairoidi@gobluesteam.com

The Nevada Football Alumni Association held tailgates in the Nevada football alumni section of Mackay Stadium for six home games this season. Former Wolf Pack quarterback Jeff Rowe '06 was inducted into the University of Nevada Hall of Fame, and at Homecoming, we honored the 1992 Football team that won a Big West Championship. Then, we brought back the end-of-year Banquet to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2017 Football team.

Coach Norvell started a new tradition, Wolf Pack Walk, for all Nevada football alumni and takes place before every game. This is a fun way to engage with the current team and blend the history and the future of Wolf Pack football. We encourage you to check it out during the 2018 season.

The 4th Annual Poker Tournament is tentatively planned for late April. For more updates and events, stay in touch on Facebook and Twitter (@NevadaFBAlumni).

Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter Elliot E. Sparkman '04, eesparkman@gmail.com

This fall we celebrated our 7th consecutive Homecoming tailgate, which included a visit from the current team. Thank you to our generous sponsors: Creative Coverings, Camelot, Famous Dave's, Anheuser Busch and Stoli. We also participated in a pregame field introduction and had a block of seats together to cheer on the Pack!

We are still fundraising for our Drive for 25. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for our scholarship endowment by February, which once fully funded, will provide one \$1,000 scholarship per year. You can donate online at unr.edu/alumni/chapters/cheer.

Nevada Skiing Alumni Chapter Laurie Beck '86 M.A., laurieb@unr.edu

Nevada Skiing Alumni Chapter held its first social in many years this past August, at the 'Lil Wal of course. We also held the annual Ski Swap at the Reno Convention Center. Please watch your email for upcoming events, including a fundraising social and an alumni ski day featuring a ski race challenging current team members to beat former racers. So, dust off your racing gear and start training — the gauntlet has been thrown before you! Email Laurie for more information.



^ The AAPI Alumni Chapter at the 2017 March from the Arch Oct. 14.

Asian American Pacific Islander Alumni Chapter Yann Ling-Barnes '12 M.S., Nevada.aapi.alumni@gmail.com

The Asian American and Pacific Islander Alumni Chapter held the 4th Annual Mystery Bus Tour Sept. 22. It was a night of fun surprises, delicious food and tasty beverages! This event raised more than \$2,500 for the AAPI alumni scholarship, which is presented to an undergrad each spring. We also hosted our annual fall Sushi Social at Hinoki Sushi. This May we will be co-hosting the AAPI Graduation Celebration with The Center, Every Student. Every Story. Hope to see you all there!



^ Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter members and friends at the Nevada vs. UNLV watch party Nov. 25. Nick Claus '12, Emily Watson '12, Kelsey Claus '12, Travis Brewer LaChapelle '11, Marina Lawler and Kent Lawlor.

Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter Nick Claus '12, nrclaus@gmail.com

The Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter held a watch party for the Nevada vs. UNLV football game Nov. 25, and a few lucky Nevada fans went home with bottles of "Behind Enemy Vines," a custom, member-made wine. And everyone went home happy the cannon will be staying blue another year. GO PACK!



▲ Veterans Alumni Chapter leadership during a ceremony at the Nevada Department of Veterans Services Sept. 25 where they were honored as Veteran Supporter of the Month. Past President Zachary Totans '14, '17 MBA, Veterans Alumni Chapter founding president and current treasurer Cesar Melgarejo '13, '16 MPA, Vice President Troy Stormoen '10, President Donald Stockton '13, Governor Brian Sandoval '86, Veteran Service Commission Chairman Bill Baumann, Veteran Service Commission member and Gold Star mother Sally Wiley.

Veterans Alumni Chapter

Zack Totans '14, ztotans@gmail.com

The Veterans Alumni Chapter was recognized in September as the State of Nevada's Veteran Supporter of the Month. The board was on hand to receive this honor from Governor Brian Sandoval '86 and the Nevada Department of Veterans Services.

November proved to be a busy month as the chapter gathered for Engage - Veteran Professionals, their first ever entry in the Veteran's Day Parade, and the Battle for the Fremont Cannon Tailgate Party.



Native American Alumni Chapter

Stephanie Wyatt '12
swyatt1031@gmail.com

The Native American Alumni Chapter kicked off Native American Heritage Month by participating in NB3 Fit week with 91 other Native communities across the U.S. The mission of NB3 Fit week is to encourage youth to be active every day. The NAAC hosted a youth basketball clinic with special guest Coach Eric Musselman.

As part of our partnership with Nevada Athletics, we partnered with the University to bring awareness to campus during Native American heritage month by handing out t-shirts and organizing half-time events during the men's and women's Nike N7 basketball games.

◀ Nevada Men's Basketball Head Coach Eric Musselman with 2017 Junior Miss University of Nevada, Reno Powwow Princess Emileigh Mason at the Nevada basketball Nike N7 clinic with the Pack Nov. 5.



▲ COBAA members at a tour of the Tesla Gigafactory Nov. 10, 2017.

College of Business Alumni Association

Erika Saiz '10, '14 MBA, erikaibaibariaga@yahoo.com

On Feb. 7 we will be going to the Nevada vs. UNLV basketball game and meeting before for a networking event. On June 1, COBAA will hold the 27th Annual Golf Tournament at Wolf Run Golf Club. This is an excellent networking opportunity for individuals and businesses alike. Please email erikaibaibariaga@yahoo.com, mlowe@chaseinternational.com or visit nvcobaa.com for sponsorship information.



▲ Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter members and friends at the 6th annual Alumni Dinner Oct. 6 at Pinocchio's Bar and Grill.

Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter
Amy Beck '09, amyjeanbeck@gmail.com

The Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter hosted its 6th annual Alumni Dinner Oct. 6. Nearly 70 alumni, current staff members and friends gathered at Pinocchio's Bar and Grill as the chapter awarded Sig Rogich '67 with the 2017 Frank McCulloch Lifetime Achievement Award. Sig served as editor-in-chief of the Sagebrush from 1965-66, and is the president of the international advisory firm, The Rogich Communications Group in Las Vegas. The chapter was also honored with the Nevada Alumni Association 2017 Chapter of the Year Award and coincidentally got to celebrate the achievement on the 124-year anniversary of the first issue of the Sagebrush. For more information or to join the chapter, please follow us on Facebook.



▲ Young Alumni Chapter members and friends at a tailgate before the Nevada vs. UNLV football game Nov. 25: (Bottom row) Christian Reviglio '10, '11, Chris Driscoll '08, Tony Gallian '11. (Middle row) McKenna Peri, Edgar Manjarrez, Jessica Segura '09, Geoff Deal '11, Lydia Peri '11, '15 M.S., Andrew Maurins '07. (Top row) Kathryn Authier '14, Blake Candrea '14, Sean Brown '14, '15 M.S.

Young Alumni Chapter
McKenna Peri '11, '12, mckennaperi@gmail.com

The Young Alumni Chapter hosted many lively tailgates this football season and had a blast backing the Pack! In November, the chapter also traveled to the Nakoma Resort in Clio, Calif., on the annual, sold out, Mystery Bus Tour. We invite you to join us at the Downtown Reno Ballroom on Friday, April 6, for the 25th annual Beer Fest. We gave \$12,000 in student scholarships from last year's proceeds! To learn about upcoming events, connect with us on Facebook and Instagram: @nevadayoungalum.



▲ UNR Med's 2017 Outstanding Alumna Dr. Kelle Brogan '86 (right) with former Nevada Alumni Council President Mary-Ann (Merlo) Brown '85, '96 M.S. at the President's Tailgate before the Nevada vs. Air Force Homecoming football game Oct. 20.

UNR Med Alumni Association
Dr. Sharon Frank '77, '81 M.D., sfentmd@gmail.com

The UNR Med Alumni Association presented white coats to incoming freshman at a ceremony Aug. 11. We also included a card with words of encouragement in the coat pocket. On Oct. 19, a few of us attended the 2017 Homecoming Gala as guests of Dean and Mrs. Schwenk, where Dr. Kelle Brogan '86 was honored as UNR Med's Outstanding Alumna.

We are busy planning the annual Alumni Reception for March 15 to coincide with the Class of 2018's Residency Match Day the next day. We will honor Dr. Brogan again and share in the excitement of the graduating class as they discover where they will go for their residency training. Please watch for details.



▲ Student Ambassador Alumni Chapter members at a pregame party before the Nevada vs. UNLV football game Nov. 25. (Back row) Charles Buchanan '16, Keyana Bunting '16, Desirae Acosta '15, '17 M.A., Cynthia Uba '14, '15, Kelsea Hewitt '14. (Front row) Briana Ramirez '15, Priscilla Acosta '10, Elizabeth Jensen '10.

Student Ambassadors Alumni Chapter
Priscilla Acosta '10, pnacosta@gmail.com

The Student Ambassador Alumni Chapter wrapped up the football season by cheering on the Pack at a watch party in Las Vegas. As winter rolls in our chapter will be hosting the annual Holiday Jubilation Party at a local Reno hot spot. We're also working on restructuring the executive board and are seeking applicants to fill the current vacant positions. Since the season of giving is upon us, if you would like to donate to our chapter's scholarship fund, setup by fellow alumnus, Richard Wood '02, '05 MBA, '16 M.A., please contact Priscilla.



▲ OSNAA members at a steering committee meeting Dec. 6. Libby Krayk '07, '17 MSN, Jan Brady '63, '88 MBA, Amy Pang '12, Michelle Kling '75, '94 M.S., Cookie Bible '71, Dean Patsy Ruchala, Linda Clift '74, Katie Grimm '99, Vicky Land-Caitlin, and Mary Ann Lambert '71, '82.

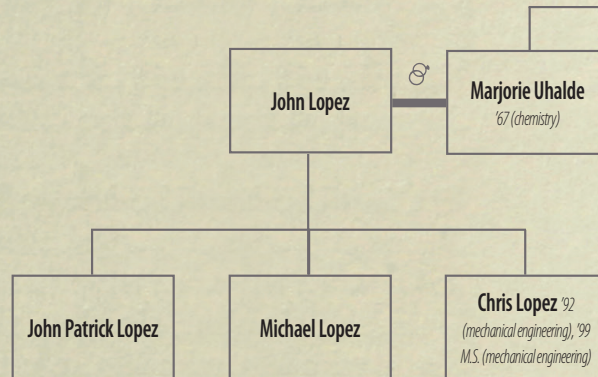
Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association
Jan (Pritchard) Brady '63, '88 MBA, lvcrrsswrds@aol.com

OSNAA will be awarding two \$500 nursing scholarships next semester from our endowment fund. Our traditional breakfast for the Level 1 nursing students was served after their theory exam on December 14 – they needed some comfort food after completing their first semester! Kudos to Cookie Bible '71, who was the 2017 Orvis School of Nursing Distinguished Alumna. Also, a shout-out to Orvis School of Nursing Dean Patsy Ruchala, who received the Community Partner Award at the Healthcare Heroes annual banquet this fall. Dr. Ruchala is retiring in June 2018, and she will be sorely missed.

We wish our Orvis School of Nursing family of alumni a very happy 2018!



Williams-Uhalde Family Tree



Five generations at Nevada

The University of Nevada, Reno has been creating friendships, love stories and careers for our family for five generations – more than one hundred years. Second generation Nevada students John Uhalde '42 and Harriet Williams '43 met while studying engineering and chemistry in the late 1930s. Their daughter, Jacqueline Uhalde '66, met her husband, Rich Starkweather '67, during winter carnival week. And their granddaughters, Susan '92 and Jennifer Starkweather '94, both met their husbands, Stephen Lani '92 and Larry Hill '94, on campus.

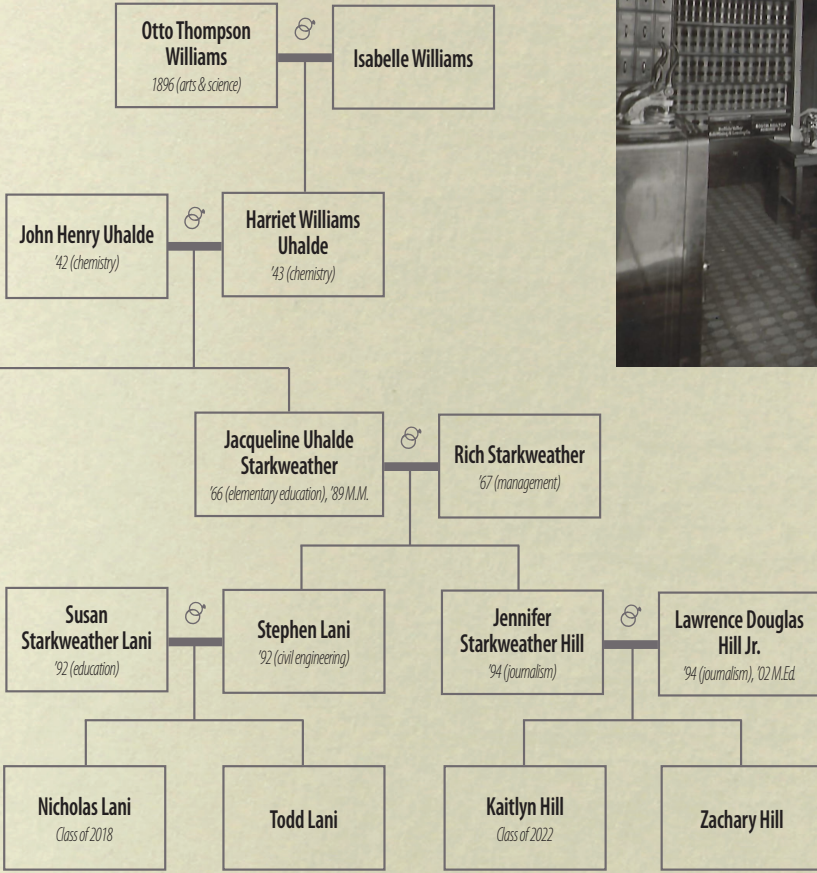
Greek life was an integral part of the experience with two Lambda Chi's, a Pi Kappa Alpha, an SAE and five Pi Beta Phi's. Parades, football games, homecoming, picnics on the Quad, dances and painting the N were just part of University life. Our family still feels the connection to the University with tailgaters, reunions and through involvement with the Foundation: Dr. Marjorie Uhalde '67 is a University of Nevada, Reno Foundation trustee emerita.

The Williams-Uhalde Family. Top row: Stephen '92 and Susan Lani '92 and Jennifer '94 and Larry Hill '94. Bottom row: Todd and Nicholas Lani, (Class of 2018), Dr. Marjorie Uhalde '67, Rich '67 and Jackie Starkweather '66 and Kaitlyn (Class of 2022) and Zachary Hill.





Otto Thompson Williams, 1896



Isabelle Williams



John Uhalde '42 and Harriet Williams Uhalde '43

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Nov. 25, 2016 — Perry, Iowa

Diane McCall

November, 2017 — Zephyr Cove, Nev.

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Aug. 21, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

Dwayne A. Kling

Aug. 22, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

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Oct. 19, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

Pacita B. Manalo

Oct. 20, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

Keith R. Reed

Nov. 14, 2017 — Sparks, Nev.

Joseph N. Crowley

Nov. 28, 2017 — Reno, Nev.
see our special feature honoring Dr. Crowley's legacy on page 12.

ALUMNI

Oliver G. Seymour '35

Sept. 24, 2013 — De Soto, Kan.

Phyllis L. (Anker) Bendure '41 '72 M.Ed.

Aug. 11, 2017 — Sparks, Nev.

Dorothy E. (Janes) Austin '42

Aug. 31, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

Robert F. Robens '42

June 15, 2015 — Riverside, Calif.

Eileen C. (Sweeney) Hildebrand, attended 1942-48

Nov. 12, 2015 — Denver, Colo.

Duane M. Ramsey '43

May 14, 2013 — Reno, Nev.



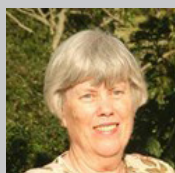
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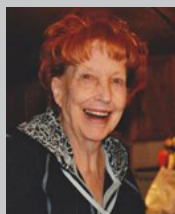
James O. Parker '50



Grace P. Wingfield '60



Robert H. Fabri '61



Muriel S. Kent '62

Jane E. Creel '45

Sept. 10, 2017 — Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.

Marjorie (Whipple) Petersen '45

Sept. 17, 2015 — Logandale, Nev.

Thomas H. Gallagher, attended 1946-47

Oct. 25, 2017 — Elko, Nev.

Barbara R. (Mills) Hill '47

Sept. 16, 2015 — Gainesville, Fla.

Betty W. Lyon '47

May 5, 2013 — Cornelius, N.C.

Richard B. Spieldoch, attended 1947-48

Feb. 4, 2017 — Saint Louis, Mo.

Arlene M. (Sorensen) Donnelly '48

Oct. 29, 2014 — Sacramento, Calif.

Jane E. (McTavish) Champlin '49

May 23, 2016 — Mankato, Minn.

John R. Higden, attended, attended 1949-54

Sept. 1, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

Carl J. Short '50

March 1, 2015 — Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

Constance D. (Burkholder) Lindesmith '50

Feb. 5, 2014 — Glendora, Calif.

George M. Hill '50 (English), '59 Ed.Sc.

Dec. 12, 2016 — Las Vegas, Nev.

James O. Parker '50

Sept. 27, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

Claus H. Grell '51

Jan 15, 2015 — Napa, Calif.

James D. Hansen '51

Jan. 15, 2013 — Vernal, Utah

James H. Davis '51

Oct. 12, 2017 — Castle Rock, Colo.

Jeanne T. (Rule) Crew '51

Oct. 14, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

Kenneth F. Dawley '51

Aug. 8, 2014 — Mill Valley, Calif.

Margaret F. (Hansen) McGoodwin '51

Sept. 15, 2017 — Dayton, Nev.

George J. Lusich '52

April 28, 2017 — Bakersfield, Calif.

Harlan E. Moyer '52

Feb. 15, 2016 — Palo Cedro, Calif.

Jacqueline S. (Spell) Allen '52

Sept. 19, 2017 — New York, N.Y.

Jerome E. Etchegoyhen '52

Aug. 15, 2017 — Minden, Nev.

Harriet V. (Parke) Bengochea '53

Oct. 14, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

Jane E. (Rohlfing) Murdock '54

Sept. 16, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

Howard C. Brooks '56 M.S.

Nov. 6, 2016 — Baker City, Ore.

Arthur E. Clayton '57

Sept. 22, 2017 — Inyokern, Calif.

Joanne G. (Garwood) Dain '57, '68 MBA

April, 2016 — Gardnerville, Nev.

Lloyd B. Austin '57

Oct. 11, 2017 — Sparks, Nev.

James L. Hart '58 Ed.Sc.

Aug. 17, 2017 — Gardnerville, Nev.

James R. Hale '58

Dec. 22, 2013 — West Covina, Calif.

Raymond S. Allred '58

May 9, 2017 — San Antonio, Texas

Gerty I. (Spillane) Berg '59

May 4, 2013 — Huntington Beach, Calif.

Vance A. Antonelli '59

Albuquerque, N.M.

Kathleen Coatney '59

Anchorage, Ala.

Wuanita F. Combs '59

Nov. 21, 2017 — Gautier, Miss.

Bruce A. Condie '60

Feb. 11, 2014 — Pioche, Nev.

C. Marshall Brown '60

February, 2014 — San Rafael, Calif.

Grace P. (Payne) Wingfield '60

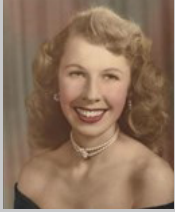
Sept. 26, 2017 — Sparks, Nev.

Joanne D. (Dumble) Roland '60

April, 2017 — Roseville, Calif.

Robert H. Fabri '61

Sept. 9, 2017 — Reno, Nev.



Jackie Rossow '68



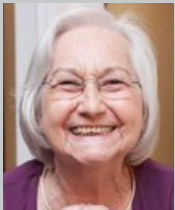
Richard R. Waters '74



James H. Davis '51



Jeanne T. Crew '51



Harriet V.
Bengochea '53



Jane E. Murdock '54

Eddie J. Gregory '62 M.S.
June 25, 2014 — Aztec, N.M.

Muriel S. Kent '62
Aug. 7, 2017 — Fallon, Nev.

James A. Lonergan '63
March 31, 2017 — La Jolla, Calif.

Steven C. Bergman '63
April 9, 2014 — Wyckoff, N.J.

Gary B. Busch '64
Sept. 12, 2016 — Sun Valley, Idaho

Nathaniel J. Shafer '64
Feb. 2, 2013 — Reno, Nev.

Richard R. Geuder '64
Oct. 27, 2016 — Green Valley, Ariz.

William S. McKinley '64
June 26, 2017 — Springville, Calif.

Anthony A. Wheeler '65
May 8, 2017 — Canyon Country, Calif.

Joyce C. (Cox) Williams '66 M.M.
Aug. 23, 2016 — Fredericksburg, Va.

Eugene A. Tolen '67 M.A.
Nov. 24, 2013 — Reno, Nev.

James J. Urdzik '67
Aug. 28, 2016 — Medina, Ohio

Janis L. Peterson '67
Dec. 10, 2015 — San Clemente, Calif.

Larry L. Wissbeck '67
July 17, 2014 — Paonia, Colo.

Barbara A. Taylor '68, '74 M.A.
April 22, 2014 — Atlanta, Ga.

Donald R. Thigpen '68
Nov. 23, 2017 — Roswell, N.M.

Jean S. (Stuart) Johnson '68 M.S.
Oct. 13, 2017 — Sparks, Nev.

Sammy R. Maisano '68
June 25, 2014 — Las Vegas, Nev.

Jackie Rossow '68

Joel B. Antley '69
Aug. 11, 2017 — Scottsdale, Ariz.

Philip D. Baldwin '69
July 24, 2013 — Woodbridge, Va.

Wendell L. Dain '69 M.Ed.
December, 2015 — Gardnerville, Nev.



Vance A. Antonelli '59



Anna Nilsine
Hansen '75 M.S.



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Joanne C. O'Brien '79



Darryl K. Feemster '85



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Lon C. Green '70
Sept. 13, 2015 — Big Rapids, Mich.

**Martha J. (Shinofield)
Lay '70 M.Ed.**
July 14, 2016 — Pensacola, Fla.

Carl W. Rimbey '71 M.S.
Sept. 3, 2015 — Caldwell, Idaho

John D. Hutchinson '71
Feb. 11, 2016 — Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Michael T. Wirsching '71
2016 — Reno, Nev.

**Myrna M. (Benetti)
Matranga '71, '74 M.Ed., '83 Ed.D.**
May 26, 2017 — Carmel, Calif.

William H. Richardson '71
March 24, 2013 — Alameda, Calif.

William H. Roberts '71
Sept. 17, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

James G. Wyland '72
March 27, 2014 — Klamath Falls, Ore.

Mildred E. Lanford '72 M.A.
Dec. 29, 2014 — Pasadena, Calif.

Valli C. Casazza '72 A.A., '74
Oct. 24, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

Donald E. Shead '74
Sept. 19, 2017 — Daytona Beach, Fla.

Rene C. Howe '74
Dec. 24, 2015 — Henderson, Nev.

Richard R. Waters '74
July 29, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

Anna Nilsine Hansen '75 M.S.
Aug. 30, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

Guillermo Houghton '75
2017 — Loveland, Colo.

Karen K. Smith '75, '77 M.D.
Aug. 25, 2014 — Vashow, Wash.

James A. Stone '77
July 14, 2015 — Reno, Nev.

John R. Battles '77
Aug. 10, 2017 — Lewiston, Idaho

Lyle G. Davis '77
Oct. 2, 2017 — Winnemucca, Nev.

Wanda (Walker) Tignor '77
Aug. 25, 2014 — Madras, Ore.

Ali Tazarvi '79
Nov. 25, 2014 — Reno, Nev.

Joanne C. O'Brien '79
Oct. 27, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

Thelma (Reynolds) Voorhees '79
Feb. 24, 2013 — Mesa, Ariz.

William D. McDonald '79
Sept. 22, 2017 — Orion, Ill.

Joseph A. Boteilho '81 M.Ed.
Nov. 19, 2016 — Chino Valley, Ariz.

Darryl K. Feemster '85
Nov. 19, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

Michael L. Likes '87
Oct. 22, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

Alison J. Colvin '89
Sept. 18, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

Douglas W. Yowell '90 M.S.
May 16, 2015 — Lutz, Fla.

Hollie L. Bench '91
March 7, 2014 — Las Vegas, Nev.

Jolene Lacher '91
Jan. 3, 2016 — Everett, Wash.

Kristin J. Batdorf '93
May 28, 2014 — Portland, Ore.

Paul S. Kari '93
Sept. 10, 2013 — Vacaville, Calif.

Pamala T. Berens '95
April 7, 2017 — Westlake, Ohio

John P. Maberry '97
Aug. 31, 2017 — Sparks, Nev.

Marla P. Regalado '00
Oct. 22, 2015 — Sacramento, Calif.

James E. Irvin '06 Ed.D.
2017 — Carson City, Nev.

Robert L. Collins '08 Ph.D.
Jan. 7, 2017 — Reno, Nev.

Colman T. Nakano '16 M.M.
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Dickensons leave lasting legacy through scholarship endowment

Bob and Ellie Dickenson wanted to help university students, but initially weren't sure exactly how. Their vision was to assist students who would eventually make their life's work in the responsible, economic and productive management of livestock and land. Their early visit to the University in 2012 resulted in the establishment of Robert E. Dickenson Scholarship Endowment. The couple would have many more visits to the University, including to meet recipients of the Dickenson scholarship.

One such student is Dickenson Scholarship recipient and Ph.D. candidate Kelley Sterle '10 M.S. (hydrology), who remembers meeting the Dickensons fondly, noting that "they were the sound ear that only the most experienced souls can provide."

Originally from water-rich Cleveland, Sterle came to the West to work at Yosemite. Upon her arrival, she was struck by how different the water challenges are in the West from the Midwest and was inspired to return to school to study water issues. Her research coincides with a four-year National Science Foundation-United States Department of Agriculture-funded grant assessing the drought resiliency of the Truckee-Carson River System. Her dissertation research examines collaborative approaches to water resources research, addressing the challenges associated with water supply.

Sterle says, "The scholarship made it so that I could focus 100 percent on my research and coursework without having to find secondary income or draining my savings. More importantly, the scholarship

created a sense of validation and reassurance that returning to school was a good, timely decision and that I would be able to immerse myself in research, coursework, and community engagements over the four-year period."

As the owners and operators of the Moorman Ranch near Ely, the Dickensons were deeply concerned with the intersection of business and conservation efforts, so they conceived the scholarship to provide financial stability for students with similar ambitions. Bob began his career as a rancher and entrepreneur following his service in World War II. In addition to running a successful ranch, he fostered a love for aviation that he would continue to cultivate into his 80s. Ellie, an avid reader and enthusiastic hiker, enjoyed exploring the mountains around the couple's property in eastern Nevada.

Bob and Ellie both passed away in 2016, but during their lifetimes saw their vision for the scholarship fulfilled. The couple made plans for the scholarship in their estate, and recent distributions have been added to the Robert E. Dickenson Scholarship Endowment.

College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources Dean Bill Payne recalls how important student success was for the couple: "Bob and Ellie went out of their way to meet students who were awarded the scholarships they funded. They were eager to learn about the students' career aspirations and gave personal advice to students on the importance of hard work and of giving back to the community." It is fitting, then, that Dickenson scholar Sterle hopes to continue her work in Reno after she defends her dissertation in the spring.

The distributions from the Dickenson estate ensure that students like Kelley Sterle will continue to receive support for decades to come.

— by CURTIS VICKERS '07 M.A.

The late Eleanor and the late Robert Dickenson with Robert E. Dickenson Scholarship recipient and Ph.D. candidate Kelley Sterle '10 M.S. at the 2015 University Honor Court celebration.

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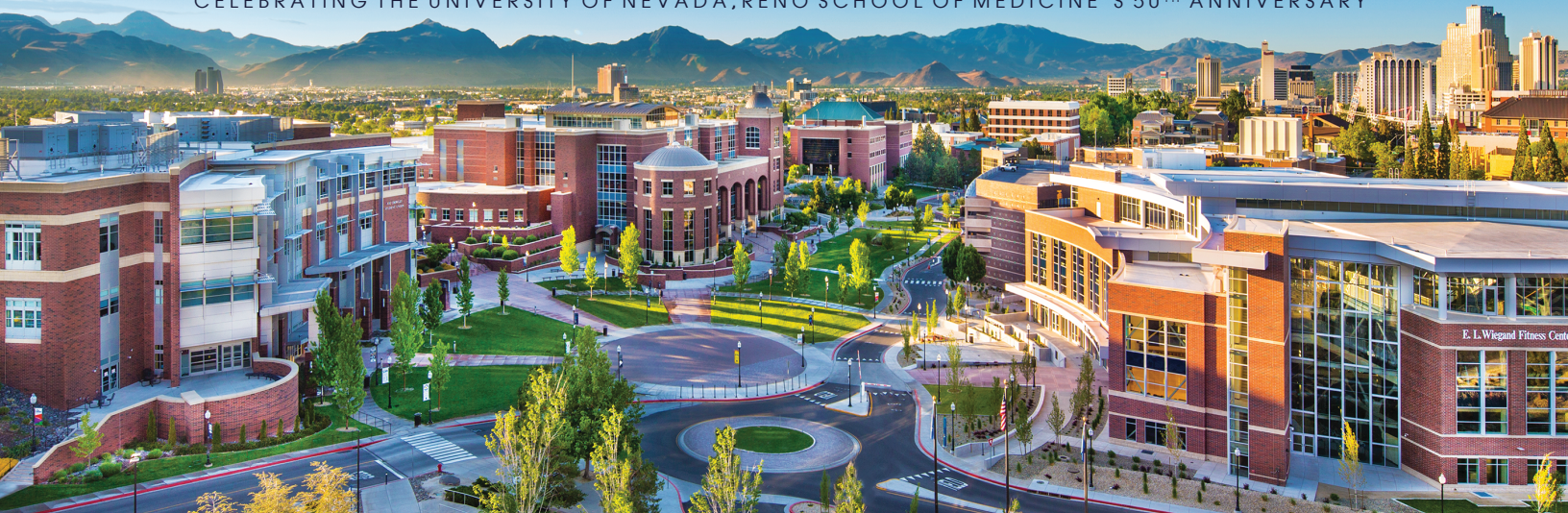
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