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President Brian Sandoval '86 (English) during May commencement ceremonies. Jordan S. Buxton '21, '23 M.A.

What is a university?

The answer can vary, of course, from the precise wording of an institutional mission to a more subjective definition that speaks in much broader strokes.

At their core, the best universities must always be focused on the relentless challenges of the future. And yet, at the same time, we cannot forget our history. What happened 50 or 100 years ago can prove incredibly useful today.

One hundred years ago, on May 16, 1923, the University gathered for its 33rd annual commencement exercises in the University Gymnasium. We graduated 55 students that day.

The Class of 1923 listened to the words of the day's keynote speaker, Jacob Loewenberg of the University of California. As a young man, originally from Latvia, Loewenberg made his way to America to avoid being conscripted into the Russian military. He became a philosophy professor and championed academic freedom throughout his long and distinguished career.

His talk to our graduates was titled, "The Place of the University in Civilization."

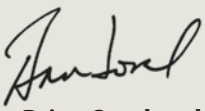
"What is a university?" Loewenberg asked those assembled that day. "The university has a great obligation to the future," he said. "We cannot stand still. We must advance knowledge in every direction. The university cannot afford to be merely the repository of traditions. It must originate. It must lead. It must advance."

As I delivered my commencement welcome to the more than 3,000 assembled graduates during our six commencement ceremonies in May, on our beautiful Quad, I referenced Loewenberg's words once again.

The University of Nevada, Reno is always at its best when it originates … when it takes the lead … when it advances knowledge. When our University changes the lives of our students, our faculty and staff, our alumni and the people in the communities we serve, for the better.

When we do this, we are not only defining who we are, we are defining what tomorrow can be. It is what our University has been doing for nearly 150 years.

Go Pack!



Brian Sandoval '86, *President*



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A rendering of the Mathewson University Gateway District, which will create a physical link between the University and downtown Reno.



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





Congratulations to **Jordan S. Buxton '21, '23 M.A.** on his master's graduation in May. As a graduate assistant for the University magazine for two years, Jordan helped tell the stories of "Nevada Silver & Blue" through photographs of faculty, students, alumni events, commencement and more. Moses S. Achoka '07 M.A.

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150 years of excellence in higher education

By Roxanne Piskel '22 MFA

Then & now

The University of Nevada, Reno didn't start out in the Biggest Little City. The University first began in Elko in 1874 as more of a preparatory school than a true university, with a student body of seven students. When the Board of Regents transferred the University to Reno 12 years later, the entire campus fit inside one building — Morrill Hall. It wasn't until 1887 that college-level instruction began with 50 students enrolled in five departments: liberal arts, mining, normal, agriculture and business. In 1891, the first college degrees were conferred on a graduating class of three men in the School of Liberal Arts.

Almost 150 years later, with nearly 20,000 undergraduate and graduate students across 13 colleges and schools, our University has grown exponentially. The University is now recognized as a Carnegie R1 University, one of the country's top research institutions and a top National University by U.S. News & World Report. With 60 research facilities, 12 museums and galleries, 10 residence halls, and a new location in stunning Lake Tahoe, the University continues to drive innovation and success for all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The University's sesquicentennial will include a yearlong celebration across all schools, colleges and divisions from our 149th anniversary on Oct. 12, 2023 to our 150th on Oct. 12, 2024.



Thursday, Oct. 12

The College of Business building groundbreaking

Celebrating the future of business at Nevada, this groundbreaking will officially launch the 150th celebrations.

Learn more about the new College of Business building on page 4 and at this QR code.

Original Elko campus

1874



First graduating class: Class of 1891

1891



Southwest view of campus

1900





1886

Morrill Hall, Reno campus



1898

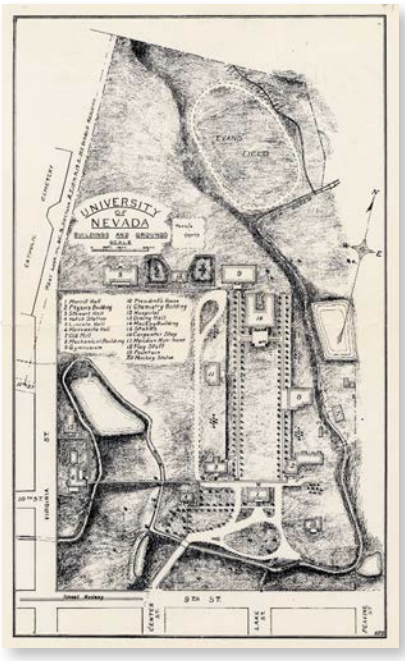
Football team



1908

Commencement

1908 campus map



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Celebrating a historic milestone

