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Wolfie Jr., Alpie and Luna join First Lady Lauralyn Sandoval '92 and President Brian Sandoval '86 at NevadaFIT opening ceremonies. The award-winning NevadaFIT boot camp, which has increased both graduation and retention rates, helps prepare all freshmen and transfer students for success from day one.  Jordan S. Buxton '21

Ripples of achievement, achieving the University's purpose

Often, one achievement can create a series of beneficial ripples. Here at our University, these ripples help our students grow from day one on campus to graduation. And in turn, lead to a stronger community for generations to come. This is especially true for the recent good news our University has produced.

In July 2022, the University successfully completed what was perhaps the most complex initiative we've ever undertaken with the transfer of the former Sierra Nevada University to our University. Now the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe, our Incline Village location presents us with a generational opportunity to reimagine how we deliver our academic offerings while also taking a leadership role in the areas of sustainability and environmental issues.

Over the summer, we also learned the Nevada Legislature's Interim Finance Committee had approved 30th Gov. Steve Sisolak's \$75 million appropriation for a new Nevada State Public Health Laboratory to be built on our campus. This high-tech research facility will be one of the finest in the nation, benefiting the faculty of our Schools of Public Health and Medicine, and looking out for the future health of Nevadans.

Another exciting development in June included the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents' approval of our 2023-27 Strategic Plan, "Wolf Pack Rising." Our strategic plan contains a clear-eyed look at our institutional strengths and pinpoints areas of potential growth as we meet the challenges of our time and the opportunities that lie ahead.

What ties all of these achievements together is the teamwork needed to realize them. Whether it was receiving the largest gift in University history with the transfer of assets for the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe; the confidence our state leaders demonstrated by supporting a state-of-the-art research facility on our campus that is key to impactful and necessary work statewide; or the teamwork involved in synthesizing the most audaciously bold ideas of our entire University into our strategic plan, the shared thread has always been the willingness of the people of our University to work together. This is The Wolf Pack Way.

Each achievement is worth celebrating, but the ripples are often what live on — positively affecting people for generations to come.

Go Pack!

Brian Sandoval '86, President



University students can now enjoy free admission at the Nevada Museum of Art. The Free Student Admission Program is the result of generous support from local philanthropist and longtime museum trustee Wayne Prim. A symbol of the new program, the University received a sculpture on long-term loan from the museum's permanent collection by the Grellman family. You can see "Shadow of the Sun" for yourself in the Carol Franc Buck Foundation Sculpture Garden at the south entrance of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.

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On the cover

The new University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe, Wayne L. Prim campus in the beautiful surrounding pines.

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We acknowledge that the University of Nevada, Reno is situated on the traditional homeland of the Nunu (Northern Paiute), Wašiw (Washoe), Neve (Western Shoshone) and Nuxu (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.



All photos by Jeff Dow

"A gift for the ages"

—President Brian Sandoval '86

The University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe is uniquely designed with students in mind

By Natalie Fry '04

The significance of a moment

“This year, the University of Nevada, Reno was transformed with the most generous gift in our 148-year history. Located in Incline Village and just a short walk from shores of picturesque and iconic Lake Tahoe, we are deeply grateful to include the Wayne L. Prim campus at Lake Tahoe as part of the University of Nevada, Reno. The stunning location and the 50-plus year legacy of Sierra Nevada University will be preserved as the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe. This new location will provide our students

and faculty one of the most beautiful, inspiring and important learning environments in higher education today.”

Those were the words of President Brian Sandoval '86 (English) at September's State of the University Address as we marked this landmark milestone and the yearlong process of making the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe a reality.

The transition officially began in July 2021, when Sierra Nevada University's Board of Trustees and the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents unanimously agreed to enter into discussions regarding the transfer of SNU's academic programs and operations to the University and SNU's financial and real property assets to the University Foundation. In December 2021, another important milestone was cleared: approval by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. “This pursuit, now with the approval from NWCCU, will broaden students' study and research possibilities in beautiful Lake Tahoe and its surrounding regions,” NSHE Regent Carol Del Carlo '72 (fashion trades) said. “This will offer a new and diverse perspective in growing academic faculty and student populations.” The acquisition became official on July 1, 2022, following additional approvals by the U.S. Department of Education, NSHE Regents



and Nevada Commission on Post-Secondary Education.

“This has been one of our university’s most complex and game-changing accomplishments,” President Sandoval added in his address. “With us today are Wayne Prim (SNU chair emeritus, longtime donor and campus namesake) and Atam Lalchandani (SNU board chair) who, along with members of the SNU board, made this historic and monumental gift a reality. July 1, 2022, marked an important milestone and transformed the University

of Nevada, Reno. We are also proud and pleased to welcome the several hundred students, faculty and staff of the former Sierra Nevada University to The Wolf Pack Family.”

Establishing a leadership team

Initial planning began with development of a three-to-five-year plan to ensure the transition of operations, a clear path to degree completion for current SNU students and specific long-term academic plans focused on growth in research and creative activities.

Jill Heaton, the University’s senior vice provost and executive vice president and provost for SNU, and Sue Johnson, executive vice president for Finance and Administration at SNU, led the transition team who worked through a year’s worth of approvals to make the transition possible.

“We pledged early on that we would be transparent, we would listen and respond with open communication,” Johnson said.

“Our focus has been on the success of the students, the success of the employee transition and the success of the institution,” Heaton said. “We are so humbled that we were entrusted to lead through this transitional time and we are proud to continue in roles that will see all through into new opportunities. No matter the challenge or the ask, our view has always been something more than a job.”

A professor of geography who joined



the University in 2004, Heaton has held numerous administrative positions at the University, including geography graduate program director, geography department chair and University vice provost for faculty affairs. During the transition, she called the Tahoe location home — an experience that reminded her of the differences, and similarities, between the two institutions.

“It’s a melding of SNU’s culture of immersive, small, intensive, student focus, and the University of Nevada, Reno’s culture. While the main campus is a lot bigger, it’s also the biggest little university out there in terms of really trying to keep that personal student focus in all that we do,” Heaton said. “One of the most important aspects of this experience is that both institutions stand to gain from this transition. I’ve learned that SNU is a very special place, and that we want a piece of their secret sauce. That’s why living on the campus has been so helpful to

me. If I don’t know what the ingredients to their secret sauce are, we can’t incorporate that into The Wolf Pack Way, and ultimately grow the Wolf Pack in a positive way.”

Expanding research and creative opportunities will be at the heart of the Tahoe location. Associate Vice Provost for Research and Creative Activities Douglas Boyle ’96 M.S. (hydrology/hydrogeology) will support faculty, staff and students in their efforts to communicate their work, find and secure external funding, partner with collaborators and broaden their impact.

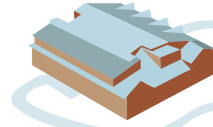
“Many opportunities exist for the University to expand its breadth and depth of academic programs, research, scholarly, creative, entrepreneurial activities and community engagement that, with the Lake Tahoe site, will attract additional students and faculty to Nevada and beyond,” Boyle, a professor of geography and former department chair, said.



Senior Vice Provost Jill Heaton, Associate Vice Provost Douglas Boyle ’96 M.S. and Associate Vice President Sue Johnson.



University of Nevada, Reno
AT LAKE TAHOE



Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences



Prim Library

Patterson Hall

Prim-Schultz Hall



David Hall

Campbell-Friedman Hall



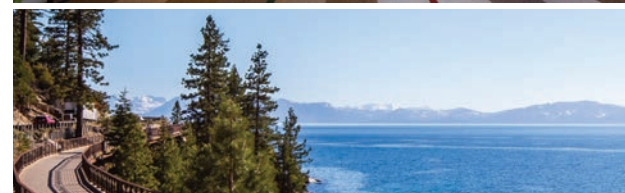
Designed with students in mind

Located just one mile from the Lake's shore at an elevation of 6,700 feet, this 18-acre setting in the fragrant pines of Incline Village includes 10 classrooms, two meeting rooms, event spaces, a cafeteria and catering service, two art galleries, laboratories, office spaces, 88 dorm rooms and the Lou Sardella Student Commons Lawn — opening up opportunities for students, faculty, staff and friends to learn, teach, research and share knowledge in the High Sierra.

The Prim Library is a beautiful and welcoming space for all visitors, complete with lounge areas, special event spaces, the Poetry Center and a Sustainability Collection. The library — named after longtime donor Wayne L. Prim, who leads a private foundation committed to education — also offers full-text access to thousands of electronic journals from hundreds of library databases and more than 100,000 e-books across a range of disciplines. The Poetry Center, made possible through a grant awarded by the Nevada State Library and Archives and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, offers public readings, workshops and more than 3,000 volumes of contemporary American poetry.



Top photo: SNU Chair Emeritus, longtime donor and campus namesake Wayne L. Prim. The Prim Library received an AIA Nevada Merit Award in 2007 on behalf of Lake|Flato Architects for the building's exceptional design and sustainability elements.



Library signage photo by Jordan S. Buxton '21, additional library photos by Jeff Dow

Learning @LakeTahoe

As part of the University's first semester at the Lake, Nevada's award-winning NevadaFIT student boot camp and the Digital Wolf Pack Initiative were brought to Tahoe in late August.

The first-ever TahoeFIT program provided students the opportunity to participate in activities, projects and excursions focused on using technology while connecting them with their classmates and faculty before classes started.

"We are 'all in' with the Digital Wolf Pack Initiative at the Lake," Heaton said. "iPads, drones, advanced coding, digital arts, multimedia and more are integrated across the entire curriculum to enhance digital literacy and learning experiences."

Students received an Apple iPad Air 5, Apple Pencil and a Smart Keyboard Folio that were used in coding workshops, while faculty were trained on how digital tools can advance the learning experience by helping them design coursework that inspires learning through technology.

"I'm using digital technology in the classroom, or more specifically, in the outdoors as part of class projects, in both drawing and drones," said Christian Lanier, who has been teaching digital art at SNU since 2007. "Students have interesting things to say about digital possibilities in the art classes at the Lake — iPads and learning at Lake Tahoe are enhancing their experience. I think their work demonstrates how iPads, pedagogical experiences and beach days can all coexist."

The Wayne L. Prim campus will begin offering Semester@LakeTahoe 1.0 in the 2023-24 academic year and Wintermester@LakeTahoe this fall. Through the Semester@LakeTahoe 1.0 program, main campus undergraduate students will have opportunities to live, learn and play with an immersive, experiential and transformative semester unique to the area.

In the future, Residency@LakeTahoe will provide opportunities for faculty and students to use the Tahoe location for research, scholarly, creative and entrepreneurial activities; while Summer@LakeTahoe will offer unit-sponsored programs such as conferences, meetings and retreats.



Upper right photo courtesy of Classical Tahoe

Sharing the gift — and beauty — of higher education

In what Heaton calls "one of the most picturesque spots in all of higher education," the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe is not only home to classes, research and studying, but is also host to arts, culture, community conversations and a revival of mountain athletics.



Arts & culture

Classical Tahoe: This 16-concert summer series brings world-class musicians to the shores of Tahoe — offering intimate outdoor performances, free community events and a family day that includes educational programming for children.

Master of Fine Arts programs: Masters programs in interdisciplinary arts and creative writing will continue to thrive at the Lake. Offering an alternative to traditional MFAs, the low-residency programs combine two intensive, 10-day in-person residency periods each year with full-time work at home. Both programs connect students with acclaimed authors and artists, creating a long-lasting vibrant artistic community.

Summer Art Workshops: Along with openings, artist talks and exhibits, these workshops led by nationally recognized artists are open to students, faculty, staff and community members at the Holman Art & Media Center. Artists and dates for the 2023 series, now led by University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe Fine Arts with support from Extended Studies, will be announced soon.

Talks@Tahoe

Committed to bringing the community together, the new Talks@Tahoe public speaker series offers engaging conversations on University research impacting our region, nation and world.



"Science actions to conserve nature and our economy" — the first Talks@Tahoe event — featured limnologist and conservation ecologist Sudeep Chandra, professor of biology and director of the Ozmen Institute for Global Studies, who works with scientists around the world. "As the first speaker I was thrilled to share what I know about Lake Tahoe," Chandra said. "And also the framing and viewpoints that are sort of changing about my love for Lake Tahoe and the utility of science to help guide things up here so we can conserve the system and our communities."

March 8: "How preserving Dr. James Church's snow research carries us into the future" by Tara Radniecki with the University Libraries

April 12: "Stress and well-being, talk then walk" by Melissa Piasecki with the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine

Spring 2023: "Sierra Lullabies" by Jean-Paul Perrotte and Aaron Hill with the College of Liberal Arts

Community conversations

Lake Tahoe has long served as a stunning backdrop for both community and national conversations. Over the summer, the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe hosted a congressional luncheon following the 2022 Tahoe Summit, the Siebens-Binz 2022 Tahoe Forum featuring Sir Richard Branson and Dr. Guy Harvey, leadership retreats, as well as numerous workshops, lectures and club meetings.



Siebens-Binz 2022 Tahoe Forum

“Every success story is a tale of constant adaptation, revision and change.” Those words of Siebens-Binz 2022 Tahoe Forum speaker Sir Richard Branson seem especially poignant as the University and SNU tackled the challenges of this acquisition. So much so, the words now mark the Tahoe location and this historic addition to The Wolf Pack Family.

Speaking before a sold-out audience in Reno, Branson and Dr. Guy Harvey shared their stories of thinking big and betting it all to find a better way to achieve their goals through imagination and inspiration. This message will guide the work of students, faculty and staff on the Prim campus as well as our entire University as we strive toward a more environmentally sustainable world.



Back on the slopes

With some of the world’s most famous and sought-after slopes in our new backyard, the University proudly welcomed the return of men’s and women’s Division I alpine skiing at Nevada.

“Our University has a long and storied history in skiing, starting with one of the most influential figures in the world of Sierra skiing — our own Wayne Poulsen ’37 (psychology), who started the program in 1936. As we announce Nevada Skiing’s return, we are honoring the outstanding legacy of our past Wolf Pack Ski teams and commit to the promise of an exciting future,” said President Sandoval. “With the beautiful University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe, we are recruiting the finest student-athletes to our women’s and men’s alpine ski teams who will have access to some of the finest skiing venues in the world.”

“Reno-Tahoe is home to a rich, deep skiing history, and one of the most successful ski communities at the international level. It makes me very proud to announce the return of Nevada Skiing,” Athletic Director Stephanie Rempe said. “It has been truly amazing to see how much the program’s return has energized our community. We look forward to this new era of Nevada Skiing and continuing the program’s rich, proud tradition.”

Mihaela Kosi, who has served as SNU’s alpine skiing coach since 2018, will serve as head coach of the revived Wolf Pack team. From 2018-22, Kosi helped the SNU team capture 16 national team titles, including eight titles at the 2022 championships.



A nod to the past, a note of gratitude for the present, and a commitment to the future

Originally Sierra Nevada College, the Incline Village campus opened its doors in the fall of 1969 with 23 students focused on furthering the Lake’s unique environmental qualities and characteristics by educating scholars to contribute to a sustainable world.

Changing with the times, Sierra Nevada College became Sierra Nevada University in 2019, a name that reflected SNU’s four-year college degrees and graduate programs.

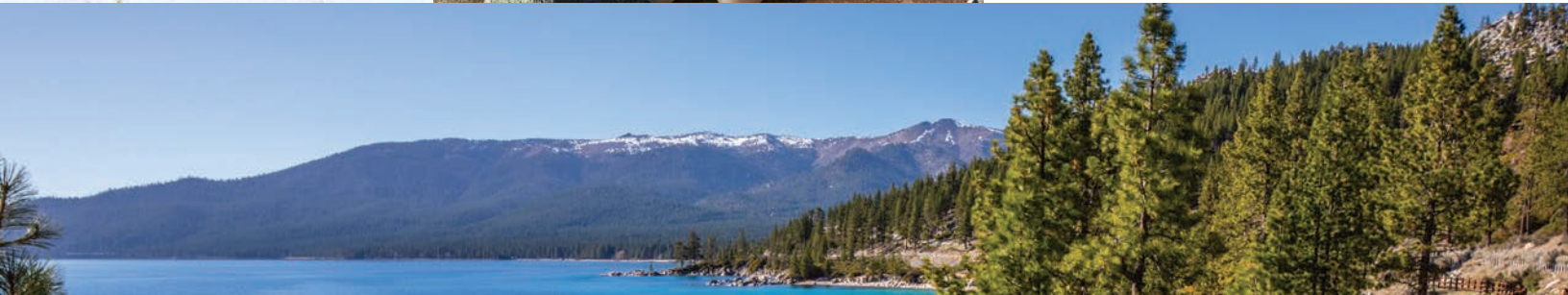
In July 2022, SNU added another milestone to its illustrious past by joining the University as the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe. It’s a milestone for both universities that will shape a stronger University, community, region, state and nation for years to come.

“Thank you to the students, faculty and staff for embarking on this journey forward as we bring the best of these two institutions together to build a location that transforms lives,” said Senior Vice Provost Jill Heaton. “Know that the intimate, experiential, collaborative, small-class community will still stand. We are committed to providing you a successful academic transition, and more so, your success; your possibilities are boundless! We share your vision — sustainability, environmentally, artistically, entrepreneurially — in a place like no other!” **N**



Over the years, Nevada Skiing has claimed 39 All-America honors, 14 top-10 team finishes at NCAA championships, boasts seven members of the Wolf Pack Athletics Hall of Fame and produced four Olympians: Dodie Post Gann (attended 1940-43), Lane Monroe '67, Glenn Jobe '73 and Katerina Hanusova Nash '04.

Nevada Ski Boosters Eric Anderson (attended 2008-12), Nick Cohee, Zach Fretz '12 and Gus Johnson '11.  Nevada Athletics



At SNU's 52nd Commencement in May 2022, the Lake Tahoe institution's seasoned history and transition were marked with a series of granite boulders and plaques in the new Lou Sardella Student Commons, reading:

"In spring 2021, SNU was presented with a historic opportunity. With the future of the beloved University in mind, on July 1, 2022, SNU became part of the University of Nevada, Reno, a Tier 1 research institution. Now, we move forward with renewed purpose and dedication to serve our students and community in higher education.

'Every success story is a tale of constant adaptation, revision and change.'

Sir Richard Branson, Founder of the Virgin Group and Siebens-Binz 2022 Tahoe Forum speaker"

"To research, study, live, work and play at Lake Tahoe is to do it nowhere else in the world, because there is no place in the world like Lake Tahoe."

—Senior Vice Provost **Jill S. Heaton**

To learn more about the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe, scan this QR code.



From 1874 to today:

growing our campus and connecting to our communities

By Allison M. Williams '08

Photos by Jordan S. Buxton '21

2006



Aerial photos from 2006 (this page) and 2022 (next page) show the significant growth on campus with 17 new buildings added in the past 15 years.

Photo illustrations by Moses S. Achoka '07 M.A. / Aerial photos courtesy of University of Nevada, Reno Facilities Services

The University of Nevada has evolved quite a bit from its first days in Elko in the late 1800s. When the University moved to Reno, you could find the entire campus inside Morrill Hall. Now, it spans more than 243 acres and 142 buildings. And our evolution hasn't slowed with 17 new buildings added in the past 15 years, numerous new projects completed last fall and more on the horizon.

A new face for south campus

University Way

If you haven't visited campus in a while, you may notice some new additions to the south — starting with the very street you drive in on. Center Street, from the Truckee River Bridge near 1st Street to the campus gates at 9th Street, was recently renamed University Way. It's an initiative that started more than a century ago and was revisited in 1957 but didn't come to fruition until approval by the Reno City Council in November 2021. President Brian Sandoval '86 (English) said the renaming demonstrates the University's strong community connection, strengthens downtown revitalization efforts and builds momentum for the University's upcoming 150th anniversary in 2024.



Gateway Parking Complex

As you head north on University Way, you're greeted by the Gateway Parking Complex. The new garage features 800-plus parking spaces — including electric vehicle charging — for students, faculty, staff and visitors, as well as an ADA-accessible pedestrian bridge connecting The WolfPack Family directly to Morrill Hall and the historic Quad. As our campus continues to grow, this garage will provide convenient access to the Mathewson University Gateway district which will be home to future College of Business and Life Sciences buildings.

Honoring our land-grant status

University Entry Monument Sign

One block to the west, the face of Manzanita Bowl has changed too. An entryway monument celebrating our campus's land-grant status in 1874 now welcomes everyone to the University as they pass the corner of Virginia and 9th Streets. This new landmark and seating area will quickly become a favorite spot for studying, graduation photos and reconnecting with friends.





ITS Logistics celebrates unveiling of Chris Ault Field Sponsored by ITS Logistics.

📷 Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA

The gridiron is always greener

Welcoming Chris Ault Field Sponsored by ITS Logistics

This football season the Pack celebrated the return of Ken Wilson as the team's 27th Head Coach, and welcomed a new turf thanks to a generous pledge from longtime University supporter and Silver Benefactor in the University Honor Court, ITS Logistics.

A leader in third-party logistics since 1999, ITS Logistics first began its partnership with Wolf Pack Athletics by providing transportation in 2002 and since 2005, has generously supported Football, Women's Golf, Men's Baseball, Men's Basketball and nutrition for student-athletes. Additionally, ITS Logistics has grown its partnership with The College of Business over the last four years — aiding The College of Business Alumni Association, The College of Business Corporate Partners Program and the establishment of The College of Business's new Supply Chain & Transportation Management program.

"From the beginning, a love for the Pack has been in ITS Logistics DNA," Mike Crawford '99 (physical education), COO of ITS Logistics and former Wolf Pack Football student-athlete from 1993-96, said at the turf's unveiling. "So many of our employees, myself included, are Nevada alumni and the University and Wolf Pack Athletics hold a special place in our hearts. We've been hon-

ored to support the University for 20 years, and are proud to have our commitment to the institution's future recognized at Chris Ault Field Sponsored by ITS Logistics."



State-of-the-Argenta

Newly renovated residence and dining hall reopens

Argenta Hall also got a facelift and reopened to students, faculty and staff at the start of the Fall 2022 Semester. While the residence hall's closure in July 2019 was unexpected, it allowed for restorations and renovations to the building's 750 student rooms, individual study rooms and community learning and social spaces on each of its eight floors. The popular Downunder Dining Commons also got a makeover. Featuring an upgraded convenience store, all-you-care-to-eat Pack Place and two new retail dining options, the Downunder now seats more than 500 people for everything from eating to studying to relaxing. **N**



The new entry monument is the result of generous gifts from the Estelle J. Kelsey Foundation, the E.L. Cord Foundation, the Nell J. Redfield Foundation, the Mallory Foundation and Denise Koval Cashman '83 (managerial sciences).

"From the beginning, a love for the Pack has been in ITS Logistics DNA ... We've been honored to support the University for 20 years"

2022



LEADER OF THE PACK

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July 22: What a wonderful evening celebrating 50 years of Title IX at the Nevada Wolf Pack Governor's Dinner. Thank you to 30th Gov. Steve Sisolak and his team for hosting us — the Governor's Mansion was beautiful! And a special thank you to the incredible Rebecca Lobo for inspiring all of us!

Aerial view of the Governor's Mansion during the 2022 Wolf Pack Governor's Dinner.



Aug. 8: I had a wonderful evening at Lake Tahoe spending time with our University of Nevada, Reno deans for our Dean Retreat at the beautiful University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe location.



Aug. 25: I enjoyed stopping by the College of Education & Human Development's BBQ this afternoon! Absolutely loved seeing everyone mingling and getting ready for another great semester. Thank you for having me, Dean Easton-Brooks!



Aug. 31: Today, we announced the Pack is Back in women's & men's alpine skiing! This tremendous addition to Wolf Pack Athletics further strengthens our commitment to the region's natural landscape and alpine communities. Through the hard work and achievements of our student-athletes, coaches and staff, this sport is only going to help the future of Lake Tahoe.

 [Read more on page 6](#)

President Sandoval '86 and Wolf Pack Cheer Squad announce return of women's & men's alpine skiing.



Sept. 1: What an incredible turnout at the Club Fair! I encourage all students to get involved and make the most of your college experience!



#GoPack!

Check out President Sandoval's podcast, **Sagebrushers**



Sept. 15: So exciting to see the demonstration of the new Laminar Soil Box System, part of our internationally renowned College of Engineering's earthquake engineering complex and the largest system of its kind in the U.S.

Left to right: President Sandoval '86, NSHE Regent Carol Del Carlo '72 and College of Engineering Dean Erick Jones.

Special thanks to officials with the U.S. Department of Energy and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory for joining me, Engineering Dean Erick Jones and many friends, faculty and staff with the University's Center for Civil Engineering Earthquake Research for this impressive event. The expertise and collaborations behind this effort will lead to more resilient buildings and infrastructure in our future. #PackPride #ResearchWorksforNevada



Sept. 30: Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 2022 State of the University Address. In the wake of the pandemic and state funding cuts, the University grows stronger every day. All of our work is far from done, but we are a Wolf Pack Rising. Our campus is still the silver gate of opportunity, furthered by the coming together of our Wolf Pack Family. I am eternally optimistic that we will continue to emerge from these difficult days stronger and better than ever before!



Oct. 18: Today, leaders from the University, Nevada System of Higher Education, City of Reno and Associated Students of the University of Nevada celebrated the dedication of the new University Entry Monument Sign and the renaming of Center Street to University Way.

The monument is the result of generous gifts from the Estelle J. Kelsey Foundation, the E.L. Cord Foundation, the Nell J. Redfield Foundation, the Mallory Foundation and Denise Koval Cashman '83. And the renaming of Center Street, from the Truckee River Bridge to the campus gates, has actually been in the works for more than a century! Thanks to approval by the Reno City Council in November 2021, it is now University Way.



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Oct. 26: Tonight, the Reynolds School of Journalism celebrated 100 years of journalism education at the University of Nevada, Reno. The first journalism class at the University was taught in 1922 in the Department of English. Journalism became a separate department in 1943 and in 1984, with the philanthropic support of the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, became the Reynolds School of Journalism. Thank you and congratulations to Dean Stavitsky and all the faculty, staff and students who helped us reach this milestone!



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First Lady Lauralyn Sandoval '92 (journalism) and President Sandoval '86 at RSJ Centennial Celebration.



2022 UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO FOUNDATION AWARDS

The following awards are sponsored, in whole or in part, by the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation. Through unrestricted gifts, the Foundation recognized outstanding faculty and staff with more than \$78,000 in 2022.



Left to right:
2022 Foundation Professors
Deborah Boehm, Fred Harris Jr.
and Ana de Bettencourt-Dias.
Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA

2022 Foundation Professors

Each year, three tenured professors with records of excellence and demonstrated service to the University are named Foundation Professors — an honorific title carried in perpetuity that provides each professor \$15,000 from the University Foundation to support their professional endeavors.

In 2022, Deborah Boehm, professor of Gender, Race, and Identity and Anthropology; Fred Harris Jr., professor of Computer Science & Engineering and director of Nevada's Established Programs to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR); and Ana de Bettencourt-Dias, holder of the Clemons-Magee Endowed Professorship in Chemistry were bestowed the Foundation Professor honor.



You can learn more about each of these professors and the impact of their research at the QR code below.



2022 Foundation Award Winners



F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Award



Lyndsay Munro '13 Ph.D.
Teaching Associate Professor of
Chemistry, College of Science



Angelina Padilla
Teaching Assistant Professor of
Mechanical Engineering, College of
Engineering

Foundation Outstanding Committee Service Award



Brian Frost
Associate Professor of Chemistry
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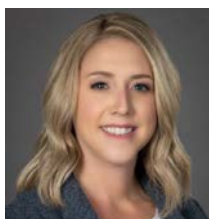
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By Roxanne Piskel '22 MFA

THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

E.L. Cord Foundation and Mick Hitchcock endow professorships in entrepreneurship

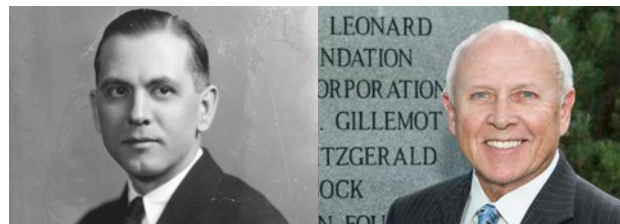
The College of Business's entrepreneurship program is growing thanks to two new endowed faculty positions established by Philanthropists in the University Honor Court, the E.L. Cord Foundation and 2020 University Foundation Chair Mick Hitchcock '17 (Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters).

The E.L. Cord Foundation created the E.L. Cord Endowed Professor in Entrepreneurship, a position named for builder, creator and innovator Errett Lobban Cord. Additionally, the Mick Hitchcock, Ph.D. Endowed Professor in Entrepreneurship was established

by Trustee Emeritus Mick Hitchcock, who has been an ardent supporter of numerous disciplines — including the establishment of the Mick Hitchcock, Ph.D. Endowed Chair in Medical Biochemistry in the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. Working in the biopharmaceutical industry for almost 40 years, Hitchcock has a personal passion for research and the conversion of ideas into business.

The inaugural holder of the E.L. Cord Professorship is Mark Pingle, professor of entrepreneurship and economics, who spearheaded the effort to create the entrepreneurship program. Thomas Burnham, an associate professor of marketing whose research focuses on customer loyalty and feedback, is the current holder of the Mick Hitchcock Professorship.

"Faculty endowments help attract the best teachers and scholars to our college,"



Builder, creator and innovator Errett Lobban Cord.

Courtesy of the E.L. Cord Foundation

2020 University Foundation Chair and Trustee Emeritus Mick Hitchcock '17 (Hon.) in the University Honor Court.

Theresa Danna

said Greg Mosier, dean of The College of Business. "Exceptional faculty ensure our students have the opportunity for a top-tier education as they look to become the next generation of successful and innovative business leaders after graduation."

To learn more about supporting The College of Business, please contact Ronnie Burton, director of development, at (775) 682-5777 or ronnieburton@unr.edu.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Smallwood Foundation supports Nevada youth in STEM education

Pavine Hall hosted new residents last summer — middle school students taking part in the Nevada Math and Technology Program's weeklong residential camp.

Formerly known as the Girls Math and Technology Program, the camp celebrated 23 years of enhancing students' mathematics skills and building awareness of mathematics-based careers in 2022. During this annual event, speakers are brought in to give students a chance to talk to professionals in STEM fields ranging from architecture to meteorology to engineering to geology and more.

"We're grateful to the Smallwood Foundation for supporting Nevada youth in their academic careers, and for ensuring this valu-



able program can be accessed by all," said Donald Easton-Brooks, dean of the College of Education & Human Development. "Participants have shown significant improvements and increased knowledge, skills and participation in mathematics and technology."

A Patron in the Honor Court, the Smallwood Foundation is committed to supporting education, the arts, health care and youth services in Nevada, Texas and Florida. Since 2004, the foundation has supported a variety of other initiatives across campus including the NevadaTeach program, the Smallwood

Middle school students take part in the 23rd year of Nevada Math and Technology Program.

Courtesy of the College of Education & Human Development

Foundation Multimedia Boot Camp and the Smallwood Foundation Studies Abroad Scholarship.

For more information on supporting the College of Education & Human Development, please contact Quentin Owens-Smith '13 M.Ed., director of development, at (775) 682-9608 or qowens@unr.edu.

John Bopp and Sebastian Pajares' planned gift to aid the Center for Basque Studies

Through a bequest in their will, John Bopp '10 (general studies) and his husband, a retired professor Sebastian G. Pajares, plan to support the William A. Douglass Center for Basque Studies. Born in Carson City, Bopp had the opportunity to study abroad in Bilbao as a University student. In that time, he fell in love with the Basque Country and moved there after graduation, where he now teaches English to adult learners and volunteers for the blog aboutbasquecountry.eus.

Established in 1967, the Center for Basque Studies is home to the Jon Bilbao Basque Library, one of the world's largest collections of Basque-related materials currently at 55,000 volumes, and the Center for Basque Studies Press, which has produced seven series of books on Basque culture edited by Nevada faculty members.

LS John Bopp '10 and
LS Sebastian G. Pajares.

 Courtesy of Bopp and Pajares



"The Center for Basque Studies has become the leading research and educational institute of its kind outside of the European Basque homeland," said Xabier Irujo, director of the center. "Generous support like that of John Bopp and Sebastian Pajares ensures this center continues to thrive — supporting vital research on the Basques that is shared with local, national and international audiences."

 For more information on making a planned gift, visit unrlegacy.org or contact Brian Saeman, J.D. '98, director of planned giving, at (775) 682-5938 or bsaeman@unr.edu. To learn about supporting the Center for Basque Studies, please contact Jillian Baker '13, associate director of development, at (775) 682-7178 or jnbaker@unr.edu.

Hugh Marshall continues support for geological sciences and engineering

The Department of Geological Sciences and Engineering received a generous donation from Hugh Roy Marshall in support of the Center for Transformative Environmental Monitoring Programs. With this support, CTEMPs Laboratory Coordinator Christopher Kratt '05 M.S. (geology) purchased a magnetometer, resistivity meter and gravity meter — tools that reveal, measure and identify earth materials in geothermal and mineral exploration, geologic hazards assessments, archaeology and environmental remediation.

Funded by the National Science Foundation, CTEMPs is a collaboration between the University and Oregon State University

that provides equipment, design and logistics support to the hydrologic sciences and engineering communities.

"Contributions and support like that of Hugh Marshall are critical to our success and growth as a University," said Katherine McCall, interim dean of the College of Science. "This equipment provides instrumentation needed for our campus's geoscience research and allows students firsthand experience with leading-edge tools they'll use in their careers."

With a passion for Nevada's precious metals, Marshall opened the Marshall Mint in 1991, selling handcrafted gold and silver medallions and a wide range of other collectibles in Virginia City. He also built and opened Virginia City's Silverland Inn & Suites in 2006. He and his wife, Cynthia, are recognized as Silver Benefactors in the University Honor Court for nearly four decades of giving to the geological sciences and engineering department, Mackay Mines Library Endowment, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and Unrestricted Excellence.



CTEMP's Laboratory Coordinator Christopher Kratt '05 M.S. using electrical resistivity meter with Graydon Lynch (class of 2023).

 Jordan S. Buxton '21

 Learn more about how you can support the College of Science by contacting Donna Knotek '12, '15 MBA, director of development, at (775) 682-5952 or dknotek@unr.edu, or Leigh Fitzpatrick, director of development, at (775) 682-8791 or lfitzpatrick@unr.edu.

Hearst Foundation supports initiative to sustain journalism in Nevada

The Reynolds Media Initiative was originally established in 2016 to grow on-campus productions and further award-winning partnerships with regional media. Thanks to support from the Hearst Foundation, the newly created Project for Local News Innovation will continue to add programming in support of this mission.

The Project for Local News Innovation will address multiple, interconnected issues in journalism education and the news industry



by improving student writing and reporting skills, expanding experiential learning opportunities for students, conducting academic research on the rapid changes in the news business and offering professional development programs to support local news outlets.

"The generosity of the Hearst Foundation has been transformative in helping the Reynolds School develop innovative approaches to preparing our students to be the next generation of media leaders, as well as helping our media partners deal with today's challenges," said Al Stavitsky, dean of the Reynolds School of Journalism.

A Gold Benefactor in the Honor Court,

the Hearst Foundation supports organizations that are addressing significant issues within culture, education, health and social service. The foundation's namesake, William Randolph Hearst, was a newspaper publisher of the San Francisco Examiner and the New York Journal. Hearst Corporation properties now include the San Francisco Chronicle, Albany Times Union and Houston Chronicle.

 To learn more about supporting the Reynolds School, please contact Joan Grover '12 M.A., director of development, at (775) 784-4184 or jgrover@unr.edu.

ORVIS SCHOOL OF NURSING

Tom and Kay Seeliger help students practice quality care with new simulation manikin

Recognizing the importance of on-campus training and the great care their family has received from nurses over the years, Tom '64 (economics) and Kay Seeliger '65 (nursing) provided generous support to bring a new training tool to the Orvis School of Nursing — "Nursing Anne," a life-sized simulation manikin.

Nursing Anne is the seventh manikin at Orvis — helping students practice continuous and consistent patient care through scenario-based training. Before graduating and entering the workforce, these manikins help nursing students target key skills during clinical training, from basic care to advanced nursing for in-hospital patient care. The school is also home to birthing simulator Lucinda and baby manikin Luna, who is designed for neonatal assessment and resuscitation skills.

"An increased need for hands-on learning means an increased need for state-of-the-art simulation equipment," explained Cameron Duncan '10 (nursing), interim dean for the Orvis School of Nursing. "Thanks to the Seeligers, our nursing students have an excellent resource to help build their confidence, ensuring they are ready to provide the highest quality care when they begin their professional careers."

Gold Benefactors in the Honor Court, the Seeligers have long supported Orvis through the Kay Seeliger Nursing Scholarship Endowment and the Skills Lab on the Redfield Campus, as well as the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and Wolf Pack Athletics.



 To support the Orvis School of Nursing, contact Jillian Baker '13, associate director of development, at (775) 682-7178 or jnbaker@unr.edu.



Left: Nursing Anne simulation manikin.

Above: Kay '65 and Tom Seeliger '64 with Wolfie.

 Courtesy of the Seeligers

Serving Our Communities Foundation furthers autism and neurodevelopment research

As the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, Jan Marson and the Serving Our Communities Foundation made a generous contribution to the University Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment. This gift allows UCAN to bring a full-time researcher to the center to help continue its work improving differential diagnosis between autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders.

“UCAN’s multidisciplinary team of child psychiatrists, child psychologists, school psychologists, an occupational therapist, marriage and family therapist, speech

language pathologists and a developmental specialist is committed to helping those with autism and neurodevelopmental disorders,” said Paul Hauptman, M.D., dean of UNR Med and chief academic officer for Renown Health. “Through support such as this, we are able to further expand our expertise and continue to provide individualized assessments that have a meaningful impact on children and their families.”

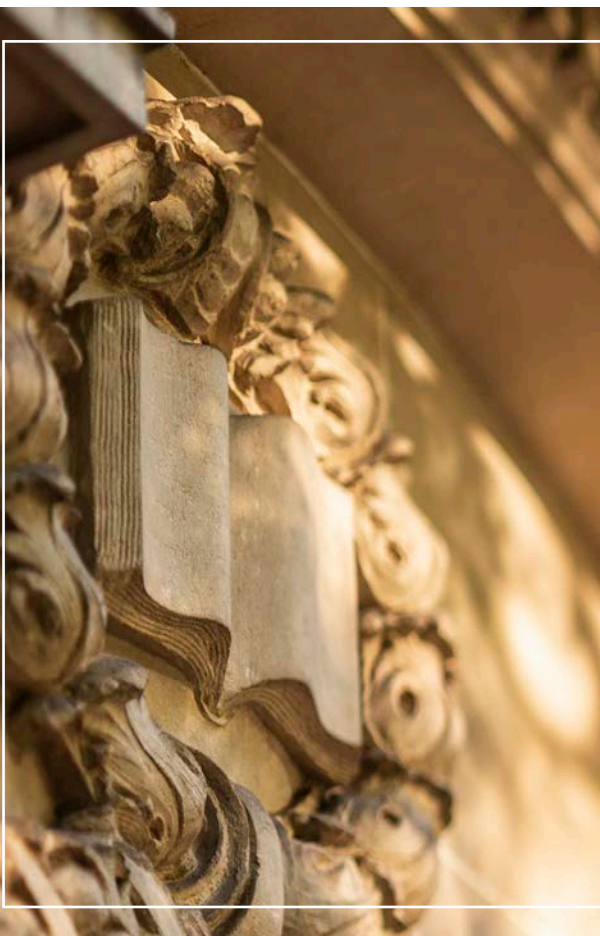
Marson created the Serving Our Communities Foundation to support leaders, innovators and educators who improve communities in Nevada and Missouri. A founding member of UCAN, she has served as an occupational therapist with the center since 2006 and has also made significant contributions to the speech pathology and audiology department. For its generous support of UCAN, the foundation is recognized in the Honor Court as a Silver Benefactor.



For information on supporting UNR Med, please contact Laurice Antoun-Becker, senior director of development, at (775) 682-6077 or lantounbecker@unr.edu.



Founding member of the University Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment and occupational therapist with the center since 2006, Jan Marson. 📷 Courtesy of Jan Marson



Establishing an endowment



An endowment is a permanent fund established for a specific purpose — faculty, student or program support.

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Learn more about establishing an endowment at unr.edu/giving





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University of Nevada, Reno
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📷 Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA



Meet Dr. Paul Hauptman: the new dean of UNR Med

By Annie Flanzraich '07

With an impeccable record of leadership, scholarship, scientific expertise and enthusiasm for building academic and clinical excellence, Paul J. Hauptman, M.D. is committed to advancing medical education and quality health care in Nevada as the new dean of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and chief academic officer for Renown Health.

"This is a pivotal time for medical education and the delivery of quality health care," Dean Hauptman said. "I will be steadfast in ensuring student success and the growth of research that can meaningfully impact patients."

Before beginning his appointment in October, Dr. Hauptman served as dean of the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine and chief academic officer at the University of Tennessee Medical Center.

Hauptman will support and advance the academic and clinical integration established by the affiliation between UNR Med and Renown Health. In addition to his skills as a physician and professor, Hauptman brings a deep humanity and commitment to the study and practice of medicine.

"He has a passion for and a deep understanding of how we should train Nevada's next generation of physicians," University President Brian Sandoval '86 (English) said. "He has incredible credentials in the research arena and vast experience in administering and delivering clinical programs. Equally important, he is committed to working col-

laboratively across the community to meet its greatest needs as we expand educational and research initiatives to enhance UNR Med's impact."

Learn more about Dean Hauptman

Eighteen facts about Dr. Hauptman, a nationally recognized clinical investigator, leader in cardiovascular care and respected educator. He ...

1. Is a first-generation American and college graduate.
2. Avidly reads 20th century European history.
3. Ardently follows PGA Tour golf.
4. Received his M.D. from Cornell University Medical College, now Weill Cornell Medicine.
5. Trained in internal medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School.
6. Completed cardiology fellowships at Mount Sinai Hospital as well as Brigham and Women's Hospital.
7. Made significant contributions to expanding research capabilities, faculty development and awareness of health equity issues at the University of Tennessee through the Academic Leadership Academy, Women in Science initiative, Health Disparities Awareness Month, Advancing Access to Careers in Medicine Scholars Program and more.

8. Received the Caring Physician Award and was named Teacher of the Year at Saint Louis University School of Medicine, where he served as assistant dean of Clinical and Translational Research, professor of internal medicine, director of the heart failure and transplantation program at Saint Louis University Hospital and adjunct professor in the College for Public Health and Social Justice.

9. Served as faculty at Harvard Medical School and as an attending physician in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at Brigham.

10. Researches outcomes in advanced heart failure, patient-physician communication and trends in cardiovascular care.

11. Has authored numerous abstracts, articles, book chapters, consensus guidelines and reviews.

12. Holds extensive clinical trial experience as site principal investigator and as an active member of steering, clinical events, and data and safety monitoring committees.

13. Is nationally recognized as an investigator in outcomes assessment in advanced heart failure, the evaluation of cardiac care delivery and clinical trials.

14. Has consulted with the Circulatory System Devices Panel and Medical Devices Advisory Committee of the Food and Drug Administration.

15. Has received research grants from the American Heart Association and the National Institutes of Health.

16. Has served as a reviewer for the NIH National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

17. Served as editor-in-chief of the "Journal of Cardiac Failure" and as an associate editor at the "European Journal of Heart Failure."

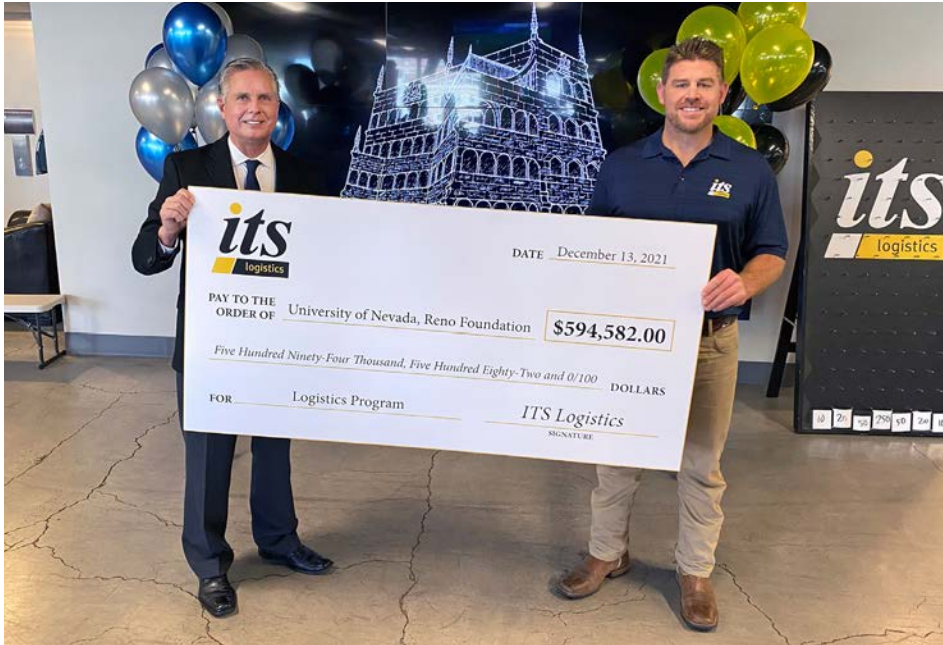
18. Served as part-time chief medical officer of BioControl Medical, which evaluated vagal nerve stimulation for the treatment of heart failure.

To learn more about UNR Med,
scan the QR code below.



ITS Logistics funds new Supply Chain & Transportation Management program

One of three industry-based programs recently added to The College of Business



By Amelia Kraskouskas (class of 2023)

With the supply chain management industry constantly growing, there's a crucial need for more skilled professionals to enter the industry. With that in mind, The College of Business is proud to announce the launch of its new Supply Chain & Transportation Management program, established with generous support from a local leader in the field, ITS Logistics.

"We've built a really strong partnership with The College of Business over the last few years and continue to be impressed with the faculty and leadership — and the quality of education the students receive," said Mike Crawford '99 (physical education), chief operating officer of ITS Logistics. "We are seeing a huge challenge in adding quality talent to the workforce across the supply chain industry right now, and we want to help develop a long-term solution at the source."

ITS Logistics is one of the leading employers of graduates from The College of Business and a longtime supporter of both the college and the entire University. Ahead

of the 2022-23 football season, a gift from ITS Logistics also helped bring a new turf to Mackay Stadium. You can read all about the new Chris Ault Field Sponsored by ITS Logistics on page 9.

The new Supply Chain & Transportation Management program begins its first classes at the start of the Spring 2023 Semester — offering an introductory course in supply chain management and a seminar-based course that will highlight a different industry-relevant topic each semester. Starting this summer, students will also have the opportunity to take a supply chain management practicum, which will combine an instructor-taught course with hands-on industry experience.

"We believe we can bring a unique spin to supply chain education, adding real-world transportation and logistics experience we don't see anyone else teaching right now,"

Crawford said. "We want to continue to grow this program, add more skilled faculty, add more classes and become one of the premier supply chain and transportation programs in the country. That's the vision we see, and we are committed to making that happen right here in Nevada."

Robyn Brunscher, inaugural director of the program, has worked in the industry for more than 25 years. Before joining the University, Brunscher worked in business development roles at several different companies, including various roles with UPS, as president of the fulfillment division at iDrive Logistics and customer engagement lead at Alphabet subsidiary, X — The Moonshot Factory.

"This is a dream job for me," Brunscher said. "I have the opportunity to use my background to teach the next generation. I've lived the evolution of supply chain management for the past 25 years. It is a growing industry that demands a higher number of skilled talent to support the trajectory."

With plans to expand the program to offer a major, minor and microcertification, Brunscher encourages students from different disciplines to think about taking classes in the new program, as the industry needs a variety of skilled professionals from all backgrounds. She also advises female students to consider a career in supply chain management, which has traditionally been a male-dominated field.

"As a woman, I hope to demonstrate diversity and inclusion with the experience I am bringing to the program," Brunscher said. "I want other women to explore the options in the supply chain industry, from technology to management."

This new program is the third new industry-based program added in The College of Business alongside Risk Management & Insurance and Sports Management. These programs prepare students for a multitude of jobs locally and globally by offering firsthand industry experience and connections with professionals in the field.

College of Business Dean Greg Mosier and ITS Logistics COO Mike Crawford '99 celebrating donation to support the start of the new Supply Chain & Transportation Management program in The College of Business.

Courtesy of The College of Business

Use the QR code below to learn more about The College of Business.



Preschoolers at the Child and Family Research Center become published authors

Pre-K students wrote and illustrated the book, "We Are Unique!"



By Kelly Hanlon '99

Nineteen children ages 3 to 5 became published authors after planning, writing and illustrating their own book using a free publishing kit from Studenttreasures Publishing.

"We are so proud of this classroom of young authors and illustrators," said Melissa Burnham '94 (human development & family studies), '96 M.S., department chair of Human Development and Family Science and Early Childhood Education. "When young children are provided meaningful opportunities to engage in learning such as this, they thrive."

The book itself centers on the Child and Family Research Center's focus to enhance its diversity, equity and inclusion practices. The children wrote and illustrated what makes each of them special and unique. For example, Italia wrote, "I like my smile to fit my style." Classmate Kenzey wrote, "I like my hair, my best friend is Claire," and Arisha wrote, "I like my heart because it is a beautiful art."

The children also illustrated their self-portraits using markers that matched their skin tones and proudly compared their skin and eye color as well as hair texture and color. "Look at this brown crayon, just like my beautiful skin," Italia said.

The book was part of a yearlong project where students talked about diversity in their



Children in the pre-K classroom at the Child and Family Research Center recently published the book, "We Are Unique!"

Courtesy of the Child and Family Research Center

classroom and around the world. They also learned about their own families' similarities and differences.

"When we focus on appreciating differences as strengths, we grow a community of young children who feel competent and confident in their own identities," Burnham said. "Faculty in the College of Education & Human Development have been working with the center's faculty and staff on learning diversity, equity and inclusion practices in early care and education over the past year and a half. Creating a book like 'We Are Unique' blends this diversity focus with social and emotional development, as well

as literacy and fine motor skills. We know children learn best through meaningful, hands-on activities and this book project precisely illustrates what we mean by an integrated curriculum."

Publishing this book inspired the children's love of reading and writing and engaged them through applied learning. The preschoolers also improved their vocabulary, creativity and fine motor skills by writing and illustrating the book. Plus, being young published authors gave them a sense of pride and accomplishment.

As one of the first child care centers in Nevada to achieve accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the center is committed to a child-centered approach to early education, providing a safe and nurturing environment that promotes the physical, social, emotional, cognitive and language development of young children. A variety of materials and activities are used to help children learn the value of diversity and respect for all family backgrounds.

The book is now available for teachers and teachers-in-training in the College of Education & Human Development's lending library, the Learning and Resource Center. The young authors include Alex, Arisha, Blakely, Claire, Cora, Ezequiel, Finnegan, Fynn, Gia, Haizel, Hugo, Italia, Joseph, Kenzey, Penelope, Prakriti, Romano, Theo and Willow.

To learn more about the College of Education & Human Development and the Child and Family Research Center, scan the QR code below.



Erick Jones takes the helm as new dean of engineering

Experience at U.S. Department of State and academic institutions will inform leadership



By John Trent '85, '87, '00 M.A.

Erick Jones, who previously served as senior science advisor in the Office of the Chief Economist at the U.S. State Department and professor and associate dean for Graduate Studies at the College of Engineering at The University of Texas at Arlington, joined the University of Nevada, Reno as dean of engineering in September 2022. Jones succeeds Dean Emeritus Manos Maragakis, who retired in July after leading the college for 13 years.

Jones is an internationally recognized researcher in industrial manufacturing and systems engineering whose career over the past 25 years has spanned industry, government and academia. His research on pandemic supply chains was key to his work at the State Department, as the Office of the Chief Economist studied how the U.S. could better understand the economics of supply chains and how their disruptions impact global commerce, operations and quality of life.

"In Dr. Erick Jones, our University has a dynamic leader who understands how to seize moments of opportunity in order to further an agenda of excellence," Uni-

versity President Brian Sandoval '86 (English) said. "The possibilities seem endless of what we will be capable of accomplishing under Dr. Jones' leadership in the coming years — in attracting our brightest minds both among our students and among our faculty, and in creating discovery and knowledge in the service of Nevada, our society and in the furthering of social progress."

Continuing the storied college's trajectory of growth and expansion is a priority for Jones.

"Our college will continue to support the region and nation with our research into such areas as equitable community infrastructure to mitigate natural hazards, aerospace and biomedical-inspired engineering, as well as contributing to a net-circular world and developing industrial systems," Jones said. "We will continue to provide students with a top-notch engineering education that will prepare them to compete in the national and global arenas."

As a professor and associate dean at The University of Texas at Arlington since 2017,

College of Engineering
Dean Erick Jones in the
William N. Pennington
Engineering building.

Jeff Dow

Jones was on a three-year rotating detail as program director with the National Science Foundation's Directorate for Engineering. Previously, he was the program director in the Education Directorate for the Division of Graduate Education, which leads internships for graduate students, and a program director for the prestigious Graduate Research Fellowship Program. Prior to joining UTA, Jones was a faculty member at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for eight years.

A pioneer in radio-frequency identification (RFID) technologies, Lean Six Sigma Quality Management and autonomous inventory control, Jones has published more than 243 manuscripts and three textbooks and has garnered more than \$10 million in grants and contracts. Additionally, he has advised 44 master's students, 18 doctoral students and sponsored 32 undergraduate research projects.

Jones earned his bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Texas A&M University in 1993, and his master's and doctoral degrees in industrial engineering from the University of Houston in 1996 and 2003, respectively.

"What is exciting about having Dr. Jones as our new dean for the College of Engineering is how he clearly understands the current landscape for what it means to be a Carnegie R1 'Very High Research' institution," Executive Vice President and Provost Jeff Thompson said. "He very clearly understands how we can amplify every aspect of our College of Engineering, so we can continue to build transcendent programs for engineering education and research."

Scan the QR code below to learn more
about the College of Engineering.



Provost names Casilde A. Isabelli interim dean

Isabelli has served as director and chair during her 22 years of University service



College of Liberal Arts Interim
Dean Casilde A. Isabelli.

Courtesy of the College of Liberal Arts

By Reilly Moss '22

In July 2022, the College of Liberal Arts welcomed Casilde A. Isabelli as interim dean. Since joining the University in 2000, Isabelli has served as director of the Spanish basic language program and as chair of the Department of World Languages and Literatures, in addition to teaching Hispanic linguistics courses for the Spanish bachelor's and master's programs.

"It's my privilege to serve as interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and I look forward to continuing our focus on applied liberal arts curriculum that promotes active, experiential learning," Isabelli said. "We are dedicated to fostering students' intellectual passion and curiosity while preparing them for successful lives after graduation."

Since her appointment began, Isabelli has been committed to student success and curricular development within the arts, social sciences and humanities. A special emphasis has been the Applied Liberal Arts Initiative, which seeks to build upon the

rigorous academic foundation of a liberal arts major by offering students real-world opportunities for personal and professional growth — experiences that ensure students graduate with the knowledge, skills and resilience to succeed in an ever-changing world.

"We are focused on moving forward with new ideas about how to prepare students for the workforce," Isabelli said. "One prime example being the new interdisciplinary degree in computational linguistics, which, by integrating world languages, linguistics and computer science, enables students to program computers for better speech recognition and improved machine translations in English, French or Spanish."

Doing work like this fosters adaptability, as well as a keen appreciation of nuance — and employers have taken notice. Companies have repeatedly reported how key creative thinking, problem-solving, critical analysis and communication are in hiring new employees. These skills are all at the heart of a comprehensive liberal arts education.

To further her goals as interim dean, Isabelli has met individually with department chairs and program directors to better understand their needs, strengths and goals. In turn, she has shared her initiatives for the coming year, which focus on moving the college and University's strategic plans forward. Isabelli has also been active with the College of Liberal Arts Advisory Board, attending meetings and events with donors so they can also understand the aims of the college and how they can best help reach them.

"We aspire to educate students who are engaged, flexible and critically literate global citizens," Isabelli said. "We will accomplish this through our exceptional programs taught by faculty who are ambitious, innovative and engaged with the community in their research and creative activities. The proof is that our high-demand majors — including art, communication studies, criminal justice, political science, history, music, and gender, race, and identity studies — have been drawing, and will continue to draw, students who represent a diverse range of backgrounds, interests and career visions."

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about the College of Liberal Arts.**



For Katherine McCall, interim dean, the people make the place

McCall has long worked to ensure everyone has access to STEM education



College of Science Interim Dean Katherine McCall smiles with her daughter, Eliza '19 (anthropology), '21 M.A. (communication studies).  Jennifer Kent

By Michelle Werdann '21

Katherine McCall has served as interim dean of the College of Science since December 2020. Her career in research and academia, including as associate dean of the college prior to this appointment, were excellent preparation for a challenging position made even more difficult by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite starting at a turbulent time, McCall's time in the position has made a lasting impact on the college.

McCall attended Mount Holyoke College — one of the first women's colleges in the country — and received a bachelor's in mathematics and physics before earning her master's and doctoral degrees in physics from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where her dissertation explored theoretical condensed matter physics.

After a postdoctoral fellowship and while holding a scientific staff position at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, McCall was recruited to a part-time, temporary teaching position at New Mexico State University. A longtime mentor encouraged her to accept the offer.

"You can't know you don't like teaching until you've tried it," her mentor said.

"I decided to put my doubts to rest," said McCall. "Surprise! I loved teaching, started searching for an academic position, and came to Reno the following year."

McCall started teaching at the University of Nevada, Reno in 1996 and served as chair

of the physics department from 2004 to 2007. Shortly after, she moved into administration as an associate dean. In this time, she served as acting chair of the Department of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering and acting director of the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering, where her research interests positioned her well to work with the college's earth science faculty and students.

In 2020, when former dean of the college Jeff Thompson was appointed acting executive vice president and provost — a position that became permanent in 2021 — McCall was the clear choice for interim dean. Taking over at the height of the pandemic proved challenging, but she gained perspective in the new position.

"Being dean of a very large college often feels overwhelming; however, the people make the place and I've been fortunate," McCall said. "The department chairs and program directors are talented and dedicated; the faculty are, of course, the absolute best; the students are always inspiring; and the staff are outstanding."

Recruiting and retaining professors who value equity in science, technology, engineering and math has been a personal priority of McCall's after seeing the power of such support in her own family. McCall's great aunt, Elizabeth Racao Durfee, completed her bachelor's in economics and English at a women's college and, thanks to the support of a professor, received her master's in physics from Cornell University in 1924, when it was

very uncommon for women to do so. From 2007 to 2010, McCall made multiple gifts to the University to name a hallway in the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center in her great aunt's honor.

"My hope for the future is that primary identities are not mutually exclusive," McCall said. "We are a great college because of the people, and I see evidence of that every day."

McCall is especially proud of serving as the first director for the Women in Science and Engineering program at the University in 2007 and continues to work toward ensuring the college is welcoming to all students. As interim dean, she supported the launch of the Maximizing Access to Research Careers Nevada program in collaboration with Associate Dean Melanie Duckworth, the relaunch of the Golden Scholars first-generation student program led by college advisors who are first-generation students themselves, and the continuation of the Emergency Support for College of Science Students Fund.

While McCall is clearly dedicated to the sciences, her passions extend to the arts, too. "Participating in the arts has always been integral to my joy," McCall said, adding that she took singing lessons on campus at the recommendation of late Professor of Organ Philip B. Manwell. McCall and Manwell's uncle, Roger, recently established a scholarship endowment in Philip's memory for students pursuing dual degrees in arts and sciences — celebrating the complementary nature of the two subjects.

Learn more about the College of Science
at the QR code below.



Markus Kimmelmeier brings 21 years of University service, leadership, relationship-building as new vice provost of graduate education and dean of The Graduate School



By Haley Anderton-Folmer '10, '13 M.S.

Vice Provost of Graduate Education and Dean of The Graduate School Markus Kimmelmeier meets with graduate students.

by Haley Anderton-Folmer '10, '13 M.S.

The University of Nevada, Reno welcomed Markus Kimmelmeier as the new vice provost of graduate education and dean of The Graduate School in July 2022. Throughout his 21-year career at the University, Kimmelmeier has worked closely with graduate students in various capacities, including most recently as director of the Interdisciplinary Social Psychology Ph.D. program. “I am passionate about graduate education. Graduate students are the backbone of a research university — and when I saw this position, I knew it would allow me to bring my experience to help advance graduate education in Nevada,” said Kimmelmeier.

With great enthusiasm and contagious energy, Kimmelmeier, who was recognized as a Foundation Professor in 2021, wasted no time installing himself in his new position. “I worked with The Graduate School closely in my seven years as a graduate program director, and respected the school’s capable staff and leadership,” Kimmelmeier said. “I knew that I wanted to continue the great

work of my predecessor, Dean Emeritus David Zeh. The transition has been seamless, and I feel warmly received.”

As Kimmelmeier transitioned into his new role last summer, he collaborated with many groups on and off campus, including meeting with faculty members, listening to graduate students, and reaching out to various stakeholders to better understand the needs, challenges and opportunities facing graduate education today. “Maybe more than ever, people and the entire world benefit from graduate education. People, by advancing their individual careers — and the world, because more than ever we need increasingly sophisticated solutions in an increasingly complex world.”

When asked about his vision for the school, Kimmelmeier responded, “I want The Graduate School to be the hub for graduate advancement.”

In his first year, Dean Kimmelmeier is committed to addressing the changing needs of graduate students in the pandemic, from increased cost of living to mental health. He is also eager to responsibly expand graduate enrollment and enhance the graduate student experience. During his short time in office, Kimmelmeier has been able to increase the minimum salaries of postdoctoral scholars and advocate for an expansion of the Nevada DRIVE program, which is designed to promote Doctoral Research in Innovation, Vision and Excellence. In partnership with the University’s Graduate Council, Kimmelmeier also succeeded in expanding the Mentoring Mentors program, a national initiative to train faculty on best practices in student mentorship.

Finding solutions to address the rising cost of housing for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars is a priority, as well as expanding career opportunities for students with graduate degrees. “Many doctoral graduates do not enter academia, yet their training does not always prepare them for career success within industry or other organizations,” Kimmelmeier said. “I want us to make clear that those with a graduate degree are highly qualified for many different careers. I want them to realize that they have choices.”

Kimmelmeier is also committed to strengthening the pathways from undergraduate to graduate education at the University. “At a recent dean’s retreat, I felt uplifted by the passion of so many smart leaders working together. There are serious challenges ahead, but I am optimistic; I believe that our unity is our strength.”

The entire Kimmelmeier family is at home at Nevada. Dean Kimmelmeier’s wife, Heather, is executive assistant to the vice president of Student Services. Their two daughters, Lena and Liesel, are both part of the Class of 2025 and son, Christoph, will graduate later this year.

Scan the QR code to learn more about The Graduate School and its 2022-23 Graduate Dean Fellows.



Larry Barber brings ambition and innovation to campus as Community Advisory Board vice chair



By Madeline Zunino '22 (class of 2024)

Larry Barber grew up in Southampton, Long Island, and he remembers all too well what it felt like to be very educated but unprepared for decisions regarding college and the job market. Barber received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh in 1970. Then, after a few years in the "working world," he went back to earn his master's in management and information systems from the University of Southern California.

Barber admits he did not always plan on a career in chemistry. In his senior year of high school, the counselor's office asked him about his interest in college and prospective majors. Lacking a plan, the counselor asked "what's your best class?" and his answer of "chemistry" guided what was next.

That memory and the perspective he gained over a long and accomplished career assured Barber's belief that while universities deliver well-educated graduates, they don't necessarily guarantee entry and success in the business world. This inspired him to join the Honors College's Community Advisory Board. As a board member, he seeks to make a difference in the lives of students, ensuring graduates leave the University with direction and confidence. "These students are

our future, and it is rewarding to help them," Barber said, adding that the Honors College's multidimensional curriculum aligns with his personal message to students to "think bigger."

In his role as vice chair, Barber provides leadership — identifying and qualifying new board members and focusing board discussions on funding support. "He has pushed our productivity on his initiative. Many of our board's successes this term and in the ones that follow may result in large part from Larry's leadership and dedication to the mission of our Honors College and its Community Advisory Board," said Chair Daniel Lindbergh Lang '19 (journalism).

Barber's career started in the U.S. Air Force, flying B-52s and later testing Russian equipment at the Air Armament Center at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida before becoming an intelligence officer at Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet Headquarters in Hawaii.

After the Air Force, Barber started a career in Silicon Valley, which encompassed numerous interests, including PC hardware, software, publishing and finally, angel investing. Initially, he was hired as a program manager in the Military Industrial Division of General Telephone and Electronics Cor-

poration (GTE) — which is now Verizon — and in 1978, he managed the development of one of the first fully functional relational databases that successfully leveraged the U.S. military.

Barber was instrumental in starting and managing some impactful companies. Notable in the development of motherboards and PCs in the early '80s, one of his companies was named among the top 100 fastest-growing U.S. small private companies by Money and Inc. Magazine. Later, he created websites that gained 55 million unique readers per month. Two of his most far-reaching efforts were the development, funding and management of Tom's Hardware, a website designed to help individuals design PCs, and the movie review site, Rotten Tomatoes. Barber was also co-author of the book "Tom's Hardware Guide," which sold more than 44,000 copies and became an Amazon best seller. Additionally, Barber has been president/CEO of other Silicon Valley companies, making chips and software for PC and compression technologies, including the development of a pricing engine that supports many Fortune 500 companies such as Best Buy, Costco and Sears.

The Nevada business environment, northern Nevada mountains and the University community drew Barber to the Truckee Meadows in 2000. "The campus has a great history and offers many opportunities. The Honors College will uniquely prepare future leaders for life after college," said Barber, whose two grandsons are enrolled in the college.

"Larry Barber is a fount of wisdom," said Matt Means, dean of the Honors College. "He brings a lifetime of business acumen and entrepreneurial success to the Honors College that inspire all who hear his voice. That said, he is far more than an accumulated history of professional success; he is a true altruist, a natural educator and a relational exemplar to friends and family."

Honors College Community Advisory Board Vice Chair Larry Barber.

 Courtesy of Larry Barber

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Athletic Director Stephanie Rempe hits the ground running with focus on core of athletics and community



Nevada Athletic Director
Stephanie Rempe.

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By Aaron Juarez

Stephanie Rempe was announced as Nevada's athletic director on June 21, 2022, and in her six months on the job has put Wolf Pack Athletics on a new track.

"In Stephanie Rempe, Wolf Pack Athletics has found a proven leader who brings the perfect blend of high-energy and strategic vision for the future, along with someone who has a deep understanding of how to succeed at the highest levels of the modern landscape of intercollegiate athletics," President Brian Sandoval '86 (English) said at the time of Rempe's hiring.

The energy and speed with which Rempe has communicated and enacted that vision for the department has already led to positive developments for the Pack both on and off the field of play.

Rempe, who supervised contract negotiations and the hiring of 11 head coaches during her tenure at LSU (2019-22), moved quickly to fill two head coaching vacancies in the Nevada Athletic Department within months of her hiring. In July, she tabbed Jake McKinley, who spent the past four seasons with the Milwaukee Brewers, to lead Wolf Pack Baseball. A month later, Trake Carpenter, the 2021 Summit League Coach of the Year, was brought in to lead Men's Golf.

Rempe named a third new head coach at Nevada in November, Vanessa Valentine.

A proven coach at the professional and collegiate levels, Valentine will oversee Wolf Pack Women's Soccer.

Among the early successes for Nevada Athletics in Rempe's first season are the Men's Basketball team's 10-3 start and 3rd place finish at the Cayman Islands Classic in November, as well as a multichampionship fall for Women's Golf.

Off the field of play, Rempe has prioritized numerous student-athlete initiatives, including providing nutrition to our teams with a Monday through Friday student-athlete breakfast in Basin Street Club, the addition of a full-time dietitian and the addition of a full-time mental health professional as part of the department's long-term student-athlete-focused efforts.

Several capital projects have also begun under Rempe's tenure, including the installation of new field turf at Hixson Field for Nevada Softball, continued renovation projects of the football weight room and the football, soccer, and track & field locker room upgrades in the Nancy and Bob Cashell Football Center, as well as efforts to break ground for the new men's and women's basketball locker room facility. As stated in her press conference — community engagement is critical to department success. There is a strong emphasis to be in the community and to grow relationships with huge efforts to fundraise for the numerous capital projects and department initiatives.

Jake McKinley Head Baseball Coach



Raised in Sparks, McKinley brings more than 13 years of collegiate coaching experience to the Pack and most recently served as the Milwaukee Brewers' vice president of Player Development. In

2022, the Wolf Pack baseball program went 29-26 and finished 2nd in the Mountain West.

Trake Carpenter Head Men's Golf Coach



Carpenter comes to Nevada after being named Summit League Coach of the Year and leading the University of Denver Pioneers to the NCAA Cle Elum Regional, where they finished just

one place shy of the program's first NCAA Championships berth in 61 years.

Vanessa Valentine Head Women's Soccer Coach



With head coaching experience at both the professional and collegiate levels, Valentine most recently served as an assistant coach at the University of California, Berkeley, helping the

Golden Bears reach the 2022 NCAA Tournament.

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



Cameron Duncan '10 welcomed as interim dean

Orvis School of Nursing
Interim Dean Cameron
Duncan '10.

📷 Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA

By Jillian Baker '13

In July 2022, the Orvis School of Nursing welcomed Cameron Duncan '10 (nursing) as interim dean following the retirement of Dean Emerita Debera Thomas. As a strong, compassionate leader, Thomas oversaw the creation of the Accelerated BSN program and led Orvis through the many transitions the COVID-19 pandemic required. She continues to support the Orvis School of Nursing and the entire University through many different initiatives.

Though new to the role of interim dean, Duncan is right at home at Orvis. Born and raised in Reno, he received his Bachelor of Science in nursing from Nevada in 2010 as a first-generation student. He has served as faculty at the University since 2017 and most recently served as director of Orvis' Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program. Duncan also served on the nursing school's Community Advisory Board, co-chaired the Faculty Affairs Committee for Orvis and was a member of the University's Queer and LGBT Advocacy Board. Before teaching at Orvis, he opened

one of the first independent, nurse-managed mental health and primary care clinics in the state — Duncan Family Healthcare.

Between his undergraduate career and returning to his alma mater, Duncan earned a Master's of Science in Nursing in Organizational Leadership in Healthcare Organizations from Grand Canyon University. He also earned an MSN to become a family nurse practitioner, a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner post-master's certificate and a Doctor of Nursing Practice at the University of Arizona. Most recently, Duncan also earned his Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing from UNLV, focused on an innovative treatment for substance use disorders, as part of his personal commitment and Orvis' focus on elevating nursing research at the University of Nevada, Reno.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to help shape the next phase of the Orvis School of Nursing as we recover from the pandemic and work to address ongoing health care needs in the community," Duncan said. "The northern Nevada region, the state at-large and our country are in desperate need of more nurses as our population continues

to grow. I hope to do my part in filling that need by educating new nurses and supporting their transition into the workforce."

Since stepping into the role, Duncan has assisted with the planning and execution of the Northern Nevada Nursing Summit, negotiated a partnership with Renown Health to grow undergraduate nursing student enrollment and relieve student debt, and is championing expanded resources in the simulation laboratory to continue growing student enrollment.

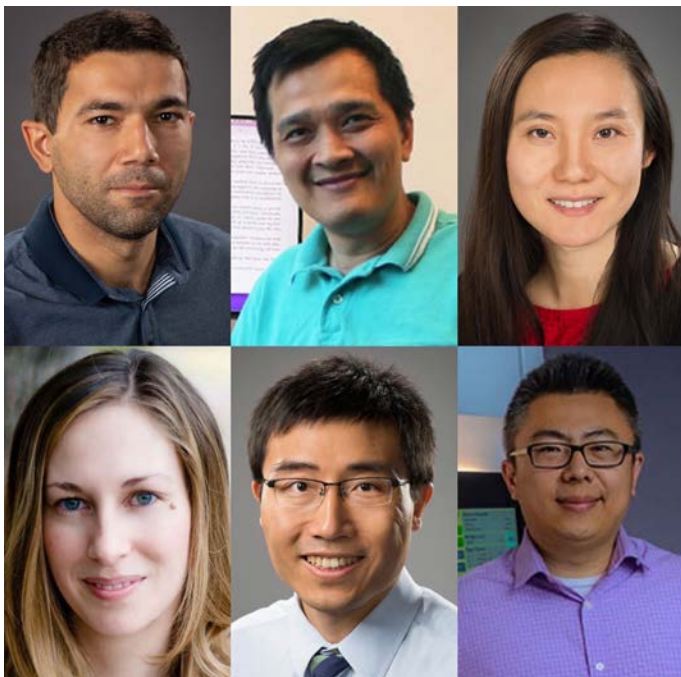
Interim Dean Duncan and the entire Orvis School of Nursing are excited to see what the year ahead will bring to the nursing school and the community.

To learn more about Orvis,
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CAREER Awards signal early career success of faculty members

University's community of prestigious National Science Foundation awardees continues to grow



By Jane Tors '82

The latest round of CAREER Awards continued a strong showing by University of Nevada, Reno early career faculty members. The 2022 cohort of awardees follows the eight awards received by faculty in 2021 — the most ever in a single year at the University.

These National Science Foundation awards recognize role models in research and education with the potential to lead advances in their fields and within their university. The five-year awards provide a foundation for future career and research development.

As the NSF describes it, “This premier program emphasizes the importance the Foundation places on the early development of academic careers dedicated to stimulating the discovery process in which the excitement of research is enhanced by inspired teaching, enthusiastic learning and disseminating new knowledge.”

“The CAREER Award recognizes the recipients’ early career success and their potential ... what they can do for their discipline,

the scientific community and the nation,” said Mridul Gautam, University vice president for research and innovation. “It is wonderful to see the increasing notice of our early career faculty through this prestigious NSF program.”

2022 awardees:

- **Engin Arslan '11 M.S.** (computer science), assistant professor in the Department of Computer Science & Engineering - College of Engineering, for work to address scalability and reliability with existing data transfer applications.
- **Tin Nguyen**, assistant professor in the Department of Computer Science & Engineering - College of Engineering, for work to develop new machine learning techniques

and advance the use of molecular and biological data to better diagnose the progression of cancer.

- **Jenny Ouyang**, associate professor in the Department of Biology - College of Science, for work to investigate how artificial night light affects the health and behavior of wild birds.

- **Elizabeth Pringle**, assistant professor in the Department of Biology - College of Science, for work to determine how drought impacts what is termed the “phytochemical landscape” of plants.

- **Hao Xu**, associate professor in the Department of Electrical & Biomedical Engineering - College of Engineering, for work to advance large-scale, multiagent systems through the application of game theory, artificial intelligence and machine learning.

- **Yufeng Zheng**, assistant professor in the Department of Chemical & Materials Engineering - College of Engineering, for work to design novel titanium alloys with both high strength and ductility, while also advancing electron microscopy education for University students.

Since 1996, 49 CAREER Awards have been awarded to University of Nevada, Reno faculty, with 25 in the last five years.

“The CAREER Award is only a beginning,” Gautam said. “Our past awardees are demonstrating what this program is about. They are doing very well and making strong research and education contributions.”

“The CAREER Award is one of the most eminent honors for a researcher in that it recognizes early career faculty who integrate teaching and outreach with their research,” University President Brian Sandoval '86 (English) said. “Through their contributions and work, these faculty members are fulfilling the land-grant mission and making an important difference for our students and our state.”

Check out more stories on Research & Innovation at the University at the QR code below.



Celebrating the centennial of journalism education at Nevada



By Molly Carnell '21

For the Reynolds School of Journalism, the 2022-23 academic year represents a significant milestone: the centennial year of journalism education at the University of Nevada, Reno. Throughout the year, the Reynolds School is proud to celebrate this historic anniversary and recognize all that was achieved during the last century.

The first journalism class at Nevada was taught 100 years ago during the fall semester of 1922 within the Department of English. This 11-student class was led by a young, female reporter in Reno, Laura Ambler '1919 (English).

In 1923, Professor Alfred Higginbotham, warmly known as “Higgy,” arrived on campus and began building the journalism program, which became its own department 20 years later. Over the next few decades, the journalism department would continue to bring in distinguished faculty members and shape some of the best journalists in the country.

A movement to break journalism away from the then-College of Arts and Sciences and form a free-standing school began in the '80s. In 1984, with the philanthropic support of the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, the Reynolds School of Journalism was established.

The Reynolds School has continued to

help undergraduate and graduate students turn their passion for storytelling into careers in news, broadcasting, advertising and public relations, and media production.

The journalism program has produced six Pulitzer Prize winners. This distinguished group of alumni includes Edward Montgomery '34 (journalism), Howard Sheerin '31 (English), Ron Einstoss '55 (journalism), Distinguished Nevadan and Professor Emeritus Warren Lerude '61 (journalism), Susan Forrest '82 (journalism) and Kristen Go '98 (journalism).

“It’s been a remarkable ride from a single class in 1922 to the nationally renowned Reynolds School of today,” Alan Stavitsky, the school’s longest-serving dean, said. “We are well positioned to shape tomorrow’s media leaders.”

To commemorate this landmark year, the Reynolds School held a Centennial Celebration last October. The event featured the premiere screening of the documentary “On the Record: A Century of Journalism Education at Nevada.”

Produced by award-winning documentarian and Associate Professor of Electronic Media Kari Barber in collaboration with Reynolds School students and faculty, this 30-minute documentary explores the evolution of the school through a century of challenge and change. The film covers the origins of journalism education at Nevada, the

dedicated and quirky faculty members at its helm, and how the school has become a home to many. Numerous familiar faces from Reynolds School history — past and present — are featured in the film.

“You can’t see this film and not feel overwhelming pride about where we’ve come from and where we are today as a school,” Barber said. “It’s been a great experience for everyone to be able to share the inspirational stories we’ve unearthed.”

The RSJ Centennial Scholarship Endowment was also established last year to memorialize this major benchmark in the school’s history. It will provide annual scholarships to support the next generation of Reynolds School students.

The first journalism class at the University of Nevada in 1922.

Courtesy of Special Collections and University Archives

You can catch the documentary on KNPB on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 10 p.m.

To help support the Centennial Scholarship and other journalism funds, scan the QR code below.



Growing fast: School of Public Health gifted new space

State and donor support will renovate two buildings for thriving student body and faculty



Left to right: School of Public Health advisory board member and longtime supporter Stephanie Kruse '91 MBA, President Brian Sandoval '86 and Dean Muge Akpinar-Elci outside the newly dedicated public health building. Brianna Lovett (class of 2023)

*By Brittany Flores '18 and
Brianna Lovett (class of 2023)*

Since returning to in-person instruction after COVID-19 shutdowns, the School of Public Health has seen incredible growth in opportunities for community engagement, faculty and student enrollment — with many students now looking to pursue public health careers after seeing the pandemic's impact firsthand. This tremendous expansion made the need for a dedicated space to accommodate all public health students and faculty abundantly clear.

"I am so thrilled to be leading such a high-performing team," said Muge Akpinar-Elci, dean of the School of Public Health. "However, it has become apparent that the best way to support our students, faculty and staff, as well as the future of public health, is to provide them with the necessary space and resources for collaboration and success."

On July 12, 2022, Executive Vice Presi-

dent and Provost Jeff Thompson announced the Edna S. Brigham Clinical Education Building would house the School of Public Health. Shortly afterward, on August 17, 2022, the state Legislature's Interim Finance Committee met in Carson City and approved \$75 million for a new Nevada State Public Health Laboratory to be built on campus. Additionally, the IFC approved another \$3 million to remodel the existing public health lab building for the School of Public Health's future use. Once open, these two new spaces will provide opportunities for collaborative work, active learning, community engagement, as well as offices for faculty and staff.

With renovations already underway, the school is now focused on ensuring students and faculty have the resources needed to facilitate research and community collaboration.

An advisory board member and longtime supporter of the School of Public Health, Stephanie Kruse '91 MBA is pas-

sionate about the school's future. "People have to understand that public health means so much in our lives. It's everywhere," said Kruse, who also founded KPS3 and serves as vice chair for development of the University Foundation Board. "From looking up from your phone before crossing the street, to preventing the next pandemic, to really anything that's going to keep you, the individual, or the population safe and healthy ... I've seen what the space could be with renovations and the costs associated with that and I encourage people to understand the critical importance of public health in their lives, and if they're so moved, to support the School of Public Health at the University."

While we as public health professionals hope lessons were learned and precautions are taken after the pandemic, hope simply isn't enough. Populations both locally and globally need to be prepared for the next outbreak. With 80% of our graduates staying in Nevada to live and work, a properly equipped space will position the school to train and develop the next generation of public health practitioners — educating and protecting our communities for years to come.

To learn how you can help support the School of Public Health, please contact Gabrielle Brackett '12, '19 MPH, associate director of development, at (775) 682-8206 or gbrackett@unr.edu.

For more information on the School of Public Health, scan the QR code below.





Interim Dean Lillian Wichinsky and members of the School of Social Work at the University's Redfield Campus.

Reaccreditation recognizes high-quality education provided to social work students

By Lillian Wichinsky, interim dean

The School of Social Work is proud to announce that the Council on Social Work Education voted to reaffirm the accreditation of the bachelor's and master's programs at the University for another six years. CSWE is a national nonprofit association representing more than 2,500 members as well as graduate and undergraduate programs, and is recognized by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation as the only accrediting agency for social work education in the country.

The CSWE accreditation standards

are both extensive and rigorous. To receive reaccreditation, the University had to meet the requirements of the Educational

Policy and Accreditation Standards laid out by CSWE for baccalaureate and graduate level social work programs that establish thresholds for professional competence.

Social work faculty had to demonstrate that school curriculum meets core social work competencies. In turn, when our students graduate, they will know how to apply ethical principles and critical thinking to social work practice; be able to utilize social work research and respond to changing practice contexts; effectively engage with members of diverse populations; and carry out appropriate assessments and interventions.

Appropriately connecting theory and practice is another key piece to accreditation. In Nevada, our undergraduate students are required to complete at least 400 hours of field experience, while 900 hours are required for graduate students. Thanks to countless collaborations, School of Social Work students' practicums can take place at hundreds of agencies and organizations throughout the state and nationally.

CSWE also takes a long, hard look at how well each social work program is meeting its objectives and considers the policies and resources at the school's disposal with the accreditation team reviewing paperwork and coming on-site to see what the curriculum looks like in practice. The accreditation process is just as rigorous for online programs.

For current students and social work

alumni, this reaccreditation means you can feel confident in your coursework — whether that's virtual or in the classroom — and know at graduation that your education and degree meet the highest standards in the country.

This accreditation and growth of the School of Social Work are both vitally important to the overall health of our state. Nevada has been one of the fastest-growing states for the last five decades but sadly, the number of social workers has not kept pace. Provider shortages paired with the Silver State's geography and varying population centers make educating and adding new social workers that much more important. In 2018, reports showed that an additional 2,480 social workers would be needed to meet our state's needs, with a vast majority needed in rural communities.

As the largest social work program in Nevada, the School of Social Work plays a critical role in meeting the social service needs of the state. As interim dean, I am proud to lead the school as we move to enhance our curriculum and prepare our graduates for the hard work ahead. This accreditation reflects the hard work of many. Thank you to the faculty, staff, community advisory board members, community partners and alumni who made this possible.

To learn more about the School of Social Work, scan the QR code below.



Libraries play key role in lowering educational costs for students



By Jill Stockton

According to the Education Data Initiative, the average cost of a college textbook is between \$80 and \$105, with some costing \$400 or more. In an effort to lower the cost of education for University of Nevada, Reno students, the University Libraries is actively partnering with faculty, the Provost's Office, Office of Digital Learning and Office of Advancements in Teaching Excellence to reduce the need for expensive textbooks.

Open Educational Resources, or OERs, are freely available high-quality resources that are intended for classroom use. They can be easily accessed online ensuring an equitable learning experience for all.

"The Libraries is playing a key role in helping faculty incorporate OERs into their courses," Dean of University Libraries Catherine Cardwell said. "The rising cost of textbooks impacts students directly, affecting their ability to succeed and even complete their classes."

The Education Data Initiative reports the average four-year college student paid an estimated \$1,226 for textbooks and supplies in academic year 2020-21. Additionally, the price of textbooks increases by an average of 12% with each new edition published.

In order to support the Universitywide OER effort, the Libraries applied for and received a grant totaling \$20,000 in October 2021 through the American Rescue Plan Act and the Institute of Museum and

Library Services Technology Act, administered by the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records.

Grant funds were used to develop a three-part educational workshop series targeting faculty. The pilot program launched in March 2022 with faculty from psychology, journalism, public health, juvenile and family law, core humanities and other areas taking part. Because transitioning course materials to OERs is time-consuming and labor-intensive, faculty completing the workshop series received a \$1,500 stipend. Topics included copyright, and finding and adapting OERs for faculty needs.

Senior Instructional Designer for the Office of Digital Learning and Libraries OER partner Angela Chase '13 M.A. (history) said it is important to remember who we are doing this for. "I care about and can empathize with students' ability to access and afford course materials. Caring and showing empathy goes a long way in establishing positive instructor presence and helping to create a learning community within my class."

Looking ahead, the Office of the Provost has committed to funding another cohort-based OER Workshop Series for the 2023-24 academic year and has provided financial support for the University to participate in the American Association of Colleges and Universities Institute on Open Educational Resources. This yearlong institute is designed for campuses aspiring to launch or expand OER initiatives to develop or leverage free and affordable materials in teaching and learning contexts.



New, asset-expanding Reno Gazette Journal Photograph Collection

University Libraries welcomed between 1.5 and 2 million photographic negatives documenting people, places, events and style across northern Nevada from 1959 to 2014 with the new "Reno Gazette Journal Photograph Collection."

The Libraries' Special Collections and University Archives, Digital Services, as well as Metadata, Cataloging, and One-Time Acquisitions departments worked together to make this unparalleled collection available to our entire community.

A grant totaling nearly \$79,000 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services Technology Act, administered by the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records, allowed the Libraries to digitize one of the 360 boxes in this collection. The work involved totaled 160 hours for 750-800 negatives in a single box!

Learn more about these and other stories
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New SNAP dashboard strengthens food-security education across Nevada

Planners, program managers can easily tap into data about nutrition, physical activity

By John Seelmeyer

Sadly, more than 11% of sixth graders in Clark County go hungry at some point in the month because there isn't enough food at home. And during the pandemic, the number of people in the Las Vegas area who skipped meals or cut back their eating because they didn't have enough food grew by an estimated 47%.

Even for food-security professionals like Macy Helm, Federal Nutrition Programs coordinator at the University's Extension, who closely track numbers like these, the powerful new online SNAP-Ed Needs Assessment dashboard provides a fresh — and sometime startling — way to visualize the challenges of food security, nutrition and physical activity across Nevada.

Developed at the University, the dashboard will likely play an important role in creating new, evidence-based strategies to bring healthier, more active lives to federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients. SNAP provides benefits to eligible individuals and families via an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card that can be used like a debit card to purchase specific food items.

Helm, who served as leader of the dashboard project, worked with Najat Elgeberi, an Extension evaluation specialist and teaching assistant professor who oversaw a four-month effort to collect data. The nuts-and-bolts work of creating the dashboard was completed by Nick Etchegaray, a business data analyst in the University's Office of Planning, Budget & Analysis. The finished product provides a wealth of information designed to make life easier for researchers and managers of programs that provide SNAP education.

With the depth of information this new dashboard provides, it is believed to be the first of its type in the country for these purposes. "The ability of this dashboard to inform programmatic decisions for a limited-resource community is incredibly impactful," Helm said.

The Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, which provided funding for the project, will use the dashboard to develop

statewide plans. State and federal agencies, including Extension and other providers of SNAP education, will use the information to address nutrition, physical activity, food security and food safety. Additionally, University researchers will have data at hand so they can quickly apply for health-related grants and projects.

Health Education Coordinator at the Washoe County Health District, Stephanie Chen '11 (community health sciences), '14 MPH, said the dashboard is already guiding her agency's activities. "The online interactive dashboard is easy to use and access. It's nice for the data to be all in one place."

Previously, Chen and other planners and program managers across Nevada would spend hours digging through stacks of published reports to find facts that are now available quickly through this single SNAP-Ed dashboard. Creation of a user-friendly dashboard from a mishmash of data, however, proved daunting. Manager of Decision Support with the University Cody Grigg said it was a challenge for his team to shape a coherent, useful format for numbers from various sources in a variety of configurations. The team worked closely with SNAP-Ed Evaluation Coordinator Brian Luckey to clean up the data.

"Ensuring consistency of the data among the different sources is paramount to creating an engaging and informative user experience," Grigg said. Built in alignment with the University's land-grant mission to serve the economic, social, environmental and cultural needs of Nevada, the nation and the world, the SNAP-Ed dashboard will continue to evolve with the arrival of new data — providing new insights and actionable information to help Nevadans.

"I am proud that, in cooperation with Extension, we have created a tool to further enhance that pledge," Grigg continued. "Getting these data into the hands of Nevada business and community leaders and its citizens furthers their ability to truly understand and react to the needs of those in their communities."

For more information on the University's Extension, scan the QR code below.



Jacob DeDecker, new Extension director

Bringing a lifetime of experience in Extension, including 16 years at Michigan State University, Jacob DeDecker joined the University as director of Extension and associate dean for engagement with the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources.



Extension Director and Associate Dean for Engagement Jacob DeDecker. © Robert Moore

"I have seen the land-grant mission and Extension programs impact youth, families, producers and businesses firsthand. I want to help expand Extension's reach, including to those underserved in both urban and rural settings."

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FROM THE PRESIDENT NEVADA ALUMNI COUNCIL



Dear fellow alumni,

Happy New Year, Pack! I can hardly believe that 2022 has already drawn to a close — what a fun year, full of in-person events that allowed us to reconnect with all of you. We are excited to build off this momentum rolling into 2023!

I'd like to take a moment to congratulate the more than 1,900 new members of our alumni family who graduated in December — all incredibly bright and promising individuals who make me proud to be a member of this Pack. Welcome, new grads!

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the alumni surveys. Thanks to your feedback, we were able to address the top ways you indicated you wanted to engage with the University.

Alumni-to-alumni career connections as well as alumni-to-student career connections and mentoring are now possible with Pack Connect! If you haven't signed up yet, head to unr.peoplegrove.com and sign up with your LinkedIn or email account. More than 1,500 alumni, students and faculty have already joined.

We also welcomed the Nevada Alumni App in the Apple App Store and Google Play, where you can stay up to date on activities with our events calendar!

Finally, a hearty welcome to our two newest Alumni Council members, Juana Reynoza-Gomez '09 M.A. and Christina Stoeber Young '94! And congratulations to our newly elected Executive Board! We are incredibly lucky to have this dynamic and energetic group of leaders at our helm.

On behalf of the Nevada Alumni Council, best wishes to all for a healthy, happy and prosperous new year.

Go Pack!

Shenea Strader '05, '07 MBA

1960s

DONALD BARKHURST '62 (electrical engineering) recently retired to help his wife, Hope, with administrative work and spend time with his family. Don's career started with Lawrence Radiation Laboratory at the Nevada Test Site, where he was a reaction history engineer diagnosing the performance of new thermonuclear devices. For years, the technique Don used was presented in several scientific journals. He was also assigned to fly on an NC-135 water burner during airborne readiness tests in the South Pacific, and would later field SHIVA, a high-energy pulsed-power device, and PBFA II, the world's largest electromagnetic wave generator, with Maxwell Laboratories and Sandia National Laboratories, respectively.

1970s

DONALD LANMAN '72 (journalism) was inducted into the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame, recognizing veterans who have made significant post-military contributions to the state through civic, business or public service pursuits. Donald holds an MBA from Saint Mary's College of California and is a marketing, business development and fundraising consultant for Integrated Marketing Communications in West Palm Beach.

1980s

ROBIN JOYCE '83 (journalism), **'04 M.A.** is now senior development director with Olive Crest Nevada, after serving as a pastor for Canyon Ridge Christian Church and director of advancement at Faith Lutheran Middle and High Schools. Prior to that, Robin was president and CEO of Joyce Advertising for 25 years, managing nearly 50 political campaigns and ballot initiatives, and running the largest airport advertising program in the world at Harry Reid International Airport.

JULIE ARDITO '89 (journalism) was named vice president of Public Relations at KPS3, bringing three decades of strategic marketing expertise to the agency. Julie most recently served as senior director of Advancement and Engagement at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and was previously director of Community Affairs and

Constituent Services for then-Gov. Brian Sandoval '86 (English), director of Public Relations for the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada and senior vice president for the Rose/Glenn Group. Julie earned her Accreditation in Public Relations and has received Outstanding Service Awards from the Nevada Alumni Association and the College of Engineering.

1990s

LINDA MARIE BELL '90 (psychology) received the Impact of the Year Award from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. A chief judge, Linda was honored for her work to rethink, reimagine and redefine justice for children and families. Linda received her law degree in 1993 from the University of San Diego School of Law before practicing medical malpractice and family law in Las Vegas and serving 12 years as a public defender.

LENNY CHAVEZ '90 (finance) recently made a career pivot after 25 years in sales with Verizon and Dell. Lenny opened his own financial advising office in Dallas-Fort Worth focused on individual investors, families and business owners.

N LS ALISON GAULDEN '92 (journalism), a senior lecturer in the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism, participated in the Mandela Washington Fellowship Reciprocal Exchange program in Zimbabwe last summer. Teaching young African leaders how to run for office, Alison conducted a "Campaign Hackathon" where 15 candidates completed a three-day intensive training on running a campaign as well as message development, fundraising and social media. Accredited in Public Relations and a Fellow PRSA, Alison also gave a guest lecture at the University of Zimbabwe.

N JASON FRIERSON '96 (health science) was sworn into office on May 11, 2022 as the U.S. Attorney for the District of Nevada, the first African American to hold the position. In addition to serving as the chief federal law enforcement officer for Nevada, Jason recently served as speaker of the Nevada State Assembly and an assistant public defender in the Clark County Public Defender's Office.

SANDRA DOUGLASS MORGAN '99 (political science) was named president of the Las Vegas Raiders — making history as the first Black woman to serve as an NFL team president. Sandra,

who went on to receive her law degree at UNLV's William S. Boyd School of Law, previously served as chair and executive director of the Nevada Gaming Control Board and a litigation attorney specializing in gaming and hospitality.

2000s

HOLLY LONG '01 (health ecology) has started a new position as director of Population Health Management at Community Health Alliance. She looks forward to working with an exceptional team with the same drive to improve access to health care for all people.

ERIC SCHWARZROCK '05 (electrical engineering), **'13 MBA** was promoted to vice president of Customer Solutions and Projects for NV Energy. He first began at NV Energy 18 years ago as a student intern and now serves as executive chair of NV Energy's employee giving campaign for northern Nevada. A licensed professional engineer, Eric also chairs the advisory board for the University's Department of Electrical & Biomedical Engineering.



TIM SUCHSLAND '07 (history), **'11 M.A.** (counseling & educational psychology) published "A Five Finger Feast: Two Years in Kazakhstan, Lessons from the Peace Corps" in May 2022. "A Five Finger Feast" is Tim's memoir after serving in the Peace Corps from 2007-09.

CYNTHIA (ESPARZA) TRIGUEROS '07 (political science and women's studies), **'13 M.A.** (educational leadership) was appointed as the City of Reno's first chief equity and community relationships officer. In her new role, she is responsible for leading policies, practices and planning related to short-term and long-term equity work including public and private stakeholders, seeking collaborative partnerships and maximizing local resources. Cynthia is a proud member of The Wolf Pack Family and is currently vice chair of the Nevada Latino Alumni Chapter.

2010s

ALEXIS HERNANDEZ '10 (English writing), **'15** (economics), **'20 MBA** has been hired by KPS3 as a public relations coordinator. Previously, he worked as a product and customer operations analyst for

Bombora and a fund development coordinator at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada. Lex received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award from The College of Business in December 2020.

JENNA HUBERT '15 (journalism) was named shareholder at KPS3, where she currently leads creative strategy and the design process as creative director. Jenna began as a graphic designer and surpassed 10 years at the full-service marketing and digital communications firm. An active member of the creative community, Jenna has won numerous awards in design, web and campaign development.

MORGAN DIXON '16 (journalism) was hired by KPS3 as a social media manager. Morgan previously worked at digital agency GTMA as team manager for organic social. At KPS3, she is responsible for social media marketing initiatives across various industries and brings an expansive skill set in trend watching, content creation and reporting. Morgan received her master's degree in communication from Arizona State University.

ALYSSA YOCOM '17 (finance and economics) recently earned the Certified Private Wealth Advisor (CPWA) certification in addition to her certified financial planner credentials. A wealth manager for Schultz Financial Group, Alyssa is one of just nine financial services professionals in Reno, and one of two women locally, to achieve this advanced professional certification.

ARTURO MACÍAS FRANCO '18 (veterinary science and agricultural science), **'21 M.S.** (animal and rangeland science) was selected as the first Nevada alumnus to earn The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans. This graduate school fellowship, awarded to only 30 students from a pool of more than 1,800 applicants, recognizes immigrants and children of immigrants in the United States. After immigrating at 17, Arturo earned his bachelor's and master's degrees and established the Undocumented Student Club at Nevada. He is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in animal and rangeland science and plans to graduate in 2024.

2020s

ANNIE WAGNER '21 (journalism) successfully completed the examination for the Certificate in Principles of Public Relations. The CPPR is an entry-level



certificate designed to demonstrate a fundamental level of knowledge for new graduates entering the profession. With a love of communications, Annie joined the Public Relations Student Society of America as vice president of membership and has been a social media coordinator at KPS3 since 2021.

JOSHUA BARTLETT '22 (journalism) was hired by KPS3 as an account coordinator. Joshua, who focused on public relations and advertising with a minor in graphic design, previously led research projects for the American Advertising Federation's National Student Advertising Competition and served in internship roles for the Nevada Wins Political Action Committee, Washoe County GOP and the University's Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies.

JONATHAN DEUTSCHMAN '22 M.A. (journalism) recently relocated to Baltimore, Maryland where he began working in communications for the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering.

NICOLE SHEPHERD '22 (accounting and applied music) was named the Spring 2022 R. Herz Gold Medalist. The Herz Gold Medal — established by the Herz brothers and funded by the University Foundation and the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation — is the oldest and most prestigious student academic honor. The award is bestowed upon the graduating senior with the highest GPA with the most letter-graded credits. Nicole, who received dual bachelor's degrees at Nevada, is now working as an audit associate with KPMG.



June 12, 2021: **ERIK ROBERSON '15** (biology) and **NICOLE BUS '16** (human development & family studies)



June 19, 2021: **RILEY GRUBER '18** (civil engineering and environmental engineering), **'19 M.S.** and **MIKAYLA BAILLIE '18** (environmental engineering)



July 10, 2021: **COLEEN READ '16** (secondary education) and **JONATHAN MCGUIRE '15** (political science)



April 16, 2022: **BYRON TAM '11** (information systems) and **JESSICA CHEN '14** (biochemistry & molecular biology), **'17** (molecular microbiology and immunology)

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WOLF PUPS

COLBIE JANE

Born: March 5, 2022
Parents: **N AARON DEWAR '08** (criminal justice) and **N JENNA DEWAR '08** (early childhood education), '11 **M.S.** (human development & family studies)



CHARLIE JAY

Born: Aug. 31, 2022
Parents: **DAN HICKMAN '04** (economics) and **JACQUELINE (NEWMAN) HICKMAN '04** (environmental & natural resource science)

AVA ROSE

Born: May 15, 2022
Parents: **EVAN CARINI '18** (finance) and **MADISON (BOSQUE) CARINI '17** (community health sciences)



AINSLEY MARIE & RYLAND MONROE

Born: July 7, 2021
Parents: **ERIN (SEWARD) LYNCH '03** (health ecology) and Brodie Lynch

KEELY KRISTINE

Born: March 1, 2022
Parents: **PATRICK HARRIS '14** (marketing) and **MELISSA (McCABE) HARRIS '17** (mechanical engineering)



LILLIAN PAIGE

Born: Jan. 31, 2022
Parents: **JILL (DOWTY) NORDMEYER '11** (health ecology), '16 (nursing) and Kirk Nordmeyer



KINSLEY MCKENZIE

Born: June 4, 2021
Parents: **CAMILLA (BAKER) ADEMA '00** (journalism) and Eric Adema

BIANCA JANE

Born: July 13, 2022
Parents: **ANGELA (GRIECO) ANDERSON '14** (management) and **SHANE ANDERSON '11** (community health sciences)



LINCOLN ALLAN

Born: March 11, 2022
Parents: **MICHAEL BOGEN '07** (criminal justice) and Joanna Bogen



LILY AMELIA & ELLA JOSEPHINE

Parents: **JODY (JOHNSON) MELARKEY '07** (psychology) and **DAVID MELARKEY '08** (psychology)



2022

*Nevada Alumni Association Award Winners
College & Unit Distinguished Alumni*



David Bianchi '68

2022 Alumnus of the Year

By Allison M. Williams '08

David Bianchi '68 (finance) is the first to admit his two stints on campus took very different forms. Born and raised in Fallon, Bianchi always knew he would come to the University of Nevada, Reno — following in the footsteps of his favorite uncle and older brother. But when he began his studies in political science in 1960, he wasn't as focused as he should have been. "I like to joke that I got two degrees from the University. First, a social degree but they don't give you a diploma for that one. And later, my actual degree." It was in these first years that he met his wife of 58 years, Lois (Taylor) '65 (elementary education), at Manzanita Hall and connected with old friends from Fallon and 4-H while forming new friendships with classmates and fraternity brothers.

Bianchi left the University in 1963 and worked as a banker, but he wasn't gone long. In 1966 he returned, committed to getting his bachelor's in finance. "The second time, I made school my job, eight hours a day. Committing to it on that level was a big lesson for me, and I have to say my GPA was much higher the second time," he said with a smile. Bianchi served as president of the business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi, joined ROTC and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. "The military was such a positive for me. They give a lot of responsibility to young people versus the experience they get in businesses early on. That definitely happened for me."

Back in the Biggest Little City, Bianchi

was eager to put his business degree to use. A self-proclaimed people person, he joined Northwestern Mutual as a financial representative. Throughout his 50-year career there, he joined the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors as both local and state president and became the only Nevadan elected to the organization's national board. He also served as local president of both the Chartered Life Underwriters Association and the Estate Planning Council. Bianchi says the relationships he built on campus were key to his success. "When I started my business, I had a ready list of people. I encourage students and graduates to make those connections and hang onto them because staying connected to the University gave me a lot of support along the way."

Bianchi's resume is also full of local organizations and nonprofits he continually gives his time and talents to. He's past president of the Education Alliance of Washoe County, founder and past president of Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful and three-time president of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Nevada.

His love of community began when he helped establish the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows. "Being the first president of Boys & Girls Club really propelled me in all the other organizations I joined. We didn't have a club in Reno and someone from their headquarters asked the Reno Jaycees to help start one," Bianchi explained. At first, they struggled to find support but thanks to various connections, they were able to get the funding and opened in 1976. "Because of my success with Boys & Girls Club, I got asked to help start KNPB, and one of

my former professors of military science, Colonel Ralf, encouraged me to join Rotary. Then, I became president of Rotary when the first female member was brought in, former Vice President of Student Affairs Pat Miltenberger [Edgington '68, '85 Ed.D.]."

Serving as founding president of The College of Business Alumni Association, 2013 president and emeritus member of the Planned Giving Advisory Board, legislative committee member and a Legacy Society member alongside his wife, supporting the University has been another pillar of Bianchi's life. A donor for more than 35 years, he has given to funds benefiting ROTC, KUNR, The College of Business, the College of Education & Human Development as well as the establishment and continued support of the Dr. Robert S. Griffin/W. Clark Santini Memorial Endowment Fund in memory of his friend, Clark Santini '65 (pre-legal), and Santini's mentor in the Intercollegiate Debate Program, Professor Emeritus Robert Griffin.

Though Bianchi jokes he wouldn't advise young students to follow his path because it was "much more difficult," he also says it serves as a valuable lesson for those nearing graduation and starting new careers. "It's important to be persistent in college and in business. You have to persevere. You have a goal in mind, something you want to accomplish — you have to continue to go forward and think forward. Be brave. Try new things. I had no idea that I would do what I did for 50 years when I graduated. It just evolved. It's hard to know when you're starting out. Think about it — what you want, your passion, the things you can connect." **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.



ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR



2022 Alumnus of the Year David Bianchi '68 (finance) and his wife, Lois '65 (elementary education), have built a family tradition on the University campus.

Two of their three kids, Ryan Bianchi '98 (journalism) and Lea Anderson '93 (general studies), are also alumni and two grandsons will soon follow. The Bianchis continue to take part in events on campus including Pack Picnics each summer. David said they constantly reminisce about bringing the kids and grandkids to their favorite spot on campus — the Quad.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



This was the inaugural year of the Community Service Award. It is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated an unyielding dedication to community service and has improved the lives of others through leadership, social responsibility, mentorship and/or being a change agent.



Sarah Carmona Zink '05 (*economics*)

As a student, Sarah Carmona Zink fell in love with the diversity of economics and is now the managing member/broker of Reno/Tahoe Realty Group and co-founder of the Dreams Foundation. In addition to serving as RTPC Services' managing partner, Sarah is on the Renown Health Foundation board and chair of Renown Children's Hospital's workgroup. After Sarah's son was born with gastroschisis, had surgery at 5 days old and spent a month in the NICU, she was inspired to make life easier for other families and their health care providers. The Dreams Foundation has held annual clothing, blanket and monetary fundraisers since its start in 2016.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER OF THE YEAR



The alumni chapter that receives this award has produced a full calendar of events in the past year and shown solid membership growth under a committed core group of leaders. Chapters are the "boots on the ground" in the Alumni Association's mission of representing the University in the community. They are close-knit, nimble and proud. The members and leaders of alumni chapters do so much to keep the Wolf Pack spirit strong.

Nevada Latino Alumni Chapter

Committed to building community through alumni relations, supporting academic excellence and serving as a contributing voice after graduation, the Nevada Latino Alumni Chapter strives to increase Latino graduation rates and pave a stronger path to higher education. Along with the chapter's signature tequila tasting event in the spring, A Taste of Cultura, the chapter is honored to take part in annual Latinx graduate celebrations, PACK! MidTown and providing one-year memberships to new graduates. Fundraising is a priority for the group, which will help direct future engagements. In addition, the chapter is in the final stages of establishing a scholarship endowment.



OUTSTANDING RECENT GRADUATE



Recipients of this award are recent graduates and have shown outstanding career accomplishments. These remarkable alumni have not only made a name for themselves in a short amount of time, but in doing so, they bolster the prestige of the University by showing what incredible alumni Nevada has to offer. This award isn't their first accolade — and it won't be their last — but it will surely be their proudest!



Liv Moore '17 (*journalism*)

Liv Moore, a 2022 Forbes 30 Under 30 recipient, currently works in the entertainment industry strategizing award campaigns for documentaries and music projects. Outside of work, Liv spends a great deal of time meeting with and mentoring students who aspire to public relations and marketing careers. Passionate about the power of education, she is currently pursuing her executive MBA at Nevada and established the Liv Moore Scholarship for Strategic Communications in 2021. Liv's favorite college memories include living in the Sigma Kappa house, Homecoming Week, campus concerts and late nights at The Wal.

OUTSTANDING RECENT GRADUATE *continued*



Gabriel Uy '10 (*nutrition and speech communications*)

Gabriel Uy, a captain in the Nevada National Guard, is currently earning an MBA and MPA from Syracuse University. He attended the University as a Millennium Scholar, served as an Associated Students of the University of Nevada senator and chief of staff, and was involved with various clubs and organizations. Gabe credits his experience and involvement on campus to his professional success in public and military service and is grateful for the friends he made at the University. Gabe is a first-generation American and was born and raised in Las Vegas by his mom.

EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT



Recipients of this award have made outstanding contributions to their profession and have a record of distinguished career accomplishments. As students at Nevada, they cut their teeth as leaders in student groups and academic circles, and as alumni, they take the reins, driving their professions forward. Exceptional Achievement Award recipients continue to exude Nevada's tradition of excellence and hard work in their fields and in their service to the community.



Erik Beever '99 Ph.D.
(*ecology, evolution and conservation biology*)

Growing up in California, Erik Beever attended the University of California, Davis for his undergraduate education. He chose to attend Nevada for his doctorate degree given the University's national reputation in applied conservation biology and excellent research capabilities in ecology and mammals. After working in Oregon, Wisconsin and Alaska, Erik is now a research ecologist at the U.S. Geological Survey and an affiliate professor at Montana State University in Bozeman, and remains grateful his education allowed him to pursue fulfilling applied research. Erik and his family enjoy hiking, backpacking, camping, skiing, traveling and soccer.



Tim Crowley '92
(*geography*)

Tim Crowley is the vice president of Government and Community Relations for Lithium Nevada Corp. Tim previously served six years as president of the Nevada Mining Association and four years as the association's Government Affairs director. His government relations experience is rooted in working on Capitol Hill as a legislative aide to late U.S. Senator Harry Reid and serving as a senior member of former Nevada Governor Bob Miller's administration. Tim also co-founded two public affairs companies, Crowley & Ferrato Public Affairs and the Griffin Crowley Group.



Stephanie Hansen '99
(*philosophy and physics*),
'03 Ph.D. (*physics*)

Stephanie Hansen is a computational physicist who studies the atomic-scale behavior of atoms in extreme environments relevant to stellar astrophysics and inertial confinement fusion. She met her husband, Layne, at the University during her undergraduate and graduate studies. In 2004, she began her career at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and moved to Sandia National Laboratories in 2008, where she is now a senior scientist and has been a visiting associate professor at Cornell University since 2012. Stephanie feels lucky to be paid to solve equations and enjoys painting, gardening and backpacking with her two daughters.



Christopher Mendoza-Truong '11
(*community health sciences*)

Lt. Cmdr. Christopher Mendoza-Truong is an active-duty Commissioned Corps Officer of the U.S. Public Health Service. He is currently detailed to the Department of Homeland Security as the assistant health service administrator overseeing the coordinated multidisciplinary delivery of immigration health care. A Millennium Scholar, Christopher went on to earn his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Touro College of Pharmacy in New York City. He attributes much of his academic and professional success to the University of Nevada, Reno, where he took the values of excellence, integrity, inclusiveness and collaboration as guiding pillars in his career.

EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT *continued*



Meagan Noin '05 (*journalism and political science*)

Born and raised in Reno, Meagan received dual degrees in journalism and political science from the University. After graduation, she became a faculty member at the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism, where she taught media production. After more than a decade of agency experience, Meagan founded MN|G Partners in 2014 and, as president of the firm, personally oversees business operations. She was named one of Reno Tahoe Young Professionals Network's 20 Under 40 and is a member of the Executives Association of Reno and NAIOP Northern Nevada.

SILVER & BLUE APPRECIATION



The Silver & Blue Appreciation Award recognizes the foundations and corporations that support and partner with the University in ways that have significantly enriched Nevada's reputation as a leading institution of higher education. The contributions from these organizations are not only meaningful to the students and faculty they directly support, but to the entire community that benefits from world-changing research and thoughtful citizens.



ITS Logistics

ITS Logistics first began its partnership with Wolf Pack Athletics by providing equipment transportation in 2002 and since 2005, has generously supported numerous funds benefiting Football, Women's Golf, Men's Baseball, Men's Basketball and nutrition for student-athletes. ITS Logistics provided generous support to Elevate — The Campaign to Transform Nevada Athletic Facilities in June 2022 to bring a new turf to Mackay Stadium. Additionally, over the last four years, ITS Logistics has grown its partnership with The College of Business, including the establishment of the new Supply Chain & Transportation Management Program, and was named The College of Business's Corporate Partner of the Year in 2020.

Sierra Pacific Federal Credit Union

In 1936, Sierra Pacific Federal Credit Union was founded to do what the banks in the state at that time couldn't — provide a safe, stable, trustworthy financial foundation for the men and women who built Nevada. Today, graduates and students alike have benefited from their support of the University Foundation, Nevada Athletics, The College of Business and, for more than a decade, SPFCU has been the official credit union of the Nevada Alumni Association, sponsoring countless alumni memberships, programs and events.



UNIVERSITY SERVICE



Alongside alumni, Nevada faculty and friends who support the University are critical to our mission. Recipients of the University Service Award have made a choice to support Nevada, whether they are Nevada alumni or received their degree from another university. Their contributions have significantly enriched the University's research, programs, campus and curriculum. These are the friends who would give you the shirt off their backs. They see a need and meet it; they find a hole and fill it. From the bottom of our hearts — thank you.



Dana Bennett

Dana Bennett recently retired as president of the Nevada Mining Association, the first woman to fill this role, and moved to the historic and remote Nevada mining town of Midas. She is also vice president/president-elect for the Mining History Association. Dana earned her doctorate in history from Arizona State University and soon returned to Nevada to work for the Governor's Office of Economic Development. During high school, Dana took her first college course at the University, and even though she didn't graduate from Nevada, the campus is one of her favorite places and our libraries are among her favorite historical collections.



Tya R. Mathis-Coleman '04
(political science)

Tya Mathis-Coleman is a passionate community servant committed to public education and a knowledgeable executive with extensive practical experience. After receiving her bachelor's degree at Nevada, she earned a Master of Public Administration degree and a Doctor of Public Policy degree from UNLV. Tya currently serves as deputy treasurer, overseeing the College Savings Division for the Nevada State Treasurer's Office. She loves spending time with her husband, Sebern Coleman Jr., and daughter, Hunter Grace.

COLLEGE & UNIT DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



At one time, the University of Nevada, Reno fit inside Morrill Hall alone. Today, campus extends several blocks in all directions, growing in both capacity and impact. Alumni who support their college or department and excel in their field are recognized annually for their remarkable achievements.

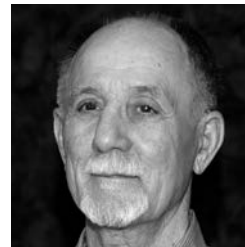


Jay Kenny '01
(speech communications)

ATHLETICS

Jay Kenny received a scholarship to attend the University and played baseball at Nevada before graduating in 2001. He owns and operates the three DoughBoys Donuts shops in Reno and Sparks and is known in the community for his charitable giving. Jay serves on the City of Reno Civil Service Commission, Reno Continental Little League Board of Directors and is a Washoe

County Sheriff Deputy Honorary Captain. Jay and his wife, Jennifer, have two sons — Mason and Thomas.



Neil Christensen '66
(soil science)

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, BIOTECHNOLOGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

The University has always been a fixture in the life of Neil Christensen and his family, many of whom are also Pack alumni. He graduated with a bachelor's in soil science from the University before earning a master's and doctorate in soil science and plant nutrition from New Mexico State University and Oregon State University, respectively. Neil served

as an extension soil scientist at Montana State University and held a research and teaching position at Oregon State University where he was named Professor Emeritus. In retirement, Neil has taken advantage of traveling internationally with his wife and spending time with grandchildren.



THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Mike Crawford grew up in Lake Tahoe, California and walked-on to the Wolf Pack Football team. After serving as team captain and MVP of the Las Vegas Bowl, Mike was drafted by the Miami Dolphins and went on to play for the Minnesota Vikings. After retiring from football, Mike moved back to northern Nevada and started at ITS Logistics where he now serves as chief operating officer. Mike is heavily involved in giving back and donating his time to the community. When he's not working or volunteering, he enjoys spending time with his family, backpacking, snowboarding, fly-fishing and water-skiing.

Mike Crawford '99
(physical education)

COLLEGE & UNIT DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI *continued*



Natha Anderson '96
(English)

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Nevada State Assemblywoman Natha Anderson is a proud second-generation Nevada alumna who followed in her parents' and many other family members' footsteps to become a teacher. A Reed High School graduate, she originally researched other universities but quickly realized the campus in her own backyard offered a Tier 1

education with excellent colleges and schools. Natha is past president of the Washoe Education Association and a former member of the National Education Association Board of Directors.



Jesse Murray '02 (chemical
engineering), '07 MBA

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING'S JAMES G. SCRUGHAM MEDAL RECIPIENT

Jesse Murray was born in Las Vegas and has lived in northern Nevada for more than 20 years. He is a first-generation college graduate, obtaining both his bachelor's in chemical engineering and his MBA from the University. Jesse has wonderful memories from his time at the University and still supports the Pack whenever possible. He

is currently vice president of Electric Delivery and Natural Disaster Protection for NV Energy. In his free time, you'll find Jesse up in the mountains skiing, off-roading, traveling, cooking overly complicated meals and spending time with his family.



Claire Watkins '07
(English writing)

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Claire Vaye Watkins is the author of three books: "Battleborn," "Gold Fame Citrus" and "I Love You but I've Chosen Darkness." She is a professor in the MFA Programs in Writing at the University of California, Irvine and lives at the bottom of an ancient inland sea in Twentynine Palms, California.



John King '77 (wildlife
management), '82 M.S.
(biology) & **Patricia King '74**
(biology), '76 M.S., '80 Ph.D.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE'S SAMUEL ABRAHAM GOUDSMIT MEDAL RECIPIENTS

After getting his bachelor's in wildlife management and accepting a position with the Nevada Department of Wildlife, John King began his master's in biology. Over the years, his interest in photography allowed him to support programs by gifting wildlife prints for fundraising and on-site photo exhibitions. Patricia King is a member of The Explorers Club, Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Xi and volunteers with the Nevada State Museum and Lahontan Audubon Society providing

student field trips. The publications from Patricia's doctoral field research at Nevada on Great Basin Desert flora and fauna provide important baseline data for future assessment of climate change and other factors.



Ivón Padilla-Rodríguez '15
(history and philosophy)

HONORS COLLEGE

Ivón Padilla-Rodríguez is a legal historian of child migration and a scholar-activist. She earned dual bachelor's degrees in history and philosophy from the University and a Ph.D. in history from Columbia University in 2021. Ivón is currently the bridge to the faculty postdoctoral research associate in the University of Illinois Chicago's

Department of History. She is working on a book manuscript and is excited about continuing to help uplift migrant voices while lending historical context to the national conversation.



William Greenslade '65
(geological engineering)

MACKAY SCHOOL OF EARTH SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING'S JOHN WILLIAM MACKAY MEDAL RECIPIENT

William Greenslade's interest in earth sciences began in junior college in Torrance, California. In 1961, he found the Mackay School of Mines. He is currently a partner in a large international consulting firm and has provided geological engineering and hydrogeological services to private and public clients. When he's not working,

William can be found in the garage restoring Italian cars, traveling with his wife, Terry, and keeping tabs on their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Sheila Story '92 (*physical education*), '98 (*nursing*), '08 MSN, '08 MPH

ORVIS SCHOOL OF NURSING

As a local Nevadan, Sheila Story always felt a strong sense of community and dedication to the Wolf Pack. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in physical education in 1992, a Bachelor of Science in nursing in 1998 and dual master's degrees in nursing and public health in 2008. Sheila is currently the chief nurse for the Carson City School District and a part-time professor for Orvis. Sheila also coaches cheer at Carson High School, and enjoys

watching her children's athletic competitions, spending time with her grandchild and family, camping and hiking.



Abbi Whitaker '04
(*journalism*)

DONALD W. REYNOLDS SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

Abbi Whitaker, co-founder and president of The Abbi Agency, has developed and managed marketing campaigns for top tourism destinations, industry-leading technology firms, economic development agencies and dozens of entrepreneurial companies across the country. She currently sits on The Nevada Independent

Advisory Council, Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada and Food Bank of Northern Nevada boards, Forbes Agency Council and Inc. Magazine Masters group.



Lilliana Trinchero '68
(*pre-physical therapy*)

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Lilliana Trinchero moved from Italy to Washoe County as a young girl. At the University, she started in nursing but quickly switched to pre-physical therapy before earning her master's in physical therapy in Los Angeles. When she moved back to Reno years later, she started her own business, Nevada Rehabilitation Services. A contract physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology provider

across the western states, she sold the company in 1998 and currently owns and manages properties and sits on the board at the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada. Lilliana loves to cook, dance, garden, golf, travel and read.



Carrie Embree '02
(*social work*)

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Carrie Embree always wanted to attend the University. As a fifth-generation Nevadan with strong family connections to campus, she studied social work and currently works for the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services as the governor's consumer health advocate. She loves having opportunities to create change for programs that directly impact the people

she serves. A favorite campus memory for Carrie is her graduation on the Quad. Surrounded by all the beautiful trees and buildings, both old and new, she truly felt the presence of her family, their persistence and fortitude.

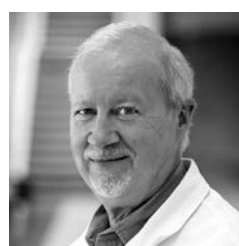


Larry Struve '64
(*political science*)

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Larry Struve earned his bachelor's from the University before earning his master's and law degrees. He is a very active alumnus — serving as past president of both the Nevada Alumni Council and Friends of the University Libraries, as well as establishing multiple endowment funds, including the Struve Family Art of Leadership Achievement Award

in memory of his late wife, Colleen '69 (English), '76 M.A. During his professional career, Larry was a chief deputy, law clerk, civil deputy district attorney and counsel to the Washoe County Commission. One of the Struves' two daughters is a Nevada graduate and one of their grandsons is a current student.



Gary Johnson
'78 (*pre-med*), '82 M.D.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

When he chose to attend the University, Dr. Gary Johnson didn't know it would be the start of a nearly 50-year involvement. Four years at the University were followed by four more at UNR Med, and then his residency at the University's then-new Family Medicine Residency program. After practicing in Fernley from 1985-88, Gary rejoined the campus as faculty where he celebrated 34 years on staff on

July 1, 2022. Outside of work, Gary enjoys camping, hiking, photography and music of all types. His two daughters will graduate from the University soon.

PACK TRACKS TRAVEL:

SEE THE WORLD WITH FELLOW PACK ALUMNI!

In October, this group of Pack alumni enjoyed a 10-night cruise exploring the Adriatic and Aegean Array from Rome to Venice to Athens and more.

"Traveling on an alumni-sponsored trip has many advantages. We met Nevada alumni from all over the U.S. Though we come from different eras, we shared a common bond. We also met alumni from many other universities (19 others, to be exact). Seeing the magnets on each state-room door proudly displaying their university showed the loyalty we all share with our alma maters. We were proud to show our love of the Pack and made sure everyone knows Nevada is not UNLV!" -Delores Clewe '69

Left to right and front to back: Danna Sturm '75; Adele (Pinkerton) Andrews '69; Audre Lee Ullrich; Rosemary Pressler '87; Adrian (Fletcher) Kamath '90; Delores Clewe '69; Marcus Ullrich '72; David Pressler '72 MPA, '82 M.A.; Hobert "Pepper" Sturm '73 and Press Clewe '73.

To learn more about Pack Tracks Travel and the exciting adventures planned for 2023, scan this QR code.



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CHAPTER UPDATES

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SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH ALUMNI CHAPTER

Carina Rivera '08, '12 MPH | schsalumnichapter@gmail.com

Chapter members gathered to celebrate Homecoming during PACK! MidTown at Mari Chuy's. **Left to right:** James Kuzhippala '13, '15 MPH; Professor Sung-Yeon Park; Marena Works '95, '07 MSN, '07 MPH; Tia Rudd '15 MPH; Victoria Young '16, '19 MPH; Carina Rivera '08, '12 MPH and Jennifer Bennett '04 MPH, '17 Ph.D.



NEVADA LATINO ALUMNI CHAPTER

Diego Zarazúa '16 | jdiegozarazua@nevada.unr.edu

We were honored to be named Outstanding Chapter of the Year and host a PACK! MidTown event at The Emerson with the Native American Alumni Chapter. Several alumni and friends, including U.S. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto '86, stopped by. Our board also met with President Brian Sandoval '86 and officially inducted him into our chapter! #VamosPack



VETERANS ALUMNI CHAPTER

John Pratt '14 M.A. | unr.veterans.alumni@gmail.com

In August, we hosted our Veteran and Military Shooting Challenge for both new and seasoned competitive shooters to learn more about shooting sports and spend time in a safe and fun range environment. We also celebrated our annual tailgate on Sept. 10 and PACK! MidTown at Piñon Bottle Co. on Oct. 21.



COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Chris Boline '15 | bolinechris@gmail.com

On Sept. 30, we celebrated our most successful golf tournament in years thanks to 130-plus players, numerous sponsors, Duncan Golf Management and LakeRidge Golf Course. Mark your calendars now for the 2023 tournament on Friday, Sept. 29.

Left to right: The winning team from the 30th annual COBAA Golf Tournament: Justin Ryckebosch, Kyle Ryckebosch '07, Michael Frauenknecht '11 and Trent Hayes.



GRADUATE SCHOOL ALUMNI CHAPTER

Matt Hawn '15, '19 M.S. | nvgrads@gmail.com

Established in 2021, the Graduate Student Alumni Chapter aims to foster networking relationships between alumni, faculty, graduate students and community members. To learn more or join, email nvgrads@gmail.com.

ALUMNI GATHERINGS

Homecoming 2022

Alumni, friends and the community joined the Nevada Alumni Association, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada and Nevada Athletics for a fun-filled Homecoming celebration that included many exciting events and honored our 2022 award winners! (All captions left to right.)

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1 2022 Alumnus of the Year David Bianchi '68.

2 Andrew Anderson, Liam Culbert Bianchi, David Anderson, Lois Bianchi '65, Wolfie, Ryan Bianchi '98, Lea Anderson '93, Angela Culbert '96 and David Bianchi '68.

3 First Lady Lauralyn Sandoval '92, President Brian Sandoval '86, Meagan Noin '05, Justin Noin and Athletic Director Stephanie Rempe.

4 Native American Alumni Chapter at PACK! MidTown celebration at The Emerson.

5 Randy Brown '89, Jay Kenny '01, Jennifer Kenny and Natalie Brown '99.

6 President Sandoval '86, Carrie Embree '02 and Nevada Alumni Council President Shenea Strader '05, '07 MBA.

7 President Sandoval '86; First Lady Sandoval '92; Jesse Murray '02, '07 MBA and Athletic Director Rempe.

8 Raymond Mathis and Tya Mathis-Coleman '04.

9 The College of Business Dean Greg Mosier, Reynolds School of Journalism Dean Al Stavitsky and Liv Moore '17.

10 Athletic Director Rempe, Anna Mack, Payton Crawford, Mike Crawford '99, Devyn Crawford, President Sandoval '86 and First Lady Sandoval '92.





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11 First Lady Sandoval '92, President Sandoval '86, Larry Struve '64 and Athletic Director Rempe.

12 Members of the School of Medicine Alumni Chapter at CRAFT wine & beer for PACK! MidTown.

13 President Sandoval '86; First Lady Sandoval '92; John King '77, '82 M.S.; Patricia King '74, '76 M.S., '80 Ph.D. and Athletic Director Rempe.

Golden Reunion

The Class of 1972 celebrated its 50th Reunion with two full days of activities, including a campus tour, reception in the University Honor Court, reunion dinner and tailgate party.

12 Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA

14 Nevada System of Higher Education Regent Carol Del Carlo '72 speaking at reunion dinner.

15 The Class of 1972 on the steps of Morrill Hall for their 50th Reunion.

Winter 2022 Commencement

On Dec. 10, the University of Nevada, Reno conferred 1,987 new degrees and certificates across 149 majors! Of those, 1,326 were bachelor's degrees and 661 were master's or doctoral degrees. Congratulations to our newest alumni, ranging from age 17 to 73.

12 Jordan S. Buxton '21



SENIOR SCHOLAR

The University of Nevada, Reno and its Alumni Association are proud to recognize graduates with one of the most prestigious awards at the University—the Senior Scholar distinction. The top graduate from each school and college are honored along with the faculty mentor who has had the greatest impact on the student's scholastic success at Nevada.



Elsie Lyon Childress
College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources
GPA: 4.0
Mentor: Tamzen Stringham



Sarah Anne Danen
The College of Business
GPA: 4.0
Mentor: Krishna Pagilla



Cameron John Emerson
College of Education & Human Development
GPA: 3.974
Mentor: Jessica Gallo



Nicholas Tyler Ang
College of Engineering
GPA: 3.988
Mentor: Keith Lancaster



Nicole Gianna Molino Pajarillo
College of Liberal Arts
GPA: 3.996
Mentor: Dmitri Atapine



Megan Eileen Perry
College of Science
GPA: 4.0
Mentor: Jennifer Hollander '02 M.S., '07 Ph.D.



Kaitlynn Ashley Petrovich
Honors College & Orvis School of Nursing
GPA: 4.0
Mentor: Amy Millsaps



Katelyn Elli Rose Welsh
Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism
GPA: 3.994
Mentor: David Calvert '12



Gabrielle Erin Nucci Serafim
School of Public Health
GPA: 3.973
Mentor: Grace Cardenas Leal

Remembering Friends

FRIENDS

Douglas L. Berchem
Marilynn Bonnenfant
Donald K. Brooks
George J. Butler
Russell M. Church
David W. Clark
Dean M. Coomes
Carolyn L. Elizondo
Joe Garcia
Terry H. Gough
Donald C. Hill
Laurance M. Hyde
Norma S. Thompson
Michael H. Traynor
Thomas R. Wilson

FACULTY

Beth A. Ahart-Valk
Eric C. Albers
Linda L. (Sanetra) Anderson '96
Rex T. Baggett
Dewitt C. Baldwin
Robert C. Barnes
Wendy-Anne Bishop
Robert R. Blank
Stephen D. Blum
Robert W. Carroll
Jerome M. Ceppos
Helen Cooke
Margaret A. (Fisher) Dalrymple
Melanie A. Daniel
Thomas P. Duncan '99
Betty J. (Hughes) Ebbs
Jolleen C. Eble '05, '06 MSW
Lee B. Elam
Jack W. Ellington '70
Michael D. Hagen '89 M.Ed.
Virginia A. Haldeman
Joyce A. Hartje '07 Ph.D.
Fred E. Howe
Edmund H. Irvin
Travis "Steve" Jackson '91 M.S.
Lawrence E. Jacox '63
Selma Lee
Calton M. Lewis
Peter C. Lucas
James J. Marchese (attended 1967-79)
David W. Noonan
Donald C. Pfaff
Jo A. Records
DeeAnn M. Roberts '85
John D. Seeley
David R. Seibert
Bruce P. Small '96 M.S.
Daniel J. Tone
Frances M. Zito '90, '91 M.S.

ALUMNI

Hilda (Black) Goshorn (attended 1940-43)
Kathryn (Kaufman) Runcie (attended 1940-43)
Franklin K. Gardner (attended 1943-47)
Robert W. Titus (attended 1944-45)
Kenneth S. York (attended 1944-49)
Claude Tuckett (attended 1947-48)
Ruth M. (McMurray) Lightfoot (attended 1948-59)
Thomas J. Blackham '50
Douglas D. Dodds '50
Waddy "Pat" Drescher (attended 1950-52)
Julia V. (Baker) Pangborn '50
Philip W. Payne '50
Mary G. (Micheo) Abbott '51
Phyllis (Cowan) Gabriel (attended 1951-52)
Thomas T. Gaffey '51
Harry P. Spencer '51
George W. Story '51
Richard Wyckoff (attended 1951-59)
Horace R. Goff '52
Rocco V. Nobile '52
A. Mary Ianni '53
Lazo A. Pavlakis '53, '58
Dale E. Heath (attended 1954-56)
William B. Kottinger '54
George MacLean '54
Carol A. (Normandy) Mueller '54
Eileen J. (Yrueta) Savage '54
Jacqueline (Manoukian) Powers (attended 1955-56)
Edward C. Stephens '55
Helen L. (Meador) Leonard '56
Gerald J. Svob '56
Donna A. Harvey (attended 1957-60)
William E. Long '57
Marva D. (Edwards) Carroll '58
Donald E. Jung '58
Richard L. Mills '58
Maureen F. Mack (attended 1959-60)
Richard D. Baughman (attended 1960)
P. Douglas Dobson '60
Sally Z. (Zwonitzer) Males (attended 1960-61)
Judell B. Samon '60
George J. Stathis '60 M.S.
James Cotter (attended 1961-63)
Aleta L. (Axtmann) Hursh '61
Barbara J. (Schilling) Norton (attended 1961)
Sharon A. (Adler) Walbridge '61
Oscar W. Wehlender '61
George Mross '62
Roger E. Riley '62
William C. Rose '62, '65 M.S.
Aliccann M. (Monaghan) Doyle '63
Leonard K. Mardian '63
Lenore (Yenetskie) McNeil (attended 1963-87)
Kenneth Robin (attended 1963-66)
Warren W. Tripp (attended 1963-65)
Donald W. Heath '64
Judith M. (Brann) Rossi '64

Diane A. (Kane) Kinney '65
Mary L. (Barnard) Machabee '65
Judith A. (Morrison) Nash '65
Anthony J. Villanueva '65
Larry G. Bennett '66
Eugene C. Canepa '66
William A. Chaffin '66
Karen A. (Scolari) Fraser '66
John R. Gamble (attended 1966-71)
Hildegard G. Etzkorn '67 M.S.
Trent D. Pulliam '67
Trustee Emeritus Sam S. Arentz '68
Lloyd M. Courtright (attended 1968)
Harold E. Ferguson '68, '74 M.Ed.
Ronald S. Groskopf '68
Donald L. Muckel '68
Les M. Peterson (attended 1968-73)
Michael L. Sala '68
Timothy M. Smith '68
Claudia G. (Hanchett) Bird '69
Thomas W. Coons '69
Richard S. Davies '69
Harold D. Duffney (attended 1969)
Susan W. Starmer (attended 1969-76)
Russell F. Boynton '70 M.S.
Lee D. Hall '70
Edward P. Jucevic '70 M.S.
Max H. Neuneker '70
Kenneth O. Reil '70
Sue A. (White) Upton '70
Katherine D. (Richie) Bardsley '71
Judith L. (Birmingham) Carlile '71, '89 M.Ed.
James R. Doster '71
Lewis E. Kittell '71
Gary D. Lee '71 Ph.D.
Linda A. (Lee) Arcularius '72
William A. Bertelson '72
Glen P. Contreras '72, '73 M.S.
Glenna S. Douglass '72
Richard D. McNeely '72
Robert L. Meinen '72
Jackie G. Melton '72
Philip D. Powers '72
Thalia N. Routsis '72 M.S.
Sylvia L. (Cooper) Trehal '72
Jerry R. Austin (attended 1973-76)
Arthur Collins '73, '75 M.Ed.
Samuel P. McMullen '73
James W. Rishel '73
John W. Schoppmann '73
David G. Clapham '74
Sherwood M. Dixon '74 AAMD
Ann M. Evans '74 AAMD
Julianne F. Huckaby '74
Timothy R. Klauber '74
Thomas G. Nichols (attended 1974-77)
Lexey S. (Valgardson) Parker '74 AAMD
Robert E. Smith '74
John T. Louth '75
Michael E. McAlinden '75
Robert A. Murdock '75, '77 M.S.
David L. Schuster '76
Jeffrey B. Llewellyn '77 Ph.D.

Christine Marshall (attended 1977-98)
Mark J. Rea '77
Scott Richards (attended 1977-78)
Gloria A. (DePrati) Romero '77, '81 M.A.
Marguerite E. McCorkle '78 Ph.D.
Charles G. Powning '78
Roger P. Richards '78
Nick Boneff '79 Ph.D.
Scott P. Carpenter '79
Patrick C. Chaney '79, '87 M.Ed.
Richard C. Fink '79 M.S.
Jack W. Dillwith '80 Ph.D.
Randolph Melendez '80, '93 M.Ed.
Gregory M. Nitz '80
Gregory N. Pepple (attended 1980-86)
Stephanie L. (Leeds) Wolff '80, '95 M.A.
Margaret J. (Bertschinger) Johnston '82
Robert B. Knapp '82
Robert Plant '83 MBA
Katherine M. (Piersol McDonald) Crank
(attended 1983-91)
David L. Regalado '83 M.Ed.
Kristine M. Thomas '83, '88 M.D.
Mercedes M. Parsons '84
Sharon L. Aslanian (attended 1986-90)
Robert J. Barnet '86 M.A.
Michael L. Marley '86
Craig B. Smyres '86
William R. Balsi '87
Sheila C. Dill '87 M.A.
Michael F. Fahner '87
Kevin R. Morse (attended 1987-88)
Michael J. Toms '87
Lorraine (Bradshaw) Manoukian '88
Bruce M. Whitcomb '88 Ph.D.
Michelle A. (Mango) Haessler '89 M.D.
Sheila E. (Cullen) Erlach '90 M.A.
Laurie A. (Combs) Gorris '90
Anne (Pifine) Hansen '90 M.A.
Everett J. Holm '90
Kim K. West (attended 1990-03)
Bradley S. Hess '91
Jennifer E. King '91
Rhonda M. (Mann) Boyd '92 M.Ed.
Jon H. Echave (attended 1992-95)
Martin P. Hefner '92
Joseph M. Krueger (attended 1993-98)
Matthew G. Airoidi '94
Leoncio Reyes '94 M.Ed.
Monette L. Martin '95 M.S.
Myron J. Pree '95 M.Ed.
Anthony J. Granata '97
Karen L. (Hughes) McCoy '98
George D. Molyneaux '98
Brian M. Falk '99
Marrianne (Morgan) Tipton '99
James F. Nadeau '03
Christopher M. Morris '05
Albert Saldana '05 M.Acc.
Karl J. Giese '08
Sean P. Barnard '18
Devin D. Phillips '20
Jacob C. VanCise (attended 2020-22)

“This small seed will blossom into a large oak tree”

Two new endowed chairs are just the beginning for Alice and Fred Ottoboni's planned gift



Left to right: Chair in Meat Science Amilton de Mello, College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources Dean Bill Payne and Chair in Diet and Disease Prevention Robert Ryan '77, '82 Ph.D. holding plaques honoring the generous planned gift from the Ottoboni Trust to establish the Alice & Fred Ottoboni Endowed Chairs. 📷 Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA

Allison M. Williams '08

Accomplished authors and scientists in disease prevention, epidemiology, toxicology, biochemistry, and occupational and environmental health sciences, the late Alice and Fred Ottoboni were committed to improving public health through research and education. Both held doctorate degrees — Alice in comparative biochemistry from the University of California, Davis and Fred in occupational and environmental health sciences from the University of California, Berkeley — and went on to become preeminent leaders in their fields, writing books independently and as a couple.

Published in 2002, the Ottobonis' book “The Modern Nutritional Diseases: Heart Disease, Stroke, Type-2 Diabetes, Obesity, Cancer, and How to Prevent Them” took a close look at how the “heart-healthy” American diet evolved over the previous century, yet cases of these diseases failed to decrease and even grew into major epidemics.

Passionate about helping improve public

health and sharing how diet and lifestyle changes can impact disease, the Ottoboni Trust established two endowed chairs — one in diet and disease prevention and another in meat science.

“Fred and Alice wanted to make sure their gift had a long-lasting and far-reaching impact — not just in a single college but across our campus, state and beyond,” said Bill Payne, dean of the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources. “Both Fred and Alice were remarkable individuals, whom I had the pleasure to know for several years. Alice was among the very earliest women to earn a Ph.D. in biochemistry, at a time when the discipline was overwhelmingly male-dominated, and females were discouraged from entering. Fred had an expansive, curious mind, even well into his 90s. In addition to biochemistry and health, he wrote on anything from his days in the military in pre-war Korea, to how to invest wisely in the stock market and the leadership style of Ronald Reagan, for whom he served in California state government.”

Payne continued, “These new chairs and the research this generous gift supports will resonate for years to come, while growing our

college as a national leader in improving public health through leading-edge diet and nutrition research. We shall be forever grateful to the Ottobonis.”

Alice & Fred Ottoboni Endowed Chair in Diet and Disease Prevention Robert Ryan

“The fact that Alice and Fred would endow a chair in this research is a game changer; it affords us all kinds of opportunities to make breakthroughs,” said Robert Ryan '77 (medical sciences), '82 Ph.D. (biochemistry), professor and chair of the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology. “We continue to publish and carry out studies, but to know we have reliable funds that can support our lab in between grants and help fill gaps is a major benefit. This instills a lot of energy into our research team and allows us to pursue new ideas — and in my opinion, that is when discoveries are made, when you can explore ideas and bring them to fruition.”

Much like the Ottobonis, Ryan has committed his life to understanding disease and what can be done to prevent it — specifically when it comes to lipid metabolism disorders



Standing (left to right): Ron Pardini, Chris Pritsos '82 Ph.D., Angel Radley, Don Ross, John Carothers, Bill Payne, Lisa Riley, Ralph Phillips. **Sitting (left to right):** Andy Shao '17, '22 M.D.; Fred Ottoboni; Alice Ottoboni; Amy Chattin '09, '16 Ph.D.

in children and adults and increased risk of heart disease. Ryan's research first began as a doctoral student at Nevada and has continued throughout his 40-year career at The University of Arizona, University of Alberta and UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals, before rejoining CABNR in 2017.

Over the past 15 years, Ryan's research has specialized in better understanding a rare, life-threatening disorder called Barth syndrome. Caused by a genetic mutation that leads to defective lipid metabolism, this disorder, which predominantly occurs in young males, can lead to dilated cardiomyopathy and the need for a heart transplant. Thanks to growing research into Barth syndrome, life expectancy has grown from just 3 years of age to adulthood, but sadly the impact on physical health remains high.

"Metabolism of lipids and carbohydrates provide energy required to perform work in our bodies, including heart muscle contraction. In the case of people with Barth syndrome, we discovered that an alternate metabolic pathway is activated that produces organic acid waste products rather than energy. By furthering our knowledge of lipids and metabolism, we can better understand this and other disease processes," Ryan said. "Both Fred and Alice were dedicated individuals who believed in education and the dissemination of knowledge. Through this position and research support, we can carry on this legacy and make inroads in the areas they felt were important to health and disease prevention."

Alice & Fred Ottoboni Endowed Chair in Meat Science Amilton de Mello

Associate Professor Amilton de Mello knew of Fred Ottoboni's legacy long before being bestowed this new title. "Fred was ahead of everyone during his time. When he passed, although he left his scientific legacy, it was a huge loss for our industry. How am I going to honor carrying on what he did in his life? I want to make sure we use this gift to better understand the role of meat in the diet and how its molecular nutrients modulate human health

and chronic diseases," said de Mello.

After receiving his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Marilia, a master's in animal product technology from São Paulo State University and a doctorate in meat science and muscle biology from University of Nebraska, de Mello joined Nevada's Department of Agriculture, Veterinary & Rangeland Sciences in 2015. A couple years later, de Mello started studying the effects of nutrients in meat and how they can improve health. "This goes back to Fred's research, that's the great thing. We are focusing on how RNA from animal meat can benefit or harm humans who eat it," de Mello explained.

By studying small pieces of meat and absorption rates in mice, the Nevada Meat Science Lab recently presented evidence that the beef RNA we consume by eating red meat can survive digestion and be absorbed. "This means beef RNA is circulating in your blood after eating, which could have major applications on the future of nutrition. Once we identify the optimal molecular composition of meats, we will be able to improve it for better nutrition in humans," de Mello added. "The statement 'from farm to table' is obsolete. Now we're talking 'from farm to public health.' It started as knowing the food producer. It's expanded to economic issues, sustainability and now people need to understand how the meat was produced and how meat consumption really impacts their health."

Recognized as Philanthropists in the Honor Court, **LS** Alice and **LS** Fred Ottoboni first engaged with the University after retiring to Fernley. Building a strong relationship with former Interim Dean and Faculty Emeritus Ronald S. Pardini, who served the University for nearly 50 years, the Ottobonis began to learn of the close ties between their personal passions and the research in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources. In addition to two new endowed chair positions, the Ottobonis helped establish the Ron Pardini, Ph.D. Lectureship Endowment Fund, which has brought four lecturers in biochemistry and molecular biology to campus since 2018.  Jordan S. Buxton '21

"This is a catalyst to create great things at Nevada"

Both professors agree these positions are only the beginning of the impact this generous gift will have on our campus and state.

"The University has huge potential to be an agricultural powerhouse. We have an opportunity to grow and get better in meat science," de Mello said. "At national events, I'm often the only Nevada representative. We need to create a team that can build our reputation. I want to make sure this place grows and is recognized. We have the opportunity to expand thanks to this gift."

"We're not ending at this professorship. We're growing an entire team to create a nucleus in health and disease research to achieve national and international recognition that helps us recruit the best and brightest students and faculty," Ryan explained. "The Ottobonis donated for the greater good, and we believe this small seed will blossom into a large oak tree for research, for the University and for the health and well-being of Nevadans. This is a catalyst to create great things at Nevada."



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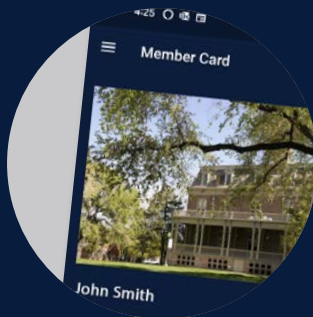
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