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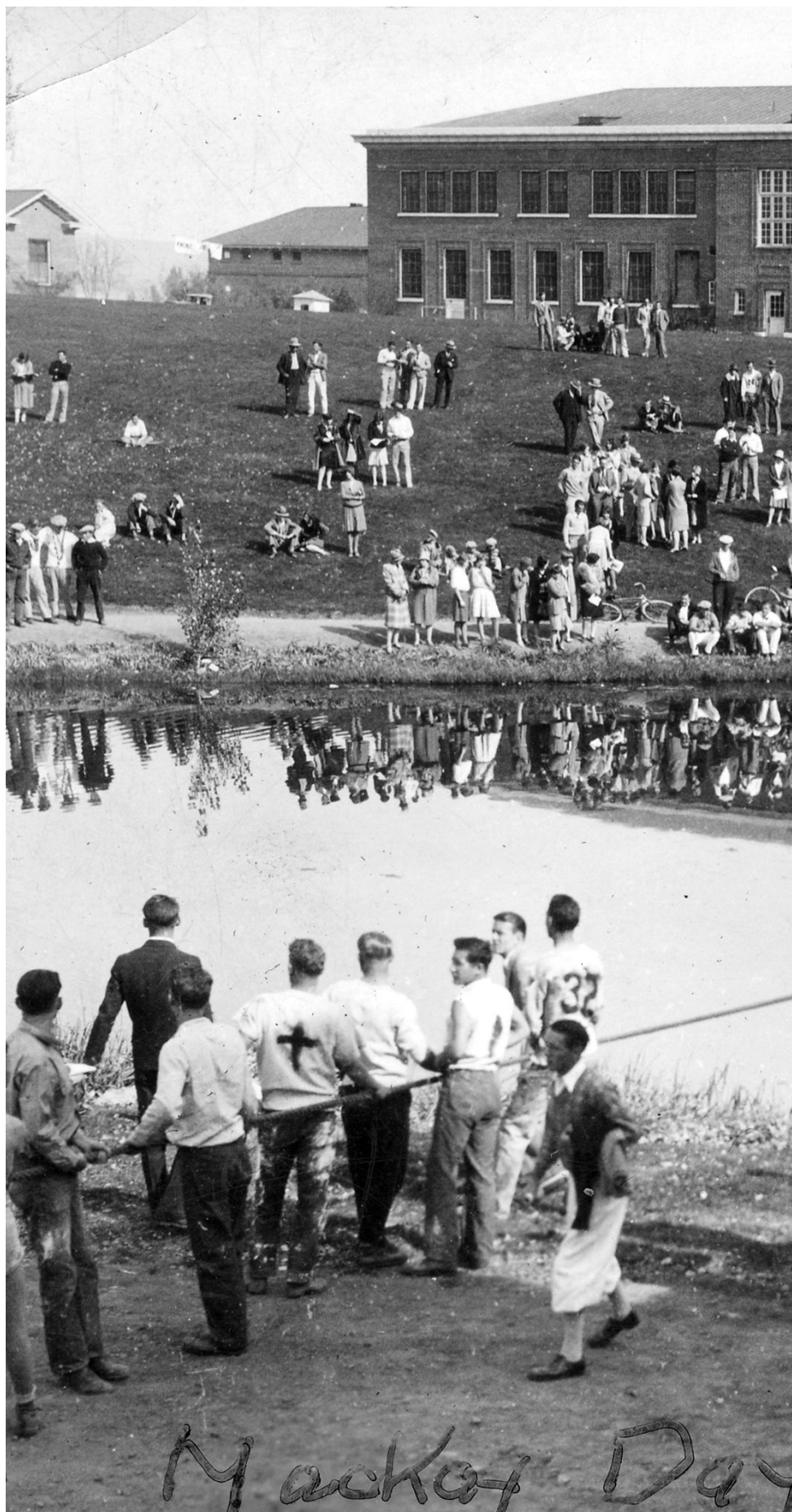


On the cover

Composite image of fireworks on the historic University Quad on Oct. 12 at the Nevada Alumni Association's 150th Bash/ UNLV Clash event co-sponsored by ASUN.

Moses S. Achoka '07 M.A.

We acknowledge that the University of Nevada, Reno is situated on the traditional homeland of the Numu (Northern Paiute), Wáshaw (Washoe), Nevee (Western Shoshone) and Nuavu (Southern Paiute) peoples. These lands continue to be a gathering place for Indigenous peoples and we recognize their deep connections to these places. We extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live and learn on their territory.



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Two universities, stronger together

Keith Whitfield and I started our tenures as Nevada university presidents at almost the same time. Dr. Whitfield officially started as UNLV's 11th president in August 2020. I was appointed the 17th president of the University of Nevada, Reno a month later, in September 2020.

From the very beginning, Dr. Whitfield has proven to be a friendly, highly collaborative and entirely encouraging person and leader. And throughout my time as president of our University, in my travels to Las Vegas, during Board of Regents meetings, on social occasions in both of our communities, I have not only found Dr. Whitfield to be this way, I have time and again seen these same wonderful qualities exhibited by the students, faculty and staff of UNLV.

The events of Dec. 6, which saw three UNLV faculty members killed and a fourth critically wounded during a mass shooting on the UNLV campus, has left a feeling of pain and unimaginable loss among the UNLV com-

munity. These are deaths in a family — in the UNLV family, certainly, and in a larger sense, in the human family of higher education of which we are all a part.

I wrote on the day of the shootings that we are all Rebels, and I still believe this to be true. As students, as teachers, educators and scholars, as staff, as alumni, as community members in both southern and northern Nevada, we are all connected. A long period of caring and healing is now underway at our sister institution.

We feel for the people at UNLV in the deepest and most sincere ways possible.

We honored the loss of life at UNLV during our commencement ceremonies on Dec. 9. We wore scarlet and gray in honor of our friends at UNLV on our campus the day before. We held a campus vigil in front of the Joe Crowley Student Union on Dec. 11. We pledged from the beginning of that awful day on Dec. 6 to be there to help in any way possible for the people of a great university. We continue to be there for our friends at UNLV.

UNLV's institutional mission could not be more clear, nor more timely than right now. This is an institution whose depth of character will continue to bring "the best of the world" to all of us.

This is a time for UNLV to heal, and for all of us to offer our hearts so that these family members know they are not alone.

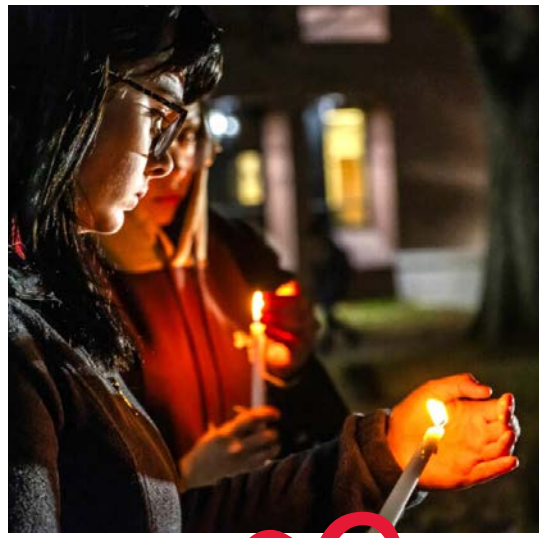
These are our friends, our colleagues, our family members. The Wolf Pack and the Rebels are one. Together, as President Whitfield put it so well, we will emerge from this tragedy stronger.

Brian Sandoval '86, President



"From the moment I arrived at UNLV, I saw in our people grit and determination. I have no doubt that, together, we will emerge from this tragedy stronger."

— UNLV President **Keith Whitfield**
message to the UNLV community,
Dec. 8, 2023



#UNLVStrong 

AROUND CAMPUS



In November, the **Fall Dance Festival dazzled** with innovative choreography and emotional performances from students and alumni on the Redfield Proscenium Theatre stage in the Church Fine Arts building. 📷 Rachel Jackson '23

Wolf Pack Football's 28th Head Coach Jeff Choate joined Nevada in December after serving as co-defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach at the University of Texas since 2021.

📷 Nevada Athletics



Poetry reading with Distinguished Visiting Writer-in-Residence Kazim Ali at The John & Geraldine Lilley Museum of Art in October. 📷 Rachel Jackson '23

Stewart Indian School traveling art exhibit makes a stop at the Lilley Museum



as part of Native American Heritage Month. "We Remember Your Sacrifices; You are Not Forgotten: The Story and Art of the Stewart Indian School" was on display throughout November.

📷 Kaitlin Young '11, '12 M.A.

Saying goodbye to Shannon Ellis.

After more than 25 years leading the Division of Student Services, Ellis retired in January 2024. 📷 Jeff Dow



Welcoming new campus leaders: (left to right) Director of Title IX Zeva Edmondson, Vice President of Administration and Finance Andrew Clinger '95 (accounting) and Vice Provost for Online Learning Carley Ries '95 (criminal justice) joined the leadership team in 2023.

📷 Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA

Lillian Wichinsky was recently named **dean of the School of Social Work.** Wichinsky has served as interim dean since June 2022. 📷 Courtesy of the School of Social Work





College of Engineering to collaborate with ISS.

Nevada received the NASA EPS-CoR Research Award to collaborate with the International Space Station. Project lead Alireza Tavakoli '06 M.S. (computer science), '09 Ph.D. (electrical engineering/computer science), associate professor of computer science and engineering, and his team will have the opportunity to test their innovative in-flight vision screening technology on the ISS. Courtesy of nasa.gov



Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism welcomes new dean.

Gi W. Yun joined the school in 2016 and has served as the Vail M. Pittman Associate Dean since 2021. Yun has also served as director of the Center for Advanced Media Studies since he joined the University. Courtesy of the Reynolds School of Journalism

School of Public Health getting a new look.

With the generous support of Patrick Ronan '94 (health education), the school's Edna S. Brigham Clinical Education Building is undergoing a major renovation. The building, set to be completed in spring 2024, will enrich the experiences of students and faculty by providing access to leading-edge technology and increased opportunities for collaboration with researchers and community partners.

Writers in the Woods, an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with well-known writers at the Prim Library at the University's Lake Tahoe location, featured Brynn Saito-Lehl and Brian Turner in August.



UNR Med alumni art shines at Burning Man.

Siblings and recent University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine graduates John-Henry '13 (nutrition), '16 (molecular microbiology & immunology), '23 M.D. and Rachael Lambin '14 (nutrition), '22 M.D. and their parents, Debbie and David Lambin, received a Burning Man Art Honoraria to create "The Octagon," a fully sustainable sculpture made from books, paper, hemp, wood, metal and solar lights that was displayed on the Black Rock Desert Playa in 2023. Debbie Lambin



Journalism students create award-winning short film in 48 hours. Good Kid Productions, featuring a diverse group of Reynolds School of Journalism students, took home prizes in three categories at the 2023 Reno 48 Hour Film Project. Courtesy of Good Kid Productions

\$36 million historic gift launches the George W. Gillemot Department of Aerospace Engineering

By Max Stone '19, '23 MFA



Above, left to right: President Brian Sandoval '86; Interim Vice President for University Advancement Patricia Richard '89, '92 M.A.; 2023 University Foundation Board Chair Ann Morgan '75; George W. Gillemot Foundation trustees Bill Johnson '81, Marie Gillemot and University Foundation Trustee Emeritus Thomas J. Hall; College of Engineering Dean Erick Jones and Executive Vice President and Provost Jeff Thompson at the signing of the George W. Gillemot Foundation's historic gift on Oct. 31, 2023.

📷 Rachel Jackson '23

The late George W. Gillemot '00 (Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters) dreamed of a school of aviation and aerospace at the University and now, thanks to a historic \$36 million gift from the George W. Gillemot Foundation, his dream is being realized with the establishment of the George W. Gillemot Department of Aerospace Engineering.

Inspired by his passion for aviation, Gillemot envisioned the program, which was funded by the largest cash gift in University history, as a catalyst for innovation, investigation, research, workforce development and economic renewal in Nevada.

Gillemot passed away in late 2022 at the age of 96 after an extraordinary life. He was a self-made man, a World War II veteran and an accomplished engineer. After retiring from a distinguished, highly influential career in the communications technology industry, where he developed and manufactured patent-level technologies for telephone communications companies worldwide, he continued working on projects he was passionate about in service of

our community.

Anticipating Nevada's need for a new industry to ensure our state's continued growth and prosperity, Gillemot saw the expansion of the aeronautics industry as essential to future economic development in the Silver State. In his 2003 vision for an aerospace program, he wrote:

"There can be no doubt that the space frontier is going to be probed for many years to come. And that is going to take some very qualified engineers, along with many brave and well-educated space vehicle personnel. Who will train these people? Where will the expanding aerospace production factories be located? Why not all of that right here in northern Nevada?"

University Foundation Trustee Emeritus Thomas J. Hall '65 (finance), George W. Gillemot Foundation trustee and Gillemot's longtime business and personal adviser, counselor and attorney, said "George was an aviator, inventor, entrepreneur, philanthropist and dreamer, as well as a lifelong learner. He was ahead of his time."


Meeting in 1984, Gillemot and Hall bonded over a shared interest in aviation — both were pilots — and dedication to



The late George W. Gillemot '00 (Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters), the visionary behind the exciting new Department of Aerospace Engineering.

📷 Theresa Danna

Left to right: Assistant Professor of Computer Science & Engineering Christos Papachristos, Gillemot Foundation Trustee Tom Hall '65, Mechanical Engineering Chair and Founding Aerospace Program Director and Professor Petros Voulgaris, and Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Aerospace Engineering Aditya Nair inside Papachristos' lab.  Chris Moran

Below: The Fleischmann Planetarium's George W. Gillemot Dome is getting a much-needed technology update. Soon to be outfitted with the latest cutting-edge LED technology, the planetarium will be able to produce exciting educational opportunities in service of the aerospace department and our surrounding community like never before. To ensure that all K-12 students have access to this essential and innovative resource for science education, the gift is also providing fee waivers and passes for students in local school districts to visit the planetarium for the next 10 years.  Jeff Dow



bettering their communities. Gillemot and Hall's professional skills balanced each other well over their nearly 40-year business relationship. "The reason I got along with George so well is I like to accomplish things, and he did too," Hall said. Both Gillemot and Hall are recognized in Honor Court for their support of the University and the Gillemot Department of Aerospace Engineering will be the crowning jewel of their shared legacy.

Sadly, Gillemot died before he got to see his dream become a reality, but he foreshadowed it in his 2003 vision: "This is not a dream, it could happen soon; certainly, not in the too-distant future."

The stars aligned in the not-so-distant future just as the University approaches its 150th anniversary and looks toward a gleaming future full of abundance and opportunity. "The University is humbled and honored to be a part of fulfilling the legacy of George W. Gillemot and his vision of preparing exceptional aerospace engineers to meet the needs of the growing aeronautics and aerospace industries," University President Brian Sandoval '86 (English) said.

Once approved by the Nevada System

of Higher Education, the program will attract top-notch aerospace engineering faculty conducting leading-edge industry research as well as exceptional students ready to become leaders in the field. The first aerospace graduates are expected in three to five years.


"This record gift puts our College of Engineering in a position to lead and build a dynamic department that develops a new kind of aerospace industry in Nevada while supporting one of the college's research pillars: Unmanned Vehicles — the New Space Frontier," College of Engineering Dean Erick Jones said. "We will be producing exceptional students ready to be leaders in their fields, taught and trained by equally exceptional faculty who will be helping find solutions to substantial issues facing the aerospace industry through their research and innovation in the aerospace field."

Exciting collaborations with national laboratories and other partners in higher education are also on the horizon with a goal to have students intern with companies like Boeing, Sierra Nevada Corporation and NASA.

Another provision of the gift will transform the visual experience in the Fleischmann Planetarium's George W. Gillemot Dome. The projector-based video system used since the dome's opening in 1963 will be replaced by state-of-the-art LED technology that illuminates the dome's surface, creating vivid and spectacular displays.

"This gift is going to accelerate our national standing in the rapidly changing aerospace field and will ensure the planetarium remains at the center of some of the most meaningful academic research and community outreach for the University," said Executive Vice President and Provost Jeff Thompson.

The Fleischmann Planetarium is an important nexus of science education for K-12 students; the gift will also provide 10,000 fee waivers and passes for local students to visit the planetarium each year for 10 years.

The Gillemot Foundation's historic gift marks a turning point for the University and its impact will be monumental — allowing the University and the state as a whole to embark on a new chapter of history at the forefront of a rapidly growing industry. 

150 years of inspiring excellence

By Max Stone '19, '23 MFA

Archival photos courtesy of Special Collections and University Archives

“Students are open-minded and open-hearted in the inter-mountain West. There’s a spirit of freedom: freedom in the landscape and freedom in the minds of people.”

— 2018 Foundation Professor of English Michael Branch



Jeff Dow

The beautiful campus of the University of Nevada, Reno, holds a special place of significance to so many of us. It was here that we made lifelong friendships and connections, discovered our passions, found our purpose — became who we are. As the University approaches its monumental 150th anniversary on Oct. 12, 2024, it is the perfect moment to reflect on where our history began, celebrate the pioneers who came before us and the achievements of today, and keep dreaming.

A humble beginning

On Oct. 12, 1874, an ocean of purple-green sagebrush was rippling in the wind gusting down from Peavine Peak where Morrill Hall stands today. Sage grouse and squirrels were the closest thing to a student body you'd find in the then-desolate landscape that would become our campus. There was no University of Nevada, Reno yet, but the history of Nevada's flagship land-grant university began that day nearly 150 years ago, in a home much further away — Elko.

The State University of Nevada in Elko — the preparatory school which would become our University — had seven students on the first day of class in the single brick building. D.R. Sessions, 27 years old and freshly graduated from Princeton University, was the sole faculty member. Nevadans were puzzled by the choice of location; several citizens wrote letters to the editors to voice their opinions: Elko was too remote, too inaccessible. And, in 1885, due to lack of enrollment, the campus shut down and moved to Reno.



Top: The original University building in Elko, 1874.



Left: Looking south across the Quad toward Morrill Hall and Stewart Hall, 1911.

The supportive locale surrounding the University is its defining feature, which the city's first elected mayor George F. Turriffin acknowledged in his speech at the University's Tri-Decennial Celebration, and his words still ring true today:

“The people of Reno take a deep interest in the welfare of this University. It is the particular pride of this city. Our people have marked its growth from its infancy until now, it is known as one of the leading educational institutions of the West, and it is with pride that they point to the fact that its graduates have taken prominent positions in various parts of the world.”

The Biggest Little University

The University and the city it calls home have had a symbiotic relationship since the beginning, when there was no dazzling neon or bustling casinos and Reno was a small railroad town. The population was scarcely 3,500 people, with horses as the only mode of transportation on the unpaved streets.

Just as Reno is affectionately known as “The Biggest Little City in the World,” the University has that same big-yet-small feel; the camaraderie and support of a closely knit community with the freedom and opportunity to dream big.

A walk through history

Let's take a walk through the rich history of people, events, traditions and achievements that led us to where we are today.



Pioneering spirit

Morrill Hall — a lone brick building situated between dramatic snow-capped peaks, expanses of sagebrush and dusty hills — housed the entire campus in 1887. The University soon began offering college-level instruction, thanks to the enduring spirits of the University's first President LeRoy D. Brown and first faculty member Hannah K. Clapp.

Brown was a Civil War veteran and former Ohio commissioner of education. He hired Clapp to teach English and history and oversee the library. Born in upstate New York and trained as a teacher in Michigan, Clapp joined her brother's wagon train to California; eventually settling in Nevada, where she was a pioneer of education and opened Reno's first kindergarten, as well as other schools, and co-founded the Twentieth Century Club, a progressive women's organization that planted the trees along Riverside Drive.

"Today you are thrilling with pride in your grounds, buildings, equipments, and all the comforts of modern improvements. In 1887, perched on the hillside, [we] were but a basement and an attic and another story. The institution was reached only by a romantic path — no pavements anywhere. When the rains began, we paved the path ourselves with overshoes and good intentions. We had no electricity. Instead, we burned the midnight oil, that made the blackness yet more palpable; we could see it in the air — smell it, too."

- First faculty member and librarian Hannah Clapp (1904)



LeRoy D. Brown, 1st University president



Hannah K. Clapp, 1st University faculty

1874: The State University of Nevada opened in Elko and welcomed seven students.

1886: The University formally reopened as a preparatory school in the new Morrill Hall on the Reno campus. Classes began with 75 students enrolled.

1891: The first commencement ceremony took place in McKissick Opera House with the inaugural graduating class: Frederick Bristol, Henry Coleman Cutting and Frank Herbert Norcross. A year later, Blanche Davis became the first woman to graduate from the University.



Class of 1891 commencement

1893: The first issue of a student-run newspaper, "The Student Record" (now named "The Nevada Sagebrush") was published on Oct. 19 in secret after the Board of Regents denied the students' petition to start a student newspaper.

1894: University graduates organized the Alumni Association of the University of Nevada.

1896: The first residence halls were built on campus — Lincoln Hall for men and Manzanita Hall for women. If you were a student living in Lincoln or Manzanita Hall in February of 1902, you would've been stuck in your dorm room for the foreseeable future when University President Joseph Stubbs ordered all students living on campus to quarantine due to a smallpox epidemic. Students who defied the quarantine were suspended. Sixteen years later, students would be in the same position during the 1918 flu pandemic. Students living on campus in the distant future of 2020 would endure a similar situation when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the University to close its campus.

1897: Anne Martin '1894 (arts & science) founded the Department of History. She helped lead the Nevada Suffrage Amendment, which passed by an overwhelming majority in 1914, giving many women in Nevada the right to vote. She was the first woman to run for the United States Senate, losing twice in 1918 and 1920 but paving the way for generations of women to follow.



Anne Martin '1894

Mackay athletic field dedication ceremony, 1909



1898: Outfitted in rudimentary equipment on a dirt field surrounded by sagebrush, the first football team was formed in 1898. Mackay Athletic Field was a small field located in what is now Hilliard Plaza. The field, like so many other monuments and buildings over the years, was named after John William Mackay, the Bonanza King who struck it rich with silver mines. His son, Clarence H. Mackay, became the University's first major benefactor as he shared his prosperity and wealth to honor his father's contributions to the state of Nevada.



Women's Basketball Team, 1899

1899: Donning uniforms with full sleeves, starched buttoned collars and billowing bloomers, the women's basketball team secured the University's first intercollegiate sports win, defeating Stanford 3-2 on April 11.



The Quad, 1911

1908: The University of Nevada Quadrangle was completed, designed after Thomas Jefferson's University of Virginia Lawn. The Quad's newly planted elm saplings lined the east and west sides. The University welcomed a new building, the Mackay Mines Building which still perches on the tip of the Quad.

1908: Distinguished Nevadan James Church '1892 (arts & sciences), '37 (Honorary Doctor of Laws) was a classics professor, yet he is best known as the

"father of snow science." His passion for mountaineering expeditions in the Sierra Nevada led him to develop the "Mt. Rose Snow Sampler" in 1908, a device that revolutionized snow science because of its ability to measure the water content as well as the depth of snow.



James Church '1892, '37

1923: The University's early athletics teams were referred to as the Sagebrushers or the Sagehens until a local journalist wrote an editorial expressing his distaste: "To my mind the meek and inoffensive Sagehen in no way, shape or manner can be construed to symbolize Nevada's fight and do-or-die determination for which her athletic teams have long been famous." In their writing, they also proposed a new name, the "Desert Wolves." The name stuck — and the Wolf Pack became Nevada's official mascot in 1923.



1928: Wá-šiw Tribe member Lloyd Barrington '28 (political science) became the first Native American to graduate from the University.



Lloyd Barrington, '28

1930: Theodore Miller, '30 (electrical engineering) became the University's first Black man graduate. He went on to have a distinguished career as an electrical engineer and taught radiological defense at Stanford University.



Theodore Miller '30

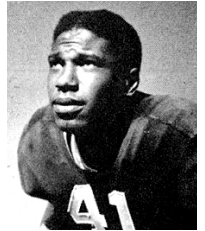
1944: With its classically designed campus reminiscent of East Coast colleges and its close proximity to the West Coast, the University became a prime location for several Hollywood films in the 1940-50s, including: "Blonde Trouble" (1944), "Margie" (1946), "Apartment for Peggy" (1948), "Mother is a Freshman" (1949) and "Mr. Belvedere Goes to College" (1949).



"Margie," a movie filmed in the University Dining Hall, 1946

When too many students missed class for a chance in the limelight as extras, the Board of Regents ruled the University campus could only be used for filming during holidays and breaks.

1946: The Wolf Pack Football Team took a stand against racial injustice in 1946 when they voted unanimously to cancel their game at Mississippi State after that school's athletic director sent Nevada a request to play without their two Black players, Bill Bass and Horace Gillom. The team agreed: if Bass and Gillom couldn't play, none of them would. In the same year, Marion Motley, a standout at Nevada from 1940-42, was one of the four Black players who broke the color barrier in the NFL when he signed with the Cleveland Browns.



Marion Motley (attended 1940-42)

1951: Margery McNight Carr '51 (geology), '64 (M.Ed.) was the only woman in the Mackay School of Mines, and just the third in the program's history. In 2023, the Mackay Muckers Women's Team won first place in the International Collegiate Mining Competition in Australia.



Margery McNight Carr '51

1952: Stella Mason Parson '52 (English) became the first Black female graduate, with a bachelor's in English.



Stella Mason Parson '52

1958: Construction concluded on the Jot Travis Student Union, which alumni helped fund.

1961: Faculty Emeritus and Distinguished Nevanan Robert Laxalt '47 (English) founded the University of Nevada Press, which continues to strengthen Nevada's rich literary tradition. The press has published more than 740 books from a total of 530 authors.

1963: The University's FM radio station, KUNR, began broadcasting on October 7 and is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. KNCC began broadcasting in 1992 and in 2016, KN CJ was launched.

1967: The Upward Bound program, one of the first in the nation, started offering support and services to low-income students at the University.

1968: The American Indian Organization launched a campus chapter.

1968: Black students on campus founded the Black Students' Union, an organization dedicated to serving Black students in the University community, local high school students and minorities in the area.

1977: Rebecca Stafford became first female dean at the University. She was the dean of Arts & Science until 1979.



Rebecca Stafford

1978: Joseph N. Crowley became the 13th president of the University of Nevada, Reno, beginning the longest presidential tenure at the University.



Joseph N. Crowley

1979: Nevada Women's Swimming & Diving Team captured the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Championship, the first national championship for a Wolf Pack women's team.

1981: The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation was established to generate private support for the University.

1985: The Nevada Legislature named the campus grounds a state arboretum. The variety of trees on campus represents over 60 genera and about 200 species.

1987: The Nevada Writers Hall of Fame was conceived by then-President of the Friends of the University Libraries Marilyn Melton '86 (Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters), who envisioned a celebration to encourage excellence among established and emerging writers in Nevada. In 1996, the late Larry Struve '64 (political science) expanded the event to include the Silver Pen Award, recognizing emerging or mid-career writers of promise.

1991: The University of Nevada, Reno Powwow was started by the Native American Student Association and since 2005, the powwow has been held annually to honor graduates and celebrate their cultures.

1997: The University Honor Court was dedicated in 1997 to celebrate the contributions and impact of faculty, students, employees and community members who have contributed to the University's history and success.



Honor Court © Theresa Danna

1999: Wolf Pack Radio, a student-operated AM radio station, began broadcasting.



Nevada Men's Basketball Team, 2004 © Nevada Athletics

2004: The first men's basketball team to make it to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament. The second was in 2018.

2006: The women's soccer team won the WAC Championship.

2008: The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center opened its doors as one of the most technologically advanced libraries and campus technology services facilities in the country.

2013: Homecoming is a week of festivities that has been bringing alumni, students and the community together to celebrate the Wolf Pack since 1920. The March from the Arch brought the community and campus together with a parade from the Reno Arch to the University Quad.



March from the Arch © Nevada Alumni Association



Earthquake Engineering Laboratory © Jeff Dow

2014: The new Earthquake Engineering Laboratory building opened to house the largest shake table array in the U.S.

2018: Debra Harry, a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, was hired full-time in 2018 to develop the Indigenous studies program, currently offered as a minor. Paiute language courses are now offered through the University's Department of World Languages & Literatures as well.

2018: The University attained the prestigious Carnegie R1 Research Institution designation, reserved for doctoral universities with the highest levels of research activity.

2021: Thanks to a partnership with Apple, the Digital Wolf Pack Initiative was created to provide equal access to technology and to augment digital literacy. Now, all new incoming freshmen and full-time transfer students receive an Apple iPad Air, Apple Pencil and Smart Keyboard Folio as they begin on campus with NevadaFIT.



2022-23 Nevada Ski Team © Nevada Athletics

2022: The University acquired Sierra Nevada University and, with it, revived the Nevada Ski Team. Skiing and winter sports are integral to the Reno-Tahoe area and have a rich history at the University. The first ski program was started in 1936 by Wayne Poulsen '37 (psychology) and had 14 top-10 team finishes at the NCAA Championships, produced four Olympians and boasts seven members of the Wolf Pack Athletics Hall of Fame.

2022: The University established the Office of Indigenous Relations with Daphne Emm Hooper as the inaugural director.

2023: The Mathewson Gateway District project began with the opening of the Gateway Parking Complex featuring a pedestrian bridge to Morrill Hall. Construction also began on a new College of Business building.

2023: The “Artemisia” yearbook was published on and off from 1899-2008, providing photographic documentation of the people and events who shaped the history of the University. In 2023, a limited edition “Artemisia” returned thanks to the efforts of members of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada.

The Wolf Pack Family

While our University has expanded dramatically from its humble beginnings in Elko and Reno, with record-high student enrollment, a diverse student body, renowned faculty, leading-edge technology and an expansive campus community that reaches to the shores of Lake Tahoe and beyond, it is not the buildings or technology that define the University — it is the people.

You are scholars and researchers and artists and musicians and engineers and athletes. You are

caregivers, librarians, teachers, administrators, coaches, entrepreneurs, writers, public servants, scientists, historians, journalists, mathematicians, astronauts, advocates, agriculturalists and catalysts of change. You are visionaries and activists and dreamers and leaders and colleagues and mentors and mothers and fathers and children and siblings and friends. Together, we are The Wolf Pack Family, forever threads in the vibrant tapestry of the University's exceptional history. **N**



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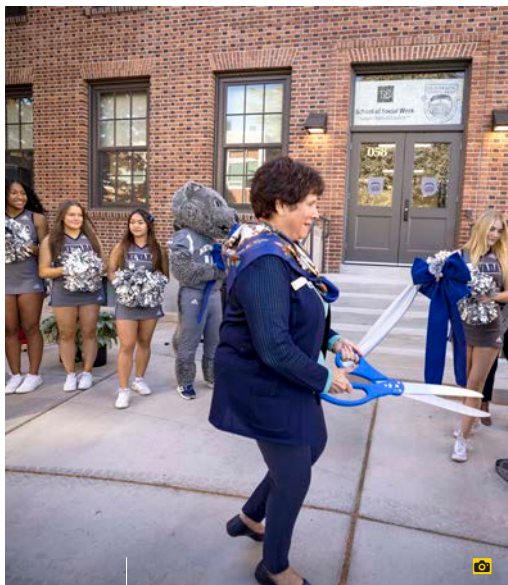
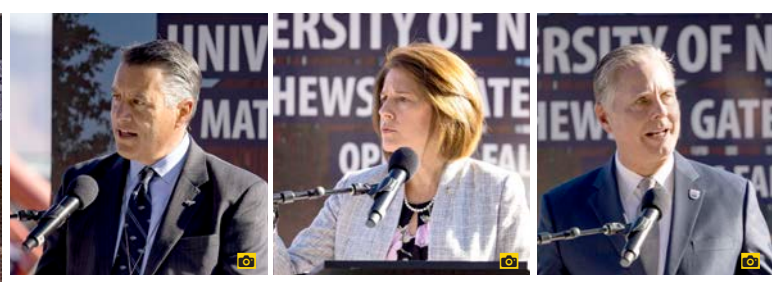
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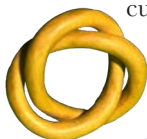
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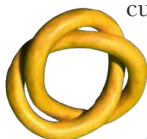
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“Doikayt” project in Kraków, Poland led by University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe faculty Julie Weitz. © Konrad Obidziński

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A Return to “Hereness”

Tahoe Low-Residency MFA
faculty Julie Weitz reclaims
and redefines Yiddish culture
through performance art

By Jennifer Kent

Silken costumes of cobalt blue and yellow gold contrast with the gray cobblestone streets of Kraków, Poland. A line of marching performance artists and local participants each hold up yellow foam hands, not dissimilar to those used to cheer on American football teams, as they stream between the stone walls of a synagogue built in the early 1400s. An enormous quilt made of old Jewish prayer shawls is held aloft in the middle of the street, pulled by the wind as the performers make their way down the road.

At the front of each of these vibrant productions is visual artist and University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe Low-Residency MFA

in Interdisciplinary Arts faculty member Julie Weitz. Weitz recently received a Fulbright Scholar Award to reanimate Yiddish folktales in eastern Europe, bringing to life the mythical figures of Yiddish folklore and Jewish mysticism that saturated Jewish culture across Europe prior to the Holocaust. The project, called “Doikayt,” was first installed and performed during the Jewish Cultural Festival in Kraków last summer. Weitz’s Fulbright funding will support further installations through 2024.

“For me, embodying Yiddish folkloric characters is like entering a portal to the past,” Weitz said in an essay she wrote about “Doikayt” for Ayin Press. “As I engage with the spirit of a lost world, I forge a connection between past and present, helping to heal deep and ever-present wounds.”

“Doikayt,” which means “hereness” in Yiddish, explores human connection to place and its influence on personal identity. Weitz hopes the recovery and reinterpretation of these folktales will serve as a model for the reclamation of the many cultures and languages lost to the Diaspora — to displacement and to ethnic violence.



University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine

E. L. Wiegand Foundation donates \$500,000 to support new Pediatric Residency Program

UNR Med, Renown Health and E. L. Wiegand Foundation growing pediatric workforce to improve local access to care

By Rachel Ribeiro '20

Pediatric care in northern Nevada is changing. In September 2022, UNR Med and Renown Health announced accreditation of a new, three-year Pediatric Residency Program committed to recruiting and retaining pediatricians, investing in clinical research, and ultimately, bridging the gap between the health care workforce and the needs of northern Nevada families.

Now, the E. L. Wiegand Foundation, a Philanthropist in the University Honor Court, is ensuring the program's success by generously supporting its startup operations and salaries.

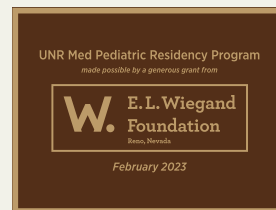
"The E. L. Wiegand Foundation is thrilled to support the establishment of northern Nevada's inaugural Pediatric Residency Program," said Marisa M. Avansino, co-vice chair, president and executive director of the foundation. "The program will help provide a critical resource and an important pipeline of talent dedicated to providing specialized care in our community."

This sentiment is echoed by UNR Med Dean and Renown's Chief Academic Officer, Paul J. Hauptman, M.D. "This grant will not only help facilitate our residency program's development but also serve as a magnet, drawing medical students from across the nation to Nevada," he said. "We are incredibly grateful for the E. L. Wiegand Foundation's generous support."

Nevada has long grappled with a pediatrician shortage, limiting local access to essential care for children. In 2022, the state ranked 47th in the country with fewer than 10 pediatricians for every 100,000 people. "We can, and must, do better, as our population grows and the demand for pediatric services continues to rise," Hauptman added.



Residents, students, staff and administrators who make up UNR Med and Renown Health's joint Department of Pediatrics. Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA



Studies have shown residents are more likely to stay and practice where they train. As a result, the new program — which started in July 2023 and is currently recruiting its second cohort to start this July — aims to increase the region's number of pediatricians by up to four each year.

"This program will provide UNR Med students the opportunity to train and practice in northern Nevada and attract students from other regions who seek a premier destination training program," Avansino said. "All of us at the E. L. Wiegand Foundation are proud to be a part of this meaningful endeavor."

Learn more about the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe at the QR code below.



To learn more about the Pediatric Residency Program, scan the QR code below.





Assistant Professor Patricia Santos works on experiments with Hug High students.
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College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources

Assistant Professor Patricia Santos and University students lead weeklong biotechnology laboratory at Hug High School

By Mark Earnest
 and Claudene Wharton '86, '99 M.A.

University faculty and students from the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources conducted a weeklong biotechnology lab at Hug High School — broadening students’ knowledge, boosting their confidence and exposing them to careers in science.

New director of the biotechnology department and teaching assistant professor Karla Hernández '10, '10 M.S. (biotechnology), '15 Ph.D. (cell and molecular biology) introduced Patricia Santos, an assistant professor in the biochemistry and molecular biology department, to Hug biology teacher Ana Herrera '02 (biology), '07 M.Ed. (secondary education), '12 M.Ed. (educational leadership) to develop the curriculum and teach the lab. Santos brought students from her classes to help teach the nearly 40 students in Herrera’s two Advanced Placement biology classes.

“My students were delighted by the experience,” Santos said. “I brought in a very diverse group on purpose, so the high schoolers could see potential examples of themselves.”

“As a teacher, my biggest goal is to expose students to different fields of science they may have never seen before,” Herrera said. “I remember being in college and walking into the lab and it being intimidating for me.

I was super nervous. So, I’m happy that we get to give my students this experience and instill some confidence before they go to college.”

Using potatoes and a research technique called CRISPR that edits and modifies genomes without leaving traces of anything foreign, the students gained greater understanding of the difference between genetically modified and genetically engineered organisms. Santos said the project also demonstrated how biotechnology can help farmers. “The U.S. potato industry is \$4 billion per year, and about a third of that money is lost during storage. With CRISPR-additive potatoes, they can last longer.”

Santos chose to work with CRISPR because it was engineered by the first two female scientists to win the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 2020 — Jennifer Doudna and Emmanuelle Charpentier. Since then, the two have become touchstones for young women considering scientific work.

You can read more about the biotechnology lab by scanning the QR code below.



The College of Business

The Business Student Council increases opportunities and collaboration with members and the community

By Katelyn Walker (class of 2025)

The Business Student Council is staying active on campus and across the community — focused on accomplishing goals set by its members and The College of Business.

“Our members are getting exposure to various professional development opportunities, such as inviting professionals to speak and workshop with us in our meetings and attend company visits,” Council President Giselle Tzintzun (class of 2024) said. “Members of the BSC have opportunities to practice the professional skills they learn in classes and meetings in realistic settings.”

Giselle added that the council hopes to expand its network and social engagement to benefit both the council as a whole and its members.

The council will play a key role in organizing the BSC’s annual Honors and Awards Banquet this spring, an important The College of Business event that brings donors, corporate volunteers, leading professors and advisers together to celebrate



the year's achievements. "Hosting this event benefits the community and fosters collaboration among BSC members, contributing to their personal growth," said Giselle. "The social engagement stemming from this event also creates unique networking opportunities for our council members."

Giselle hopes this and other events remind students that the BSC serves as a safe place to make a change. "My goal is for the BSC to absorb the importance of collaborative teamwork, capitalizing on the valuable connections they are creating and developing friendships with like-minded individuals," she said.

Greg Mosier, dean of The College of Business, noted that the BSC doesn't just help its members, it also positively impacts the community and all students. "Through the efforts of the BSC, the quality of our entire academic enterprise is highlighted to the community and to organizations who seek to hire our students," Mosier said. "The things the BSC does boosts the reputation of The College of Business, which ultimately results in enhanced career opportunities for all students."

Business Student Council members alongside Dean Greg Mosier (second from left) during the annual COBAA Golf Tournament.

MD Welch '99

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College of Education & Human Development

The Downing Counseling Clinic: serving our community since 1996

By Rachael Danielson (class of 2025)

For nearly 30 years, hundreds of counselors have trained in the Downing Counseling Clinic, including the clinic's new Interim Co-Director and teaching assistant professor of counseling Jennifer Ross '09 M.A. (counseling & educational psychology). As part of the College of Education & Human Development's Counseling Program, this in-house clinic provides a space for counselors-in-training to hone their skills while providing more than 5,000 hours of low-cost counseling services to University students and community members each year.

Looking ahead, the DCC is expanding its outreach to bridge the gap in mental health care in Nevada's rural communities. Partnerships with Churchill and Humboldt County School Districts allow graduate student-interns to provide much-needed services to youth in these areas.

"When our students can get a first-hand look at the needs and characteristics of the populations that make up our Nevada communities, they leave our program better prepared and more inspired to remain in our state and con-

tinue to provide quality mental health care right here where we need it," Ross said.

Third-year mental health counseling intern Celia Wilson (class of 2024) chose to work out in Churchill County to help underserved children and adolescents. She said, "In many rural settings, school is the only opportunity for children to receive mental health services. Being able to provide these services for children who normally would not receive them is invaluable."

With the addition of three new faculty members, the program now has the ability to train roughly 25 counselors per cohort, which makes it one of the largest programs in the state. First accredited in 1992, with the counseling clinic following just a few years later, the counseling program is guided by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs' rigorous standards to develop highly skilled, ethical and culturally competent counselors who work in schools and across communities.

Downing Counseling Clinic Interim Co-director and licensed marriage and family therapist Jennifer Ross '09 M.A.

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Associate Professors Sage Hiibel '03, '04 M.S. (left) and Eric Marchand '94, '96 M.S.

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College of Engineering

Associate Professors Sage Hiibel '03, '04 M.S. and Eric Marchand '94, '96 M.S. receive U.S. Army grant to establish Nevada Center for Water Resiliency

By Chris Moran

The College of Engineering received a \$4 million grant from the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center to establish the Nevada Center for Water Resiliency which will research and test new technologies in water treatment, focusing on potable drinking water reuse from a variety of sources.

Led by Sage Hiibel '03, '04 M.S. (chemical engineering); associate professor of chemical & materials engineering; and Eric Marchand '94, '96 M.S. (civil engineering); associate professor and associate chair for undergraduate affairs in civil & environmental engineering; the center is the latest step in a longtime effort to find solutions for water-scarce communities. Located in the heart of the arid American West, Nevada is an ideal place to develop new water reuse technologies.

“As the driest state in the nation, and one of the top 10 fastest-growing states, water resources in Nevada are stretched thin,” Hiibel and Marchand wrote in their grant proposal. “As a result, communities in Nevada are eager to find novel ways to diversify the state’s water portfolio and are at the forefront of water conservation and reuse strategies.”

The 1,800-square-foot center, housed at the University’s Applied Research Facility, is perfect for developing and testing demonstration-scale treatment technologies. “The large, open floor space and accessibility for trailers or cargo containers will allow us to assemble and test our new technologies within the center, and then have them ready to be deployed to the field,” Hiibel said.

Part of the University’s already existing Nevada Water Innovation Institute, the new center will include dedicated analytical laboratory space for water quality testing, traditional lab bench space and student work areas. In addition to Hiibel and Marchand, faculty from the civil & environmental engineering and chemical & materials engineering departments, including Keith Dennett, David Hanigan, M. Rashed Khan, 2021 Foundation Professor Krishna Pagilla and Victor Vasquez '98 M.S., '99 Ph.D. (chemical engineering) will be involved in the new center.

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College of Liberal Arts

Department of Art, Art History and Design Chair Kelly Chorpene explores cross-disciplinary collaborations

By Reilly Moss '22

Professor of Art Kelly Chorpene was recently appointed chair of the art, art history and design department in the School of the Arts. Chorpene is an artist, curator, writer and educator with a Master of Fine Arts from Hunter College, City University of New York and a bachelor’s in fine arts from the Cleveland Institute of Art. Her work explores drawing as a contemporary art discipline and a tool for thinking and communication in cross-disciplinary collaborations.

Her interdisciplinary work has involved collaborations with the Architectural Association School of Architecture, the Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance, the Gordon Museum of Pathology and The National Gallery, London. In 2023, she chaired and presented at “Land, Water, Place: an Art and Science Collaborative” at the Nevada Museum of Art — a symposium that brought artists, poets, geographers and biologists together to explore drawing, mapping, and water



Chair Kelly Chorpening's art expertise inspires cross-disciplinary and transnational projects at the University.

Courtesy of Chorpening

management and water justice in northern Nevada.

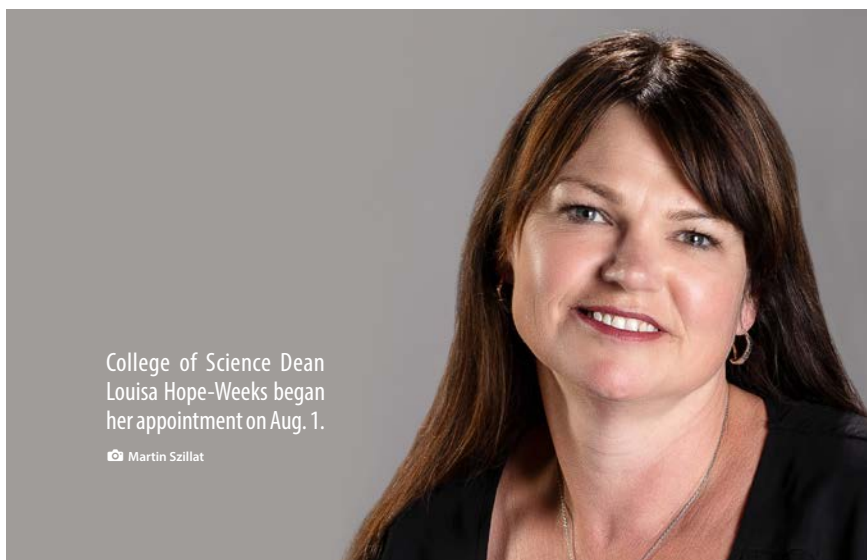
"Some goals we have identified for the department include more blending of new and old technologies, offering more crossover between disciplines, and providing more experiential and applied learning

opportunities that would prepare artists, designers and art historians for professional life," Chorpening said.

Her most recent curatorial effort, "Drawing in Social Space," encompassed four artist-driven projects that emphasized collective, iterative processes, leading to shared authorship. "Drawing" was reimagined as a tool for thinking, discovery, storytelling and communication, and "Social Space" referred to how the projects were set outside traditional exhibition spaces and included participants from a broad range of disciplines, interests, ages, ethnicities and nationalities. An exhibition featuring these projects was recently on display at the Drawing Room in London.

"The fourth of these projects extended the partnership to the University, working with Moroccan artist Nouredine Ezarraf, testing the design of 'Drawing in Social Space' outside an urban context," Chorpening said. "A group of students and lecturers worked together last April to collect, record and measure information using a variety of methods. Graduate students from both art and geography then created a zine that was produced on campus at Black Rock Press. I hope this model inspires future cross-disciplinary and transnational projects here at the University."

Scan the QR code below to learn more about the Department of Art, Art History and Design.



College of Science Dean Louisa Hope-Weeks began her appointment on Aug. 1.

Martin Szilatt

College of Science

Dean Louisa Hope-Weeks takes the helm

By Michelle Werdann '21

After holding several administrative positions at Texas Tech University, Louisa Hope-Weeks became the University of Nevada, Reno's new dean for the College of Science on Aug. 1. A chemist originally from the United Kingdom, Hope-Weeks earned her bachelor's in chemistry from the University of Hertfordshire and her doctorate in chemistry from the University of Cambridge. After graduating, she accepted a postdoctoral position at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California and later became a staff scientist there.

In 2004, Hope-Weeks started working at Texas Tech University. Over nearly a decade, she worked her way up in the chemistry and biochemistry department from assistant professor to associate professor to full professor. She served as associate dean outside her college before becoming chair of her home department. Hope-Weeks also served as Texas Tech's associate dean of graduate and postdoctoral fellowships for the last three years.

"Dr. Hope-Weeks saw exceptional growth at her former institution and brings a wealth of experience in supporting increased enrollment and student achievement," said Jeff Thompson, former dean of the College of Science and now executive vice president and provost of the University. "I am continually inspired by the accomplishments of my

colleagues in the College of Science and I look forward to seeing my first home at the University continue to flourish under Dr. Hope-Weeks' leadership."

Hope-Weeks says she was particularly drawn to the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering. With a storied history in mining, engineering and materials industries and research since 1888, the Mackay School and its students are well-poised to integrate into every part of the lithium loop and the broader mining community. "It's essential to the state of Nevada, but it's also essential to the country and the world as we move away from our dependence on fossil fuels," Hope-Weeks said.

The new dean's vision for the College of Science includes increasing enrollment through innovative recruitment methods, ensuring the college's academic offerings are more accessible via distance learning and online coursework, and encouraging faculty-driven, interdisciplinary research. "I think this college in particular, because of all the unique parts of it, could be a world leader in clean technologies and clean energy."

Read more about Dean Hope-Weeks at the QR code below.



LEADER OF THE PACK

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Aug. 7: It was a great day attending the annual University Deans Conference at the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe and spending the evening with our exceptional academic leadership at the conference reception.



Aug. 17: Today we welcome first-year students to the University campus as move-in begins for the fall semester! As part of the check-in process, each first-year student receives an iPad, Apple Pencil and keyboard as part of our Digital Wolf Pack Initiative!



Sept. 7: Good morning, Wolf Pack! It is that time of year for the Great Reno Balloon Race! Look to the skies tomorrow morning and this weekend to see these beautiful balloons take flight! The #BattleBorn balloon is one of my favorites!



Sept. 15: I absolutely love the University of Nevada, Reno Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center! The University Libraries team has done an extraordinary job preparing for the University's sesquicentennial celebration!



Sept. 15: What a great way to end the week! Today, we officially unveiled the beautiful new Nevada Swimming & Diving Team locker room with members of the current team and proud alumni of the program.



Sept. 29: Thank you to Reed High School Principal Josh Rosenbloom '99, '09 M.A. for inviting us to campus today. As a University Collegiate Academy, we were able to visit with the amazing students and faculty participating in the dual-credit program.



#GoPack!

Check out President Sandoval's podcast, Sagebrushers



Oct. 12: What a great day for our University! As part of our 149th birthday as an institution and officially kicking off our yearlong sesquicentennial celebration, we broke ground on a new business building at the Mathewson Gateway District project site!



Oct. 13: As part of our yearlong sesquicentennial celebration, today we recognized many of our outstanding graduates who are proudly featured on Wolf Pack Way banners on our campus and exemplify what The Wolf Pack Way is all about!

President Sandoval '86 with Joshua Bonde '03 at The Wolf Pack Way banner event.

📷 Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA



Oct. 27: It was a pleasure to attend the Guinn Center's Open House. I am extremely proud of the relationship the University has with the Guinn Center and the important, nonpartisan policy research and public engagement being done to better our state. Thank you to Jill Tolles '97, '06 M.A. and the entire Guinn Center team for all you've done and all that you continue to do for Nevada.



Oct. 28: It was a pleasure to be a part of the annual Nevada Day parade to celebrate the 159th birthday of the great state of Nevada. Thank you to everyone who came out today to be a part of this special event!

President Sandoval '86 and First Lady Lauralyn Sandoval '92 at the Nevada Day Parade.



Nov. 7: Yesterday, I joined the Orvis School of Nursing and Renown Health in awarding scholarships to 19 incredible nursing students through the Gerald "Jerry" Smith Nursing Academic-Practice Partnership. What an incredible way to celebrate 150 years of inspiring excellence at the University. Congratulations to all of our scholars!



Nov. 9: Today, I was joined by University of Nevada, Reno faculty, staff, students and members of our veteran community to celebrate the unveiling of Purple Heart and disabled veteran parking spots on campus. I would like to thank the Veteran Services team for organizing this event, and for continuing to support and provide essential services to veterans.

Left to right: President Sandoval '86, Veteran Services Coordinator John Pratt '14 M.A., University Assistant Vice President and Chief of Police Eric James and U.S. Army veteran and State of Nevada Military Order of the Purple Heart Commander Andrew LePeilbet.

📷 Jodi Fraser '18, '22 MPA





[The Graduate School](#)

University confers record number of graduate degrees

By Loren Pietsch


The Graduate School proudly conferred a record-breaking number of doctoral degrees in the 2022-23 academic year, marking a significant milestone for our Carnegie R1 Research Institution. This remarkable achievement reflects the commitment of The Graduate School and the University to support graduate education, which has a direct impact on advancing research and teaching — benefiting the broader community. A total of 190 doctoral degrees, up nearly 20% from the previous year, were conferred along with an impressive 1,085 master's degrees, up 15% from the previous year.

2023 was also a banner year for doctoral program enrollment. Over the last decade, The Graduate School has seen a 45% increase in doctoral enrollment, which is indicative of increased investment in graduate education. In the Fall 2023 Semester, The Graduate School had 1,149 doctoral students enrolled, the highest in our University's history. Additionally, the time to reach graduation has decreased for both doctoral and master's students.

One example of the University's investment in graduate education is the Nevada Doctoral Research in Innova-

tion, Vision and Excellence program, which is in its third year and provides graduate research assistantships throughout campus. The DRIVE program was made possible through the combined efforts of President Brian Sandoval '86 (English), Vice President for Research & Innovation Mridul Gautam and Executive Vice President and Provost Jeff Thompson.

Nevada DRIVE is not the only initiative driving record numbers in The Graduate School. Programs such as GradFIT and the Nevada Graduate Acceleration through Innovation and Networking Scholars program focus on recruiting and retaining first-generation and underrepresented students across graduate disciplines. As the University looks to continue this growth in graduate education, it is imperative that our hardworking graduate students receive support, mentorship and resources to navigate the demanding academic journey successfully.

Associate Dean of the College of Science Melanie Duckworth hoods Brendan Willis '21 M.S., '23 Ph.D. (psychology) at 2023 Winter Commencement, while Executive Vice President and Provost Jeff Thompson and Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of The Graduate School Markus Kimmelmeier look on.  Rachel Jackson '23

To learn more about The Graduate School, please scan the QR code below.



[Honors College](#)

Celebrating the Honors College: A remarkable journey of growth and excellence

By Madeline Zunino '22 (class of 2024)

The Honors College has undergone a remarkable transformation since evolving from an Honors Program to a college in July 2020 and has become one of the fastest-growing colleges at the University.

The Honors College has achieved several milestones in the last four years since Dean Matt Means took over, including the introduction of new mission pillars, the creation of three new student pathways accommodating all majors and the addition of international opportunities. Co-curricular experiences have also been expanded and honors credentials now appear on transcripts and diplomas. As part of the expansion, the Honors College will soon be relocated to a new home in the Continuing Education Building.

To enhance student engagement, the Honors College created a new advising philosophy, introduced mentorship networks and improved orientation experiences. Outreach efforts have grown substantially, with a new diversity, equity and inclusion-centered admissions philosophy, an Honors Ambassador program, new recruitment events, newsletters, and an expanded social



Incoming Fall 2023 Honors College students and staff at HonorsFIT.

Courtesy of the Honors College

media presence. Another recent addition is the Office of Undergraduate Fellowships, which supports students pursuing prestigious awards and fellowships.

The Honors College Student Council, Honors College Alumni Chapter, Honors College Parent Club and Honors College Community Advocacy Board have played pivotal roles in shaping the college's growth and direction. Last fall, the Honors College marked another milestone with a record 948 students enrolled. As the college looks ahead, it aims to expand its reach to new student populations, leverage potential for societal change, and engage faculty and staff as thought leaders.

"The successes of the Honors College are the result of a team effort," said Dean Matt Means. "The college is blessed to be served by the most dedicated, student-centered faculty and staff imaginable; the talents of all those involved in the honors enterprise, more than anything, have led to our evolution. I can't thank the whole honors family enough for its focused effort to augment the student experience and nurture the best in our students."

Read more about the Honors College at the QR code below.



Rendering of Grand Sierra Resort's new entertainment district, featuring a new arena for Nevada Basketball.

Courtesy of Grand Sierra Resort

Nevada Athletics

Grand Sierra Resort to build arena for Nevada Basketball

By Aaron Juarez

The University and Nevada Athletics were part of the Grand Sierra Resort's historic news in September: a plan to build a new entertainment district, which will include a cutting-edge arena for Nevada Basketball. GSR owner Alex Meruelo said plans are underway to infuse approximately \$1 billion into the existing 140-acre property over the next decade, making it the largest private capital investment in the City of Reno's history.

"We are beyond thrilled for this proposed plan, which will help continue to elevate our basketball programs. From providing a state-of-the-art home for Nevada Men's Basketball, to hosting top-level women's multiteam events involving Nevada Women's Basketball, this partnership will further solidify Nevada Athletics as a cornerstone of the northern Nevada community," said Nevada Athletic Director Stephanie Rempe.

The new arena is scheduled to open in fall 2026. Nevada Men's Basketball will play the 2026-27 or the 2027-28 season in the new arena, pending approval from the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents.

"This is a game changer for our program. I greatly appreciate Alex's bold vision and incredible support. This will be a leading-edge facility and I cannot be more excited for the future of Wolf Pack Basketball," said Nevada Men's Basketball Head Coach Steve Alford.

"Community partners like the Grand Sierra Resort are one of the things that make Reno such a special place. This arena will be an amazing venue to host preseason multi-team events and will help us attract top programs to travel to Reno," said Nevada Women's Basketball Head Coach Amanda Levens '07 M.A. (educational leadership). "This will help elevate northern Nevada nationally for women's basketball."

The facility is also designed to host special events such as concerts and other sports, with a capacity exceeding 10,000 seats.

To learn more about supporting Nevada Athletics, contact Douglas Stewart, assistant athletic director, development, at (775) 682-2028 or dougstewart@unr.edu.

For more on Nevada Athletics and to buy tickets to back the Pack, scan the QR code below.





Orvis School of Nursing

Alexa Colgrove Curtis welcomed as associate dean of research and innovation

By Courtney Quast

The Orvis School of Nursing has appointed Alexa Curtis as the associate dean of research and innovation and the Arthur Emerton Orvis Endowed Chair.

“On behalf of the entire team at the Orvis School of Nursing, we are so excited to welcome Dr. Alexa Curtis to our fantastic team,” Interim Dean Cameron Duncan ’10 (nursing) said. “Her expertise and experience will be instrumental in moving the school forward, while guiding us to meeting our research and innovation strategic goals.”

Curtis started her new role on Jan. 1. “I am most excited about working with the Orvis faculty to support and promote their nursing scholarships in collaboration with interdisciplinary colleagues within the University,” she said. “I come to this role with many positive experiences in interdisciplinary work and look forward to facilitating further possibilities.”

Before joining the nursing school, Curtis spent 10 years at the University of San Francisco as director of the nurse

practitioner programs and associate dean. She received her undergraduate degree in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania, where she was a proud member of the women’s volleyball team. She also earned a master’s degree in nursing from the University of San Diego and a Ph.D. in nursing from the University of California, San Francisco, where her dissertation examined opportunities and barriers to confidential health services for youth in rural communities.

Currently, Curtis is advancing her research on systems of health care delivery for underserved populations focusing on youth, rural communities, and the prevention and management of substance use disorders. She also provides workforce development opportunities to help providers meet the health care needs of diverse communities.

As a longtime resident in nearby Nevada County, Curtis is very familiar with University and the Orvis School of Nursing, and is impressed with their work and commitment to the nursing profession. “I am excited by the opportunities working in an R1 Research Institution provides as it relates to furthering the nursing profession, workforce development and the care of communities.”

To learn more about Orvis, scan the QR code below.



Research & Innovation

Office of Science and Technology and National Science Foundation directors visit University

By Natalie Fry ’04

President Joe Biden’s Chief Science and Technology Advisor and Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Arati Prabhakar and Director of the U.S. National Science Foundation Sethuraman Panchanathan joined University leadership and community members in August for a campus and battery research laboratory tour, moderated presentation and roundtable discussion.

“This visit is a testament to the fact that the University, which is small, excels in certain areas of research relevant to national security needs,” said Dev Chidambaram, co-principal investigator and chemical & materials engineering professor. “The students and researchers were energized by the visit and it reinforced in them that the education and training they are receiving is globally competitive and that they can compete successfully against the best.”

This visit with senior Biden administration officials coincided with the one-year anniversary of the president signing the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act into law. This landmark act demonstrates how public investments act as a magnet to attract significant private investments and together, those investments create good-paying jobs, fuel innovation and tackle society’s most difficult challenges. Prabhakar and Panchanathan also highlighted how the NSF Regional Inno-



Chief Science and Technology Advisor and Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Arati Prabhakar (far left), National Science Foundation Director Sethuraman Panchanathan (middle) and Vice President for Research & Innovation Mridul Gautum (right) during tour and roundtable event focused on University's battery research.

David Calvert '12, '22 M.A.

vation Engines program is creating regional collaborations between government and educational institutions, labor unions, businesses, and community-based organizations to drive progress in key fields across the country.

"It was really great meeting the directors of the NSF and the OSTP to discuss the important lithium-ion battery research we do at the University," said Jason Mennel '20 M.S. (chemistry), a chemical & materials engineering graduate research assistant. "They were excited to discuss our recent results at low temperature and wondered what other materials we might test or what lower temperatures we might use. It was illuminating to be a part of the presentations, tours and roundtable talks, and seeing just how many local companies are already part of the entire lithium-ion battery life cycle, from extraction of minerals, to research, to manufacturing and recycling. It really highlighted the importance that this region will have in the coming years to be a major part of the growing lithium-ion battery sector."

Learn more about the University's world-changing research at the QR code below.



Journalism student Kailee Bryant (class of 2024) attends a Wolf Pack Football game to practice her sports photography ahead of the Olympic Games.

Courtesy of Kailee Bryant

Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism

Journalism students heading to Paris to cover 2024 Summer Olympics

By Lila Reeves-Hampton '17

Sixteen outstanding journalism students are going for the gold this summer, as they prepare to represent the Reynolds School of Journalism at the Olympic Games in Paris. Along with a group of faculty members, the students will be immersed in an experiential learning environment where they'll gain reporting experience at an international level. In addition to live, in-depth coverage of the Games, students will further their global journalism skills, such as culture reporting in foreign locales, covering gender and inclusivity, and the logistics and economics of major global events.

"This is a very special opportunity for our students. They will gain real-life experience as reporters in a foreign environment by immersing themselves in a city hosting an international event and discovering journalistic stories," said Gi Yun, journalism professor and new Reynolds School dean.

In preparation for the Paris Olympics, students have been developing their professional storytelling skills through advanced reporting and writing courses

during the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 Semesters. Their courses have been tailored to provide a global perspective in areas like sports reporting, media production, magazine writing and sports business.

"The students have been working very hard in sports and international reporting classes," said Yun. "We've even collaborated with faculty who teach French to include introductory French lessons in our courses, before the group heads to Paris."

This program will provide the foundation for a new sports and entertainment media emphasis and enhance existing international reporting curricula at the Reynolds School. "We hope to be able to replicate this program annually and at different athletic competitions or entertainment events," said Yun.

Thanks to generous support of alumni and donors, the Reynolds School will be able to cover a portion of the students' expenses. To learn how you can help support journalism students, contact Joan Grover '12 M.A., director of development, at (775) 784-4184 or jgrover@unr.edu.

For more stories from the Reynolds School of Journalism, scan the QR code below.





Honor Court Silver
Benefactor and
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Judith Sugar.

Theresa Danna

School of Public Health

Endowed professorship honors Faculty Emerita Judith Sugar’s legacy

By Brittany Flores '18

Committed to raising awareness of gerontology and strengthening the School of Public Health’s national reputation, the Judith A. Sugar Endowed Professorship in Gerontology was recently established to recognize Faculty Emerita Judith Sugar’s considerable contributions to the field.

“The endowed professorship provides us the opportunity to not only elevate our programs and research, but to enhance our school’s recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty and researchers in gerontology,” said Muge Akpınar-Elci, dean of the School of Public Health. “This transformative endowment celebrates and advances Judith’s legacy along with her immense contributions to the field.”

Sugar, a nationally recognized teacher and scholar in gerontology, received her doctoral degree in lifespan developmental psychology from York University in Toronto, Canada. Most of her academic career has focused on the later years of the human lifespan.

“Every field of study — from biology to engineering and psychology — has opportunities for entrepreneurs and innovators who want to create new programs, products and services for our older gen-

erations and their loved ones,” Sugar said. “So, taking courses or completing academic programs in gerontology, be they certificates, minors, majors or graduate degrees, will serve students well into the future.”

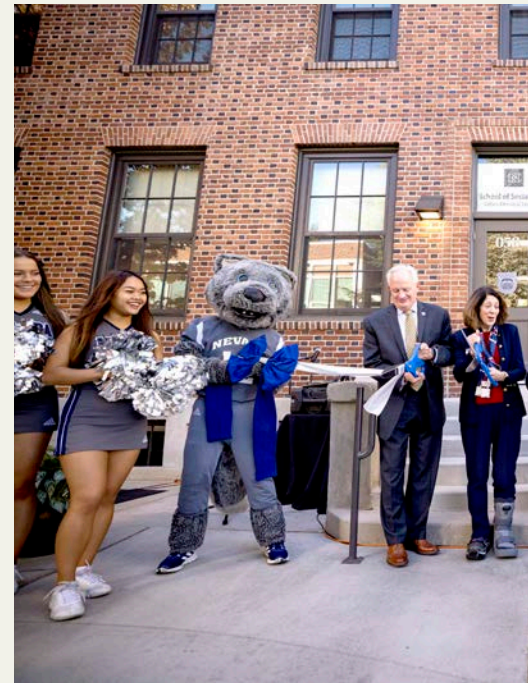
Among her many academic leadership roles, Sugar served as director of UNR Med’s Sanford Center for Aging and associate dean of The Graduate School at the University, as well as chair of Colorado State University’s gerontology program and associate director of the Anna and Harry Borun Center for Gerontological Research at UCLA.

She has published widely in the fields of psychology, gerontology and education. One of her most influential publications, “Introduction to Aging: A Positive, Interdisciplinary Approach,” is currently the only textbook for introductory courses in gerontology.

“Those who explore the field of gerontology will learn about the possibilities and challenges for their own future, as well as the future for their family, friends, neighbors and community, making them well-prepared to take advantage of the possibilities and to meet the challenges of aging,” Sugar said.

Sugar and her husband, Faculty Emeritus C. Richard Tracy, are also recognized in the University Honor Court as Silver Benefactors for their support across campus for more than 25 years.

To learn more about Sugar’s contributions, scan the QR code below.



School of Social Work

Opening a new home for the School of Social Work

By Courtney Quast

On Oct. 23, as part of the University’s yearlong sesquicentennial celebrations, the School of Social Work celebrated the official opening of its new home — Building 058.

More than 120 guests attended this momentous occasion symbolizing a new era for both the school and building. During the event, Dean Lillian Wichinsky, alongside President Brian Sandoval '86 (English), Executive Vice President and Provost Jeff Thompson and Regent Carol Del Carlo '72 (fashion trades), welcomed the community into the new space.

During Sandoval’s remarks, he recognized the significance of the day and the important role social workers play in our community. “If you want to make history, start with celebrating a new building for our School of Social Work, whose people will then go out and proceed to make all of the key connections and community building that will ultimately help us solve all of the problems.”

Wichinsky also shared her plans for the new building and the future of the school. “Our vision is to grow our stu-



Left to right: Executive Vice President and Provost Jeff Thompson, Dean Lillian Wichinsky, Regent Carol Del Carlo '72 and President Brian Sandoval '86 cut ribbon on new School of Social Work building.

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dent body to meet the mental health needs of this state,” she said. “We want to create more scholarships so students can access education and complete their degrees, continue to make new discoveries and develop new knowledge through the scholarly works of our incredible faculty, and serve the community by developing new projects with community partners and agencies.”

During the special ribbon cutting event, the school also unveiled the School of Social Work Giving Tree, which was designed and constructed by local artist Trigg Word to recognize the generous donors who support social work students. Those who donate \$250 or more to the School of Social Work Scholarship Fund can have their name added to a leaf on the tree and provide essential support to future social work students and alumni.

If you would like to give to the School of Social Work, scan the QR code below.



The front page of the Mining and Scientific Press, Volume X, Number 11, dated Saturday, March 18, 1865.

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mining, history, business and government to intersect around these volumes.”

Mining and Scientific Press volumes contain local and national historical data related to mining, including production

data, business directories, stories, ads, illustrations and news.

“Mining and Scientific Press has obvious value for those interested in the mining and science industries,” said Chrissy Klenke '04 (English), University Libraries' Earth Sciences, GIS, and Maps librarian. “They can also be used for background research on old mining companies, potentially benefiting those studying anthropology, geography, history, social sciences and the humanities.”

Klenke said the collection is a “gold mine” of information. “I’ve had patrons call the DeLaMare Science and Engineering Library because they have old mining stocks and/or bonds and want to know if they hold any value,” she said. “I am able to use this resource to help these patrons research specific mining company histories, which is a lot harder than it seems!”

University Libraries

Digitizing 108 vols. of Mining and Scientific Press

By Jill Stockton

Thanks to a generous donation from Stan Paher '69 M.A. (political science), Library faculty, staff and student assistants are working to digitize, describe and make more than 100 volumes of the historic newspaper, Mining and Scientific Press, available online. Volumes being digitized by the Libraries team range from 1865 to 1922. Once digitized, this information will expand access to what is already available online via HathiTrust (1893-1922) and EBSCO (1866; 1875-77).

Libraries' Digitization Lab Manager Katherine Dirk '06 (history) said the volumes are very unique to both Nevada and California. “Having these specific volumes available online is a win for the University and community,” she said. “Our work is helping to close the gap of what is currently digitized and available online, while creating opportunities for audiences such as

To view the digital collection, scan the QR code below.





Taylor Quiram, hydroponics instructor for Extension's Youth Horticulture Program, assists a student as they create their own hydroponics unit.

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[University of Nevada, Reno Extension](#)

How mentorship, hydroponics and a collaboration with law enforcement are changing school culture

By Molly Malloy '05

A unique 12-week program focused on gang intervention and curtailing violence through horticulture and mentorship is changing the lives of Clark County high school students.

“Young Men Mentorship through Hip Hop, Literacy & Horticulture” was created through a partnership between the University of Nevada, Reno Extension and Clark County law enforcement. The program launched in 2022 at Western High School and has since extended to Legacy High in North Las Vegas.

Extension Youth Horticulture Education Program Officer Tricia Braxton Perry and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Officer Arnold Parker worked with Western High School’s assistant principal to develop the curriculum, which explores self and group identity, leadership skills, and college and career preparation.

Extension provides the horticulture education and career readiness portion, while law

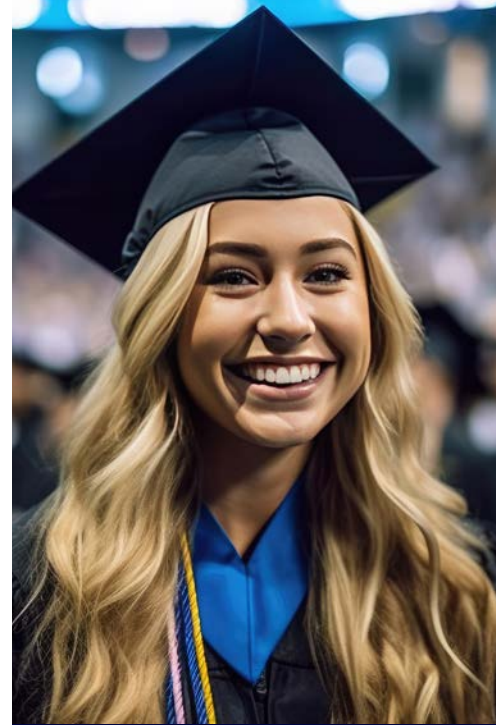
enforcement provides the mentorship. The components work in tandem. “The topic of the mentorship week may be about teamwork. The following week, the hydroponic project will rely on teamwork to troubleshoot potential equipment problems with the hydroponic unit,” Perry said.

School counselors refer students who they think could benefit from the program and make a positive difference in the school. Then, the program helps them embark on journeys of self-discovery and development to become future leaders in their communities.

“We want every type of kid in that classroom,” Parker said. “What we learned is when we bring them all into the classroom, they all have a lot of similarities because we are at high-risk schools. The kids aren’t high risk; it’s the environment they’re in.”

The relationships being built between students are already changing school culture. “We’re creating a safe haven for these kids who might not otherwise have interacted,” Parker said. “Now our groups come together. They’re going to say ‘that’s my friend.’ And by making that connection, we’re coaching them to reduce violence between groups.”

Read more about this program at the QR code below.



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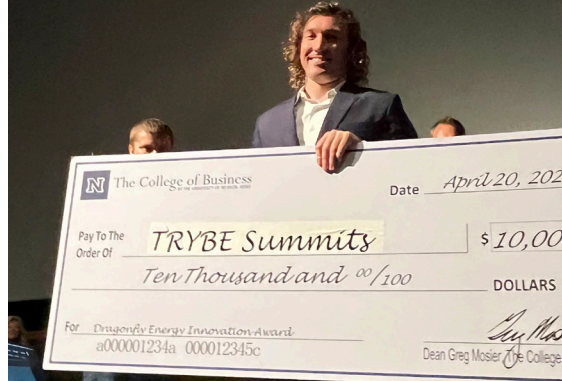
THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Dragonfly Energy Innovation Award supports outdoor team bonding and training program, Trybe

By Allison M. Williams '08

Nearly 10 years ago, Denis Phares '14 MBA came to the University of Nevada, Reno with a passion and background in energy storage. He entered The College of Business' annual Sontag Entrepreneurship Competition focused on go-to-market strategies for lithium-ion batteries, creating what is now one of the global leaders in deep cycle lithium battery production, Dragonfly Energy Corp.

"The Sontag Competition, along with the invaluable resources provided by The College of Business, played an important role in the early development of Dragonfly Energy. Their guidance was instrumental in



refining our business plan and honing our pitching skills," said Dragonfly President and CEO Phares. Committed to giving back, the Dragonfly Energy Innovation Award was established in 2021 to aid the "most innovative" Sontag competitors; and in 2023, outdoor team bonding and training program, Trybe, took home that honor.

Founded by Keaton Lynn '23 MBA, Trybe is a health performance company that encourages embracing and changing your relationship with stress to enhance your potential. Working with first responders, athletes, performers and business executives, Trybe creates immersive team experiences using unique tools.

TRYBE founder Keaton Lynn '23 MBA says the Dragonfly Energy Innovation Award has helped expand the unique outdoor team building and training program.

Courtesy The College of Business

"Underwater training, mobile saunas, large ice baths and yoga classes are all part of our approach to teaching the Eustress Method," said Lynn. "With this funding, we secured a location for a large summit in Florida. We also purchased three

large mobile saunas that hold up to 30 people, four ice tubs made to fit taller athletes, as well as a trailer for transport. Thanks to the Dragonfly Energy Innovation Award, we've been able to expand our business in new ways."

Dragonfly Energy was awarded the Nevada Alumni Association's Silver & Blue Appreciation Award. Check out all of the 2023 honorees on pages 46-49



For more information on supporting The College of Business, please contact Zack Madonick '11, executive director of development, at (775) 682-6041 or madonick@unr.edu.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Faculty Emerita Jennifer Hagen '93 M.D. supports Office of Diversity and Inclusion in grandmother's honor

By Sierra Madden (class of 2026)

Jennifer Hagen '93 M.D., professor and UNR Med senior associate dean for faculty, established the Edith Soderling Hagen Diversity and Inclusion Endowment in honor of her grandmother.

Edith inspired Jennifer to pursue a career in medicine, giving her a toy doctor's kit when she was just 5 years old. A first-generation college student, Edith later encouraged her granddaughter's academic endeavors throughout her undergraduate and medi-

cal degrees. Edith also served as the primary caregiver for a family member who suffered a devastating stroke. Her life represents the spirit of this award.

The work of UNR Med Associate Dean of Diversity and Inclusion Nicole Jacobs and the UNR Med Office for Diversity and Inclusion inspired Jennifer to start the endowment. "I have learned so much from the work of this office and the people we serve," Hagen said. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion hosts a quarterly Diversity Health Series, monthly Diversity Dialogues and special initiatives such as the Unity and Inclusion Project.

"Diversity and inclusion are tenets of our core values and central to our goals to provide compassionate care to everyone," said Paul J. Hauptman, M.D., dean of UNR Med and Renown Health's Chief Academic Officer. "Through Dr. Hagen's professional commitment and personal generosity, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion can con-



Associate Dean and Professor Emerita Jennifer Hagen '93 M.D. and UNR Med Associate Dean of Diversity and Inclusion Nicole Jacobs. Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA

tinue its work — and help us fulfill our vision of A Healthy Nevada."

To help support UNR Med, please contact Laurice Antoun-Becker '23 M.A., senior director of development, at (775) 682-6077 or lantounbecker@unr.edu.



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Max Vincze Memorial Scholarship aiding students committed to entrepreneurship and volunteerism

By Sierra Madden (class of 2026)

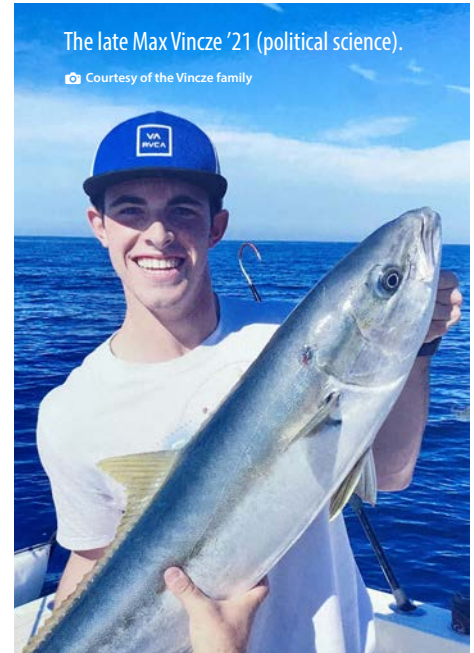
Created in loving memory of Max Vincze '21 (political science), who was just 22 years old and finishing his last semester of college when he was diagnosed with a rare, incurable cancer that primarily affects adolescents and young adults, the Max Vincze Memorial Scholarship Endowment will continue Vincze's legacy on campus.

A kind-hearted, funny and curious adventurer, athlete and angler, Vincze learned through his wilderness experiences that he

was a boy who could do hard things. It was that same bravery and strength that convinced him to pursue a traditional course of cancer treatment, despite being told there was no treatment specific to — nor a cure for — his illness. Vincze fought with a strength that belied his age, but three months after his NUT carcinoma diagnosis, he passed away surrounded by his family.

Committed to keeping his legacy alive, Vincze's parents, Suzanne and Craig '92 (pre-medical), '04 Ph.D. (biomedical engineering) along with several of Vincze's Zeta Psi fraternity brothers, established The Max Vincze Foundation to help fund research for adolescent and young adult cancers.

"The Max Vincze Foundation is raising funds and fostering advancements in research and treatments for adolescent and young adult cancer across the U.S. so no other family has to suffer a loss like we did," said Suzanne. "Here in Reno our goal is to provide financial support to students who are full of curiosity and who embrace the joys of life, just as Max did. We are grateful to continue his legacy here on campus by helping future students achieve their dreams."



The late Max Vincze '21 (political science).

Courtesy of the Vincze family

To help support the Max Vincze Memorial Scholarship Endowment and other scholarship funds, visit unr.edu/giving.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Julius A. Ballardini Cognitive and Brain Sciences Graduate Student Award Endowment supporting graduate student research

By Sierra Madden (class of 2026)

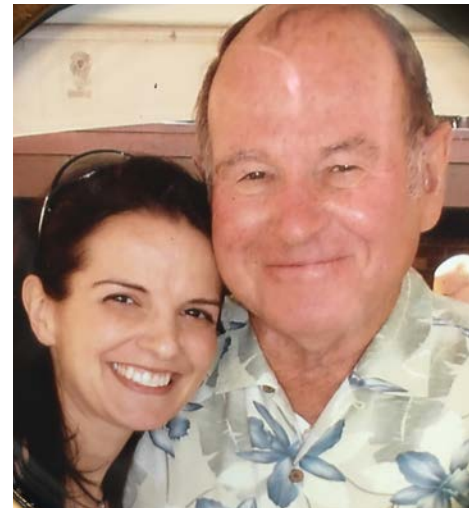
The late Julius Ballardini and his daughter, Nicole '96 (psychology), '07 M.A., established the Julius A. Ballardini Cognitive and Brain Sciences Graduate Student Award Endowment through a gift of stock in November 2021 to recognize and aid graduate students in the Cognitive and Brain Sciences Program in the Department of Psychology.

Ballardini, who has supported various programs campuswide since 1999 and is recognized as a Silver Benefactor in the Honor

Court, grew up in a time when higher education was not easily accessible. Throughout his life, Ballardini was driven to help others access education by providing the type of support that was not available to him. He held this program especially close to his heart because his daughter was a first-generation graduate student in the program and saw firsthand the need for financial assistance to help future cognitive scientists.

Nicole, who works on the real property side of the Ballardini Estate and is looking to earn a degree in design/architecture, said her time in the program had a tremendous impact on her life and she is grateful for this opportunity to give back to the program that gave her so much.

"The Ballardinis are dedicated to helping promising, hardworking students make further advances in this field," said Gideon Caplovitz, professor and director of the Cognitive and Brain Sciences Program. "Through their generosity, this award will ensure the success of our students as they further their research and contribute to greater understanding of the brain's complexities."



The late Julius Ballardini and his daughter, Nicole '96 (psychology), '07 M.A.

Courtesy of the Ballardini family

For information on supporting programs in the College of Science, please contact Leigh Fitzpatrick, director of development, at (775) 682-8791 or lfitzpatrick@unr.edu.

ORVIS SCHOOL OF NURSING

The Ballard family continues more than 25 years of support for memorial fund

By Sierra Madden (class of 2026)

The Dr. Ross L. and Dorothy D. Ballard Memorial Nursing Scholarship was first established in 1997 by Ross Ballard to honor his wife, Dorothy, who dedicated her life to working as a nurse.

In the time since, the entire Ballard family has kept both Dorothy and Ross' memories alive through steadfast support of this scholarship fund for more than 25

years. Most recently, the Ballards' daughter, Anne Hinkle, who is an Honor Court Silver Benefactor, made another generous gift in June 2023 to ensure this scholarship continues to support Orvis students from Nevada and nearby counties in California looking to follow in her mother's footsteps.

"Contributions such as this are essential — ensuring our students receive a top-tier education," said Cameron Duncan '10 (nursing), interim dean of the Orvis School of Nursing. "We are grateful to the entire Ballard family for helping to provide the resources that make an exceptional education possible for every student."


Graduating from Michael Reese Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago, Dorothy was a nurse for two decades — during which she became president of the Medical Auxiliary in San Bernardino. Dr. Ross Ballard

The late Dr. Ross L. and Dorothy D. Ballard.

 Courtesy of the Ballard family



was a general practitioner and became a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology, serving patients for 30 years before becoming the first medical director of the Student Health Center at California State University, San Bernardino.

 To learn more about supporting Orvis students, please contact Jillian Baker '13, associate director of development, at (775) 682-7178 or jbaker@unr.edu.

DONALD W. REYNOLDS SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

Community support funds Centennial Scholarship Endowment

By Lila Reeves-Hampton '17


In the fall of 1922, the first journalism class was taught at the University within the Department of English. The instructor, a young Nevada graduate and local news reporter at the Reno Evening Gazette, Laura Ambler '1919 (English) taught the inaugural class of 11 students who reported on happenings around campus as "correspondents" for the Gazette.

In 1923, Professor Alfred Higginbotham, warmly known as "Higgy," arrived on campus and set out to grow the journalism program. Eventually, Higgy was successful in establishing journalism as its own department in 1943. Over the next few decades, the journalism department would continue to bring in distinguished faculty members and shape some of the nation's leading news people and strategic communicators. In 1984, with the philanthropic support of

the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, the department became the Reynolds School of Journalism.

In fall 2022, 100 years after Ambler taught that first class, the Reynolds School marked this incredible milestone by establishing the Centennial Scholarship Endowment. With generous support from community members, alumni and faculty alike, the Reynolds School will award its first Centennial Scholarship to an exemplary journalism student this spring. Looking ahead, this scholarship will help ensure journalism students receive the financial assistance they need as they prepare to lead the media industries of the future.

"We are so grateful to the many individuals whose generosity enabled us to establish the Centennial Scholarship Endowment," said Al Stavitsky, who retired as dean of the Reynolds School in December. "This will help support and inspire students in the second century of journalism education at Nevada."

 For more information on supporting the Reynolds School or to make a gift to the Centennial Scholarship Endowment, please contact Joan Grover '12 M.A., director of development, at (775) 784-4184 or jgrover@unr.edu.



Laura Ambler '1919, the instructor of the first journalism course taught at the University of Nevada.

 Courtesy of Artemisia, 1919



Members of the first journalism class at the University of Nevada in 1924.

2023



HALL OF FAME
INDUCTEES

FOOTBALL

Joel Bitonio
(2009-13)



MEN'S BASKETBALL

JaVale McGee
(2006-08)



SILVER & BLUE
SERVICE AWARD

Laurie Beck
academic advisor
(1984-90, 2003-18)



SKIING

Dick Dorworth
(1958-62)



SOFTBALL

Michelle Gardner
head coach
(2001-08)



WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Mengjiao "JoJo" Mi
(2009-13)



Nevada Hall of Famer and former NFL player Jorge Cordova '10 establishes planned gifts

"A first-generation Mexican-American, I never would have imagined getting a full-ride; [the University] made it happen"



By Max Stone '19, '23 MFA

When Jorge Cordova '10 (general studies) first arrived on campus for his recruiting visit, he loved the environment — not only the mountains and crisp fall air, which he hadn't experienced growing up in San Diego — but also the welcoming team atmosphere. "They really made me feel like they needed someone like me," he said. "I also got that feeling of Nevada grit. That's what they call it, and it really is a true statement."

As a first-generation Mexican-American, Cordova never imagined getting a full-ride scholarship, but "[the University] made it happen." And he's the first to admit, Wolf Pack Football made him the man he is today. His teammates became his family away from home and his coaches were like second fathers, "They were always there if we had questions — not just about sports, but about life."

With all the University has done for him, Cordova knew he wanted to give back. When he learned the University could be listed as a bene-

ficiary on his life insurance policy, he decided it would be the perfect way to show his commitment and pay it forward. With his wife, Syreeta, he established a planned gift that will benefit the Football Fund and establish the Jorge A. Cordova Family Scholarship Endowment to aid first-generation students.

Jorge '10 and Syreeta Cordova with their three children.

Courtesy of Jorge Cordova

As a student-athlete Cordova was aware of donors' impact, recalling a time when the team was lacking jerseys and a donor made a gift to purchase new uniforms. A few years ago, it clicked for Cordova that those donors wouldn't be around forever and it was his turn to provide that support. "We are those people now," Cordova said, encouraging other young alumni to give. "This is our alma mater; we all bleed Silver and Blue and say we want to give back and uplift the University, this is how we can do our part."

Cordova's career at Nevada is marked by numerous honors including: All-American, first-team All-Western Athletic Conference, the team's Golden Helmet Award as MVP, and Outstanding Defensive Player in 2000 and 2002. In 2004, Cordova achieved his dream of playing in the NFL

Remembering Friends


when he was selected by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the third round of the draft. To cap off his lifetime of achievements, Cordova was inducted into the Nevada Athletics Hall of Fame in 2014.

The camaraderie and spirit of friendly competition is what Cordova values most from his time at Nevada, crediting his teammates with helping him reach the NFL. “It was the other football players around me who shaped me and gave me that work ethic,” he said. “We all drove each other to be better, and our standout play got us exposure to NFL scouts.”

When his time in the NFL came to an end after five seasons, Cordova struggled with a loss of identity. “I was Jorge the football player my whole life,” he said. “Honestly, I was lost; I didn’t know what to do in my life.” His wife pushed him to go back to school to complete his bachelor’s degree and Cordova made it a point to finish at Nevada. From there, he earned a master’s in management from University of Phoenix. “When I was done in the NFL, I learned I could no longer use my body to provide for myself and my future family. I really had to turn to my mind and use it the same way I was using my body. I just kept working like I did on the field in the classroom.” Cordova has spent the last 15 years in transportation — starting in an entry-level position and moving up to director for transportation in the North County Transit District. He now has his sights set on becoming chief operating officer.

Outside of his 9 to 5, Cordova founded a nonprofit organization with fellow Wolf Pack alumni Nate Bursleson (attended 1999-03) and Justin Morscheck ’05 (finance), ’08 M.S. The Team Dream Foundation supports smaller athletic programs at Division I, II, III schools as well as historically black colleges and universities by assisting them in building new athletic facilities and student housing. Through this work, Cordova has seen firsthand the importance of donor funding and says Nevada has an opportunity to grow even further with the help of young alumni and donors.

“Success is there for the taking,” he said. “The more we give back, the closer we can get to competing with bigger universities. And more success in both athletics and academics means more recruitment and retention in the future.” **N**

 For more information on making a planned gift, visit unlegacy.org or contact Brian Saeman, J.D. ’98, director of planned giving, at (775) 682-5938 or bsaeman@unr.edu.

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Janice G. Davidson ’10 (Hon.) taught at several colleges before co-founding an educational software company. Later, with her husband, Robert, she established the Davidson Academy, a free public middle and high school on the University campus that ranks among the best in the country.



Jason Geddes ’90, ’95 Ph.D. was 1990 ASUN President, 2004 Alumnus of the Year, NSHE Regent Emeritus and a state assemblyman from 2002-04. A memorial scholarship is being established at the University to recognize his decades of support for higher education.

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Dear fellow alumni,

This year marks a monumental milestone — our University's 150th anniversary, the sesquicentennial, which kicked off last October with the groundbreaking for the new College of

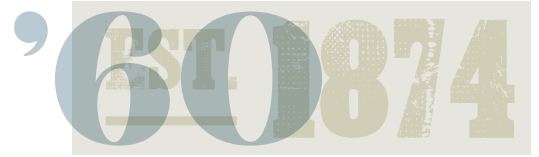
Business building in the Mathewson Gateway District. We have an exciting year planned with sesquicentennial celebrations set to honor our rich history and bright future. I invite you all to partake in the array of events lined up — each weaving the past, present and future of our institution into a tapestry of pride and tradition.

One of the most common conversations I have with alumni is around the evolving landscape of our beautiful campus, which has been said to rival the best of the Ivy League. If you haven't visited in a while, I encourage you to spend a wonderful afternoon witnessing the transformations that have taken place, from the Pennington Student Achievement Center on the site of the old Getchell Library, to the new student housing projects along Virginia Street and a new parking complex in the Gateway District, which will soon welcome not only a new business building but a hotel and conference center. You'll come to see that it's still the campus you remember — and its future is bright and ready for another 150 years.

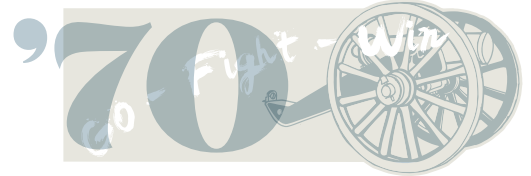
In these exciting times, your engagement and presence on campus and out in our community are more valuable than ever. I look forward to seeing you around at one of our sesquicentennial celebrations. It's our birthday after all: Let's celebrate!

Go Pack!

Bryan McArdle '05, '10 MBA



"The Starlight Hotel-Casino" by Distinguished Nevadan and Faculty Emeritus **WILLIAM A. DOUGLASS '61** (Spanish).



"The Big Basin Waltz: The Adventures of Hawk-eye Starbuck" by **PATRICK LANDON '75** (geography).

STEVEN ING '77 (philosophy), '90 M.A. (counseling & educational psychology), a community faculty member for the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, delivered a Community Grand Rounds with UNR Med's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Steven's talk included his personal story of surviving multiple stab wounds at his clinic in 2022 and tips on how to stay safe in the workplace.


MARC PICKER '78 (journalism) was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Nevada Attorneys for Criminal Justice. Marc has been a criminal defense attorney in Reno and throughout Nevada for 35 years. He is currently the Washoe County Alternate Public Defender.



"The Bitter Past" by **BRUCE BORGOS '82** (political science).

Maj. **GEN. BRETT WYRICK '83** (pre-medical) is currently serving as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Surgeon General for the U.S. Air Force, providing assistance for all medical matters pertaining to the Air Force and Space Force. A dual board-certified physician in general surgery and aerospace

medicine, Brett holds the aeronautical rating of chief flight surgeon with 1,000-plus hours of military flying experience; including combat tours in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kosovo, as well as numerous deployments on humanitarian missions during his 33-year career.

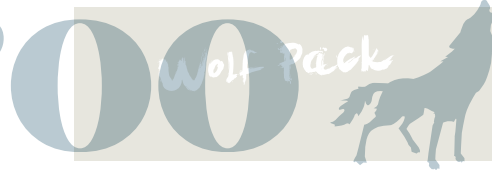
 "The Proofs of Legendre's Conjecture and Three Related Conjectures," a peer-reviewed paper by **WING YU '84** (electrical engineering).

to the board of advisors for the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System at the University of Denver. During her career, Joey has held key administrative positions in Washoe County and coordinated legislation for then-Gov. **BRIAN SANDOVAL '86** (English).

ANN (SNELGROVE) MORTARA '03 (nursing) recently retired after 20 years of service as a nurse with the U.S. Navy. She continues to live and work in Reno as a civilian nurse practitioner.

ANDY WALDEN '04 (journalism) was named partner at KPS3, a full-service marketing and digital communications firm. An instrumental member of KPS3 since 2018, Andy previously held management roles at Noble Studios and Twelve Horses, with expertise spanning from travel and tourism to health care and B2B SaaS.

KYLIE ROWE '08 (economics), **'12 M.S.** (social work), **'17 MBA** joined Truckee Meadows Tomorrow as executive director — bringing experience in leadership, economic development and marketing communications to the role. Prior to TMT, Kylie launched strategy company Kylie Rowe Co. in 2019, previously worked as vice president of corporate relocation for Dickson Realty and as vice president of economic development, communications and public affairs for the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance.



LS BECKY BOSSHART '02 (journalism) was awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of State's Citizen Diplomacy Action Fund to help children with special educational needs displaced by the Russia-Ukraine war. After working as a journalist in Nevada, Becky volunteered at Chernivtsi National University as part of the international master's program and was among more than 200 U.S. Peace Corps volunteers evacuated when Russia first invaded Ukraine in 2014. In 2015-16, she was a member of the Fulbright Alumni Association and has been part of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Alliance for Ukraine.

MACHALAGH CARR '02 (criminal justice) served as chief of staff for former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, becoming the first female chief of staff to a Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives. Machalagh is currently the chief of staff to the speaker pro-tem in the House of Representatives.



SARA ROBBINS '10 (journalism), **BRITTANY RUBENAU '10** (journalism),



EDWARD ESTIPONA '92 (business administration), owner and president & CEO of Estipona Group, celebrated 30 years in business. The Estipona Group is a full-service advertising agency based in Reno with clients throughout the United States.

N Former State Sen. **JULIA RATTI '92** (art) joined the Truckee Meadows Tomorrow board of directors. Julia is currently the director of programs and projects for Northern Nevada Public Health, formerly the Washoe County Health District, and brings a unique combination of public service and professional experience to the board.

N **JOEY ORDUNA HASTINGS '97** (political science), CEO of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, was named



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Born: Aug. 18, 2022
Parents: ERIC TILLY '12 (computer science) and JULIET (LACHAPPELL) TILLY '14 (economics)


DANIELLE LONGLEY '11 (journalism and Spanish), **ANNA-LEIGH FIRTH '16** (journalism) and **BROOK BENTLEY '19 MBA** were recently promoted at marketing and advertising agency KPS3. **SARA**, who previously served as publicist for THE ROW, was promoted to associate vice president of social. **BRITTANY** is now a senior account director with more than 12 years of experience in cross-functional roles. **DANIELLE** was named senior account director, bringing 13 years of experience from the University Studies Abroad Consortium, The Glenn Group and Noble Studios. **ANNA-LEIGH**, who joined the team in 2021, is now an associate account manager with past experience working at The National Judicial College and OCG Creative. With a background in journalism, media studies and business at Everything Nevada and Sierra Nevada Media Group, **BROOK** was promoted to associate account director.

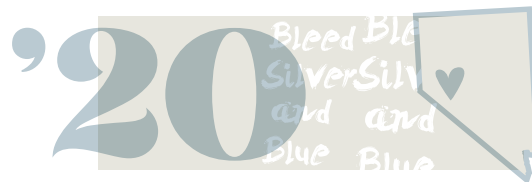
SKYLER KACHURAK '12 (finance) is director of flight operations for SkyDrop, formerly known as Flirtey. A pioneer in commercial drone delivery, the company made

history in 2015 when it completed the first-ever FAA-approved drone delivery in the U.S. In April 2023, SkyDrop made history again as the first company approved for store-to-door deliveries in New Zealand.

SADIE FIENBERG '16 (journalism), founder of Butterfly Creative Projects, received the Small Business Administration's "Nevada Young Entrepreneur of the Year" award for 2023. A student-intern at the Nevada Small Business Development Center, Sadie used the center's services to start and grow her own Reno-based boutique-style agency specializing in graphic, web and email design.

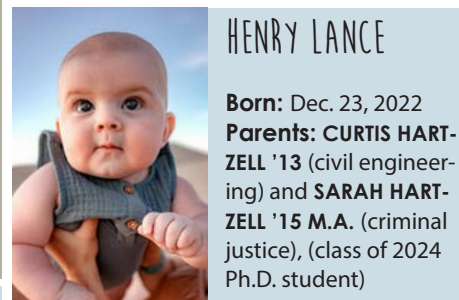
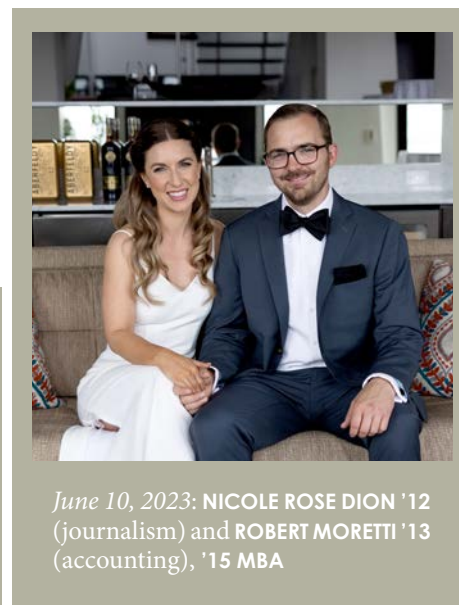
JESSICA (MEDINA) ASHTON '17 (criminal justice) is returning to the Macon-Bibb District Attorney's Office in Macon, Georgia, where she previously interned, as an assistant district attorney after graduating from law school and taking the bar exam.

 "Temporary Preparations" and "The Bisexual Lighting Makes Everyone Beautiful," poetry chapbooks by **MAX STONE '19** (English), '23 MFA.




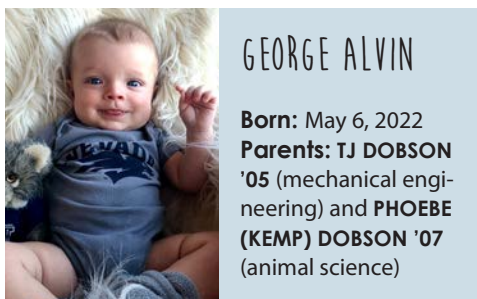
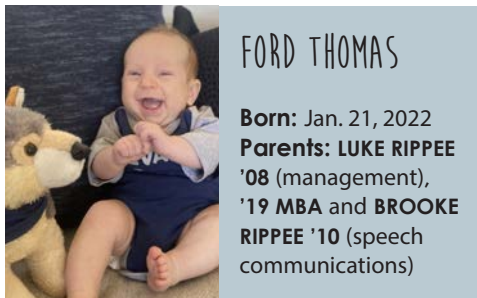
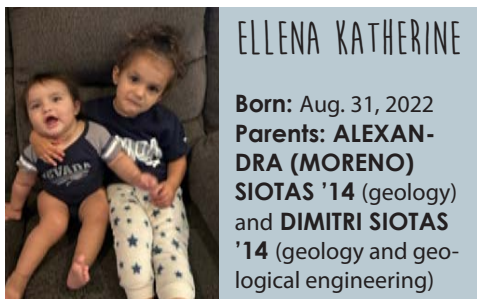
ASHLEY CAMPAGNA '21 (marketing) was promoted to associate account manager with KPS3 after two years as an account coordinator with the local agency. During her time as a student, Ashley worked in the fast-paced environment of the Nevada Small Business Development Center.

DELANEY URONEN '21 (English), a writer for nonprofit news outlet Double Scoop, won first place in the profile category of the Nevada Press Association 2023 Better Newspaper Contest Awards.



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Kevin Melcher '79, '81 M.S.

2023 Alumnus of the Year



Legacy Society member and
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Kevin Melcher '79, '81 M.S.

📷 Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA

By Allison M. Williams '08

“There are so many good memories,” Kevin Melcher '79, '81 M.S. (physical education) said with a smile as he sat on the second floor of Morrill Hall

and reminisced about his time on campus. “I didn’t have a strong GPA, so I was never worried about being in the running for the Herz Gold Medal but if they had an award for the highest GCM — golden college memories — I might have been in the running.”

“I have to say my favorite memory, and one that has lasted almost forever, was Homecoming

of '78 when I met my wife [Ann Marie (Humphrey) '80 (managerial sciences)] . . . I met her at an after party at the ΣAE fraternity house," he added as he pointed toward the house on the other side of 9th Street. "She was in Delta Delta Delta and had come with friends. That's where I met her and we started dating right then; it was just the right time."

From meeting his wife in what he calls his "second senior year," to following a career of more than 30 years in education, Melcher is a big believer that "opportunities lead to opportunities." He says his 22 years in administration in Elko, six years as a Nevada System of Higher Education regent, four years on the Nevada State Board of Education, and current service on the Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities all started with high school wrestling.

"People say 'how did you get to be a regent?' or 'how did you get involved in the community?' I usually say, 'it's because I wrestled in high school.' I wrestled and refereed and that helped me get a coaching job at Hug High when there were no teaching jobs. Then, I was offered a job in Elko to coach wrestling and teach. If I hadn't wrestled, I never would have gotten the teaching job and because I went to Elko, that opened the door to become a principal."

Melcher admits those opportunities and the success they led to are also the result of getting involved. "If it hadn't been for the involvement with my fraternity and, in turn, as an ASUN senator and 1979 senate president, I don't know that I would have made it through school. I mean that's what kept me going, honestly."

That connection and involvement with both campus and community never stopped for the Melchers. After moving to Elko, the two remained season ticket holders for Wolf Pack Football, traveling to all but a handful of home games over the last 43 years, and upon their return to Reno in 2017, they added season tickets for both men's and women's basketball. Their support extended beyond Mackay Stadium and Lawlor to serving on the Nevada Alumni Council within 10 years of graduating, as well as helping The College of Business, College of Education

& Human Development and College of Liberal Arts advisory boards, and aiding the development of the University's Physician Assistant Studies program.

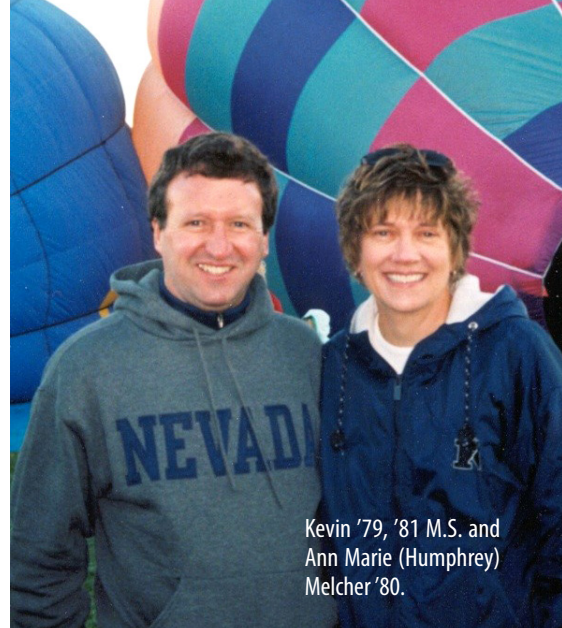
"My wife and I just never stopped getting involved. For us, volunteering is a way for us to give back to those who mentored us, who helped us get through to where we're at today."

He encourages current students to find that involvement and support for themselves from their very first days on campus. "I think when students find a way to get engaged in their education outside the classroom it makes it more fun and makes it more lifelike when you get out in the big world. That involvement keeps you energized. There's more than one reason to be in school and nowadays, there are so many ways to be involved on campus."

Melcher noted that the entire Wolf Pack Family is key to the success of soon-to-be graduates. "For adults who want to find a way to get connected back to the University, one of the easiest ways to start is with one student. Mentor a student, become a friend, be somebody they can reach out to and ask for advice. The rewards I've reaped by staying involved with young people have been huge, even starting with my oldest students who graduated from Elko High in '81 and are turning 60 this year."

Both Kevin and Ann Marie began giving back five years after graduating, and they encourage others to do the same. "We recommend people who graduate start giving right away — it doesn't matter how much, it's just about establishing the giving habit. And remember, it doesn't always have to be money, it can be donations of time. It's a way of helping support young people through their colleges and institutions." **N**

The alumnus or alumna of the year is the Nevada graduate who distinguishes themselves among their peers, gives back to Nevada and supports the University's mission of providing outstanding learning, discovery and engagement opportunities to students to meet the urgent needs of the modern world.



Kevin '79, '81 M.S. and Ann Marie (Humphrey) Melcher '80.



As part of the University's Centennial Class in 1974, 2023 Alumnus of the Year Kevin Melcher '79, '81 M.S. was on campus when the University bell was relocated from Reno to its original home in Elko. The bell now sits on the Elko High School campus where Melcher took his first teaching job and in 2014, he was integral in the bell's restoration in Elko as part of the state's sesquicentennial. **N** Courtesy of Melcher

2023

Nevada Alumni Association AWARDS

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Brian Williams '13
(marketing)



EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

N Kenneth Howard '74
(managerial sciences)



EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Jeffrey Hutzler '83
(elementary education)



EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Jason Naaktgeboren



EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

N Travis Walker '09
(biology),
'14 M.D., '20 MPH



EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Tammy Westergard '87
(speech communications)



OUTSTANDING CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

Veterans Alumni Chapter



OUTSTANDING RECENT GRADUATE

Alexa Ard '16
(journalism)



OUTSTANDING RECENT GRADUATE

Samantha McBride '13
(environmental engineering)



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(civil engineering)



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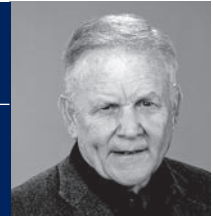
ATHLETICS

Virgil '10 (criminal justice)
& Marianne Green '11 (accounting)



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Robert Boisson '78
(art)



COLLEGE OF SCIENCE'S
SAMUEL ABRAHAM
GOUDSMIT MEDAL

Leslie Welser-Sherrill '00, '03 M.S.,
'06 Ph.D. (physics) &
Manolo Sherrill '03 Ph.D. (physics)



DONALD W. REYNOLDS
SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

Lawrence Ryckman '83
(journalism)



MACKAY SCHOOL OF EARTH SCIENCES
AND ENGINEERING'S
JOHN WILLIAM MACKAY MEDAL

N Timothy Crowley '92
(geography)



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
& HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

George Hardaway '71
(physical education)



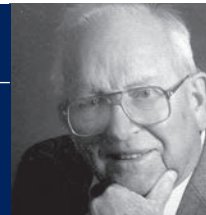
ORVIS SCHOOL OF NURSING

Denise (Larsen) Stahlbusch '17 MSN, '22 DNP



UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

LS The late Jim Hulse
'52 (journalism),
'58 M.A. (history)



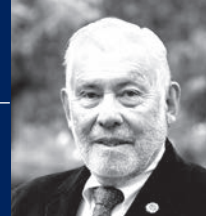
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

LS Dr. John Gray '80



THE COLLEGE BUSINESS

George Peek '65
(accounting)



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING'S
JAMES G. SCRUGHAM MEDAL

Catriona Black '95
(materials science & engineering)



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

N Patrick Ronan '94
(health education)



HONORS COLLEGE

Erin Edgington '08 (French &
sociology), '18 M.A. (educational
leadership)



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Norma Moyle '92 M.S.
(social work)



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FALL 2023

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Lily A. Larsen

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE,
BIOTECHNOLOGY
& NATURAL RESOURCES
GPA: 3.939

Mentor: Mark Demuth '98
M.S., '09 M.S.

Why the University of Nevada, Reno?

I felt the University afforded me a lot of opportunity to explore different pathways with my education. Nevada offers a wide range of experiences and allows students to build their own unique education.

Plans after graduation

I am planning to get my master's in library and information science to become a librarian. I want to eventually become a subject librarian and use the knowledge I have acquired and apply it to this new adventure!

Caitlin Rose McHugh

THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
GPA: 4.0

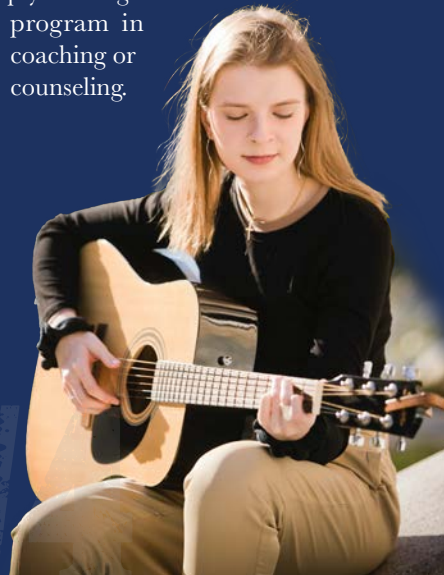
Mentor: Bret Leary

Why the University of Nevada, Reno?

Reno has always been my home. I have my whole life to go out and explore the world, but while I'm in school, I wanted to be near my family and friends. I'm a lifelong skier and I love Tahoe — having the Lake and the mountains in your backyard is an unbelievable perk of living here. We have a beautiful campus and no shortage of degree options, so even as a confused freshman, I knew there would be a place for me here.

Plans after graduation

After graduation, I want to continue both my formal and informal education. I think the world has a lot to teach me; I want to meet as many people as I can, travel where I'm able, and take in as much as possible. I want to help others find a sense of peace and become the best version of themselves. I'm good at holding that space for people and I think it would be an immense privilege to hear and engage with their stories. I'm planning to apply to a degree program in coaching or counseling.



Ja Ja Chang

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION &
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
GPA: 4.0

Mentor: Rachel Salas

Why the University of Nevada, Reno?

I truly believe God set this path in front of me to attend the University because of the wonderful opportunities and experiences I've encountered. He allowed me to see how the University was a change of pace compared to Las Vegas where I was raised. With two of my brothers already living in Reno, it was best to start somewhere familiar to them, but foreign to me. Also, the clash between nature and city life was appealing to begin an independent lifestyle. Nevada offers an excellent education program which my mom had to persuade me about when I considered enrolling at UNLV — she was right!

Plans after graduation

After graduation, I plan to start teaching K-2nd grade. I am still deciding between Washoe or Clark County, but I know down the road I will be back at Nevada to complete my master's in reading curriculum and instruction. Also, I hope to extend the teaching skills God has provided me on a Christian missionary trip to Taiwan this upcoming summer!



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Brigida Rovarino • COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING • GPA: 4.0 • Mentor: Keith Dennett

Why the University of Nevada, Reno?

Making the decision to attend the University was easy for me. Coming out of high school, I knew I wanted to major in engineering and the University has a great engineering program. In addition, the financial aid offerings and tuition costs made obtaining a good education affordable.

Plans after graduation

After completing my bachelor's in civil engineering, I will continue my education at Nevada through the accelerated master's program in structural engineering. After that, I plan to take a full-time position at the company where I'm interning. There, I will gain experience and work toward my professional engineer license.



Ryan Rose Vortisch

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

GPA: 3.959

Mentor: Alissa Surges

Why the University of Nevada, Reno?

I primarily chose to attend the University because it's close to home. I had initially gone to an out-of-state college my freshman year, but realized it was really important to me to be close to my family. I also chose Nevada because it has a high-quality criminal justice program that is very detailed and covers a diverse range of topics that I believe have prepared me for a future career in a related field.

Plans after graduation

After graduation I plan to take a few months to rejuvenate my brain and do some traveling before seeking out paralegal positions. Per the advice of multiple attorneys I've had the pleasure to do internships with, I plan to work as a paralegal for a while to help me determine whether I want to pursue law school or am content with that being my career.



Alexis Reanna McGuire

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

GPA: 3.99

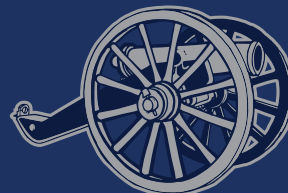
Mentor: Christopher Blair '08, '12 M.A., '15 Ph.D.

Why the University of Nevada, Reno?

When I first toured the campus my senior year of high school, I fell in love with the atmosphere and all of the surrounding nature in the Reno area, including our campus. The weather also reminded me of living back home in New York City. I was interested in the research specialization offered by the psychology department and all of the research opportunities Nevada offers its undergraduate students. I was able to partake in one within the PREP research program under Assistant Professor Mia Holbrook, researching college student attitudes toward community-driven strategies of reform within the criminal justice system.

Plans after graduation

After graduation, I plan to pursue a Master's of Public Health at Nevada next fall. In the meantime, I'll take some graduate special courses in the spring and find an internship related to public health. After graduate school, I plan to become a Peace Corps Volunteer to help support programs and efforts related to public health in other countries, while broadening my perspectives of other cultures/countries. In the future, I plan on working as a public health analyst to influence the programs and policies that are being put into place in order to support my community's health and well-being.



Eva Sigrun Burgeson

ORVIS SCHOOL OF NURSING

GPA: 3.982

Mentor: Shannon Richard '08, '12 MSN

Why the University of Nevada, Reno?

I chose to attend the University as an undergrad transfer student because it's only a few hours from my hometown and I love all of the outdoor activities Reno has to offer. Because of the friendships I have made here and the proximity to Tahoe, I decided to stay in Reno for the second degree BSN program at the University.

Plans after graduation

After graduation, I plan to work as a registered nurse at Renown on the oncology unit. I am excited to be a nurse and see what the future has in store for me.



Tyreis Mikale Gatson

HONORS COLLEGE

GPA: 3.944

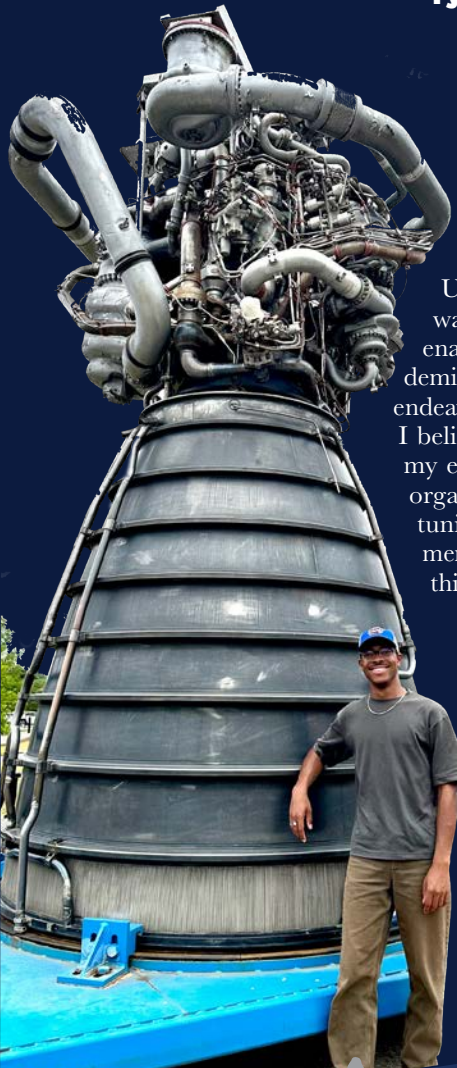
Mentor: Angelina Padilla

Why the University of Nevada, Reno?

Through its generous scholarships and relatively low cost of attendance, the University was the only one I was accepted into that would enable me to focus on my academic, professional and personal endeavors without amassing debt. I believe I've made the most of my education thanks to student organizations, research opportunities and numerous faculty members who are now sewn into this chapter of my life.

Plans after graduation

After graduation, I will be embarking on a two-month backpacking trip with family and friends in South America before relocating to Los Angeles, where I will begin my full-time job at SpaceX headquarters as a structures engineer on the Dragon Mechanisms team.



Haley Katherine Ekberg

DONALD W. REYNOLDS SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

GPA: 3.865

Mentor: Paromita Pain

Why the University of Nevada, Reno?

I chose to attend the University because my mom came here for her undergrad. After touring the campus in 2020, I knew I wanted to come here also.

Plans after graduation

I plan to come back to the University in the near future to further my education. I will also work on personal projects, like developing a photography business.



Dai-Nien Tran

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

GPA: 3.992

Mentor: Jennifer Pearson

Why the University of Nevada, Reno?

I am originally from Las Vegas but wanted to go a bit further away from home. The University was a great option because of how affordable it was and had more of the traditional college feel.

Plans after graduation

After graduating, I hope to pursue a Master's of Public Health in epidemiology at the University and to eventually work directly in the field of public health at a health department.



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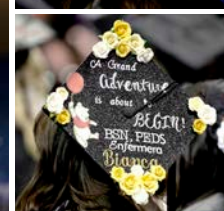
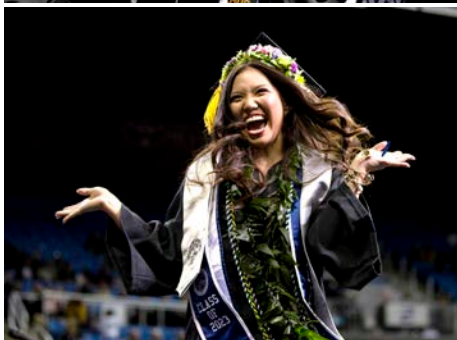
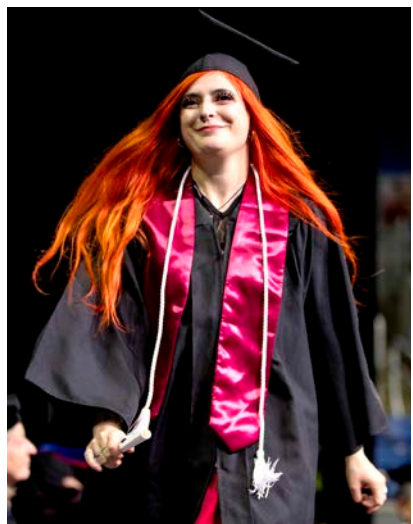
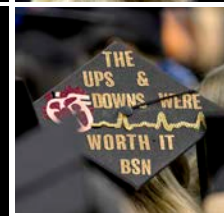
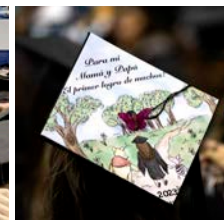
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Winter 2023 Commencement

Dec. 9, the University of Nevada, Reno welcomed thousands of new alumni to The Wolf Pack Family — conferring 1,855 degrees and certificates at the Winter 2023 Commencement ceremonies at Lawlor Events Center. Of those, 1,250 were bachelor's degrees and 605 were master's or doctoral degrees across 169 different majors, with graduates ranging from 19 to 74 years old.

 Rachel Jackson '23



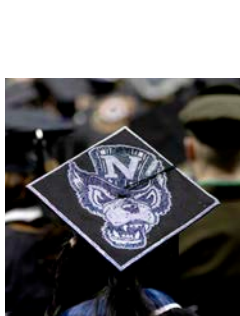
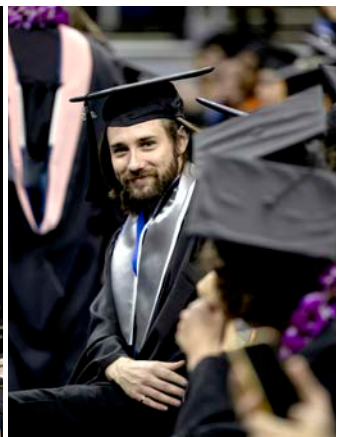
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The Multicultural Center hosted its annual Unity Graduation Celebration on Dec. 8 to celebrate more than 130 Winter 2023 graduates. 📷 Drake Avisado



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ALUMNI GATHERINGS

The Nevada Alumni Association had a busy fall full of events including the USC Pregame Party, Class of 1973 Golden Reunion, Nevada Alumni Night @ Tesla, Cap Decorating, Homecoming and more!

📷 Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA

- 1-2** Wolf Pack fans at the USC Pregame Party in Los Angeles.
- 3** George Kaiser '73, '75 M.D.; Bradley Nord '73. **4** Bob Bell '73, Mary-Ellen McMullen '73, Colleen Hoch '73, Bradley Nord '73, Linda Bell.
- 5** Barbara '73 and John Gonzales '71 with President Brian Sandoval '86 and First Lady Lauralyn Sandoval '92.
- 6** The Class of 1973 poses on the front steps of Morrill Hall.
- 7** Robert '73 and Susan Collins '73, '00 Ed.D. **8** Matthew Kengott '09 addressing the crowd at Tesla.
- 9** Nevada Alumni Night @ Tesla.



📷 Rachel Jackson '23

10 Mortarboards decorated by graduating students.

11 Abril Arguello '23.

📷 Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA

12 Michael Hambrick; Sony Hambrick; Jen Sims '08, '10 MSW; Beth Lau. **13** Donna Lee-Kistler '77; Past Alumni Council President Shenea Strader '05, '07 MBA and Emily Mudlin '21 M.A. sell Alumni Association memberships at PACK! MidTown. **14** President Sandoval '86 and First Lady Sandoval '92 pose with the Nevada Latino Alumni Chapter and the mariachi band from ASUN's Mariachi Lobos de Plata Club at PACK! MidTown.

15 School of Social Work Alumni Chapter at PACK! MidTown.

16 Native American Alumni Chapter at PACK! MidTown.

17 Nevada Young Alumni Chapter at El Adobe for PACK! MidTown. **18** Nevada Football Alumni Chapter members Mike Edwards '00; Stacey Sellers; Jim House; Quinton Conaway '20, '21; Tom Werbeckes; Mac Sellers '00; Crystal Edwards '04, '05 Ed.D.

19 Veterans Alumni Chapter at Piñon Bottle Co. **20** Matt Clifton '93, President Brian Sandoval '86, Laurie Beck '86 M.A., Athletics Director Stephanie Rempe.

21 April and Brian Williams '13. **22** Josie and Catriona Black '95. **23** Rasheeda '01, George '71, Ruby, Morris and Sherika Hardaway. **24** 2023 Alumnus of the Year Kevin Melcher '79, '81 M.S.

25 Members of the Veterans Alumni Chapter, the Alumni Association Outstanding Chapter of the Year. **26** Jeanie Douglass; Cloe Klippenstein '12, '14 MBA; Nancy McLelland '66; Tammy Westergard '87; Brooks Westergard '11; Mitzi (LaBranch) Westergard and Todd Westergard '84.

📷 Courtesy of the Nevada Alumni Association

27 Seattle area alumni joined Executive Vice President and Provost Jeff Thompson; President Sandoval '86 and Interim Vice President for University Advancement Patricia Richard '89, '92 M.A. for a social in November.



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University of Nevada, Reno 150th crossword puzzle

By Roxanne Piskel '22 MFA



ACROSS

2. Closest mountain range to the University
7. First women's dormitory; or a lake
11. Where the N rests
12. First Native American to graduate, Lloyd ____
13. First alumnus President
17. Birthday University is celebrating this year
18. The first non-human to learn ASL, a chimpanzee named ____
19. Mother is a ____, filmed on campus
21. Shape of Fleischmann Planetarium, hyperbolic ____
22. University yearbook
23. Pre-University Way
26. First editor, University of Nevada Press
29. Statue at the north end of the Quad
30. President who had the longest tenure at the University
31. Wolfie's daughter
34. The University's first home
35. With 18A and 25D, Indigenous homeland the University is on
37. LeRoy ____, 1st president of the University

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1. Before the Wolf Pack
3. Quad trees
4. First librarian, Hannah ____
5. Gallery in Prim Library
6. First woman to graduate from University, Blanche ____
8. Valley the University calls home, Truckee ____
9. The SU before the JCSU; Jot ____
10. 1921, Nevada's first All-American in football
14. University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe before 2020
15. The Wolf Pack ____
16. Freshman boot camp
20. First college/school to produce graduates
24. ____ E. Ross Hall
25. With 18A and 35A, Indigenous homeland the University is on
28. The oldest building on campus
32. Largest residence hall on campus
33. The Mackay Song lyricist
36. Irrigation ditch, from California to Spanish Springs

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