To commemorate the beginning of this great University and honor those who have propelled us toward this historic milestone, The Wolf Pack Family came together earlier this year to select our University's sesquicentennial anniversary logo. With a rendering of the iconic Morrill Hall, the logo reminds us where we came from, how far we've come and how much further we can go.

Starting this October, we're excited to show our Wolf Pack Pride through a yearlong sesquicentennial celebrating 150 years of excellence in higher education.

In recognition of these past 150 years, and as we move forward to the next 150, a specialty license plate will be available from the Department of Motor Vehicles for a limited time, with all proceeds benefiting Pack Provisions. A free on-campus food and resource pantry that serves the University community, Pack Provisions is dedicated to supporting academic success by providing access to basic necessities such as food, hygiene and school supplies, and more. The pantry receives support from gifts to the University Foundation as well as from the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada. The limited edition plate was released on July 1.



In honor of the University's 150th, the DMV is offering a specialty license plate celebrating the sesquicentennial for a limited time, with proceeds benefiting Pack Provisions.



Saturday, Oct. 14

Nevada vs. UNLV

Join us as we cheer on the Pack as they face off against the UNLV Rebels in the Battle for Nevada and the Fremont Cannon at Mackay Stadium.

Get your tickets at ***nevadawolfpack.com*** or by scanning this QR code.

Tuesday, Nov. 7

Foundation Annual Banquet

A University tradition since 1981, the Foundation Annual Banquet returns to northern Nevada for the first time since 2019. This year's fundraiser will be held at the Grand Sierra Resort Summit Pavilion.

For full details on the banquet and to buy your tickets today, scan this QR code.



College & school special events

Every college, school and unit is planning its own unique celebration for the 150th, with many more events and stories to come.

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Visit ***unr.edu/celebrate150*** or scan this QR code for all the latest on the University's 150th.

Aerial view of University of Nevada "N" on Peavine Mountain

1921



Mackay Stadium

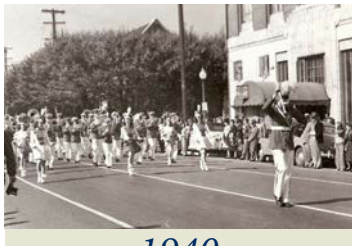
1967



Commencement

1990





1940

Homecoming Parade, downtown Reno



1978

Fremont Cannon, Mackay Stadium



2003

Alphie



2014

Homecoming Parade, downtown Reno

The Mathewson University Gateway District — strengthening the connection between campus and community

By Roxanne Piskel '22 MFA

Founded a mere six years apart, the histories of the University of Nevada, Reno and the City of Reno have long been interwoven. Now, as the University nears its sesquicentennial next October, we are welcoming a new symbol of our connection and commitment to our community: the Mathewson University Gateway District.

Planning for the Gateway District began back in 2014 when the Nevada System of Higher Education's Board of Regents approved the 2015-24 Master Plan and the request to grow the campus south toward downtown Reno. The Mathewson University Gateway District naming was chosen to recognize the pivotal role late Trustee Emeritus Charles Mathewson and his wife, Stacie '18 (Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters), have played in our campus's development, including support of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, as well as projects in business, science and Nevada Athletics.

The new University Entry Monument on the corner of 9th and North Virginia Streets, the renaming of University Way and the opening of the Gateway Parking Complex off Interstate 80 were just the beginning for this ambitious and inspiring project.

A new crossroads for the University and our region, the Gateway will also be home to a new College of Business building, hotel and conference center, as well as an additional future campus building, all uniquely designed to serve The Wolf Pack Family.



The gateway to business in the New Nevada

Truly a gateway between campus and community, the Mathewson University Gateway District is all about location, right in downtown Reno. And at its center will be one of the University's largest colleges — The College of Business.

Breaking ground on October 12 to kick off the University's yearlong sesquicentennial celebration, the new College of Business building will boast a prime location to enhance existing connections and establish new partnerships. Committed to working with industry leaders across our region to provide valuable experiential learning opportunities and internships for business students, the college's new location will mean greater visibility and accessibility for students, faculty and college partners.

"The College of Business's new building is in a premier location," said University President Brian Sandoval '86 (English). "Situated at the corner of North Virginia Street and Interstate 80, it will be seen by tens of thousands of people each day — bringing the intellectual, research and outreach enterprise of the University to the heart of Reno. This will be a source of pride and productivity for generations to come."

From left to right in the rendering below, the Gateway will include a hotel and conference center, an outdoor plaza, the new College of Business building, an additional future campus building, as well as the Gateway Parking Complex, which opened in January offering 800-plus parking spaces, electric vehicle charging and an ADA-pedestrian bridge connecting directly to Morrill Hall and the Quad.





A premier business education 136 years in the making

The College of Business began in 1887 as a department offering a two-year program. Over the years, the department was renamed numerous times before closing in 1895. Five short years later, the University welcomed a four-year School of Commerce — becoming just the second business school west of the Mississippi. At the time, only three other universities in the U.S. had founded business schools: The University of Pennsylvania, the University of Chicago and the University of California, Berkeley.

Interestingly, the University only graduated a single four-year bachelor's degree in commerce in 1905 — to Nevada Senator John William Wright of Reno — before the School of Commerce closed due to low enrollment. For more than 50 years, the business programs offered at the University existed as individual departments. In 1956, the Department of Economics, Business and Sociology officially established the College of Business Administration, which was later renamed to The College of Business we know today.

In the early '80s, a new building for the college opened, and in 1995 was renamed in honor of Faculty Emeritus Nazir Ansari, who taught managerial sciences at Nevada from 1967-94. In addition to The College of Business, the Ansari building houses the Nevada Small Business Development Center, the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, the College of Liberal Arts' Department of Anthropology, the Anthropology Research Museum and the School of Social Work.

Now the largest college on campus, The College of Business has seen record growth in the last decade. With more than 3,500 enrolled students and a projected goal of more than 4,500 students in the next 10 years, the college's nine disciplines and departments offer coursework to not just business majors; there are many popular curricular and extracurricular courses and programs taken by students across a variety of majors.

"While much has been done to accommodate the needs of the students and faculty in our college, the need for a new home for The College of Business has never been greater," said Greg Mosier, dean of The College of Business. "We have a valuable opportunity to create modern facilities and provide resources and technology to our faculty, staff and our entire community, further advancing our historic commitment to educating globally competitive business leaders."

Three times the square footage of the Ansari building, the new 128,000-square-foot building will provide state-of-the-art facilities and resources, as well as better access for the region's business community.

More than a building, a business solution

With this new building comes a host of ways to further The College of Business's already strong partnerships with businesses and industry leaders. By physically connecting the University with the business community, the new building's resources will be accessible to more than just faculty and staff — the entire community will benefit from the unique services and spaces available.





Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship

A popular hub of entrepreneurial activity on campus, the Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship will find a new home in the building. In addition to supporting courses in entrepreneurship, the center will demonstrate the importance of start-ups in our local, national and global economy and inspire would-be entrepreneurs to pursue bold ideas, build sustainable and profitable business models, and create exceptional value for customers and wealth for shareholders. Since the center launched during the 2014-15 academic year, enrollment in its 15 entrepreneurship-related courses has more than tripled to 750 students, with students minoring in entrepreneurship spanning 33 different majors campuswide.

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—*College of Business Dean* **Greg Mosier**

Exceptional spaces for hands-on experiences

The future business building was purposefully designed as an immersive hub for experiential and problem-based teaching and learning, from a real-time Trading Lab to Student Advising Center to tech labs and study spaces.





Auditorium

Featuring the latest technology, accessibility and acoustics, the building's 300-seat auditorium will serve both the campus and community. During the day, it will be home to interactive and engaging business courses that prepare our students for fulfilling careers. Alongside classroom instruction, the auditorium's location makes it the perfect spot to host industry experts and nationally recognized leaders for speaking engagements, business forums and community events. The auditorium, near the corner of 8th Street and University Way, will offer premier visibility and easy access for visitors and guests.



Finance Suite and real-time Trading Lab

The Finance Suite will offer a dedicated real-time Trading Lab equipped with technology to replicate the investment management experience. Students will be immersed in real-time stock market information, featuring a LED stock ticker — that will also scroll on the outside of the building — and real-world applications used by investment banks, money managers and hedge funds. The Finance Suite and Trading Lab is a prime example of the dynamic learning resources and case method pedagogy that will be used in the new business building to help build students' critical thinking.



Student Advising Center

The Student Advising Center is intentionally located near the entrance of the building on the main level to offer services to students across all business majors and disciplines. The center will incorporate upgraded technology, modern offices for advising staff, conference rooms and collaborative space for workshops and networking events. In this new space, staff will be available for wraparound advisement services to help empower students to maximize their educational opportunities and continue to connect them with their future careers.

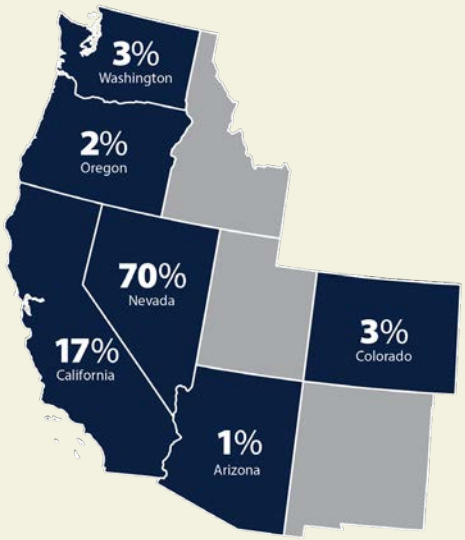
A business model for student success

Business students at the University graduate ready to hit the ground running, equipped with the tools and skill sets needed to succeed in their professional and personal lives.

With 70% of our alumni working here in Nevada, business graduates truly drive economic development and improve the quality of life for all Nevadans. They have found rewarding careers in a number of industries in our community, including business and finance, health care, education, international affairs, and engineering. Another 26% of College of Business graduates find careers in communities throughout the West.

"The College of Business prepares students to be competitive and innovative professionals in both the private and public sectors," said Mosier. "We're proud to connect our students and alumni with members of the community and beyond. Our track record shows we provide a high-quality education, and businesses know they can come to us for the best candidates to fill positions at their organizations."

WHERE OUR GRADUATES WORK



CAREER INDUSTRIES OF RECENT GRADS

BUSINESS AND FINANCE	19%
HEALTH CARE AND HEALTH SERVICES	18%
EDUCATION/RESEARCH	13%
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS/PUBLIC POLICY	13%
ENGINEERING/MANUFACTURING	12%
OTHER	25%

Next on the horizon

Well on its way to maximizing this premier location, the Mathewson Gateway District will leverage social encounters, drive community engagement and foster economic growth with a hotel and conference center, the Gateway Plaza and another additional campus building all on the way.

Hotel and conference center



Whether a business owner in the community is looking for meeting space to impress clients or the University hosts regional events, the Gateway's privately run hotel and conference center, right next to the new business building, will be a perfect fit. Offering upscale rooms, flexible meeting and conference spaces, and dynamic dining choices, the hotel and conference center will allow people from all over the world to experience our beautiful University and the vibrant Reno community.

Gateway Plaza

Nestled in between the business building and the hotel and conference center will be the Gateway Plaza, a stunning outdoor space to gather and participate in special events and activities. As a state arboretum, the University is known for its wide variety of deliberately cultivated trees and plants. The plaza will offer a chance to plant and expand our collection, increasing the diversity of trees on campus and preserving flora for generations to come.





Rendering of the cafe and commons space on the second floor of the new College of Business building.

The future of business

On our University's 149th anniversary, October 12, the future of business will begin at Nevada with a groundbreaking celebration for the new state-of-the-art College of Business building within the Gateway.

"This iconic new business building and the entire Mathewson University Gateway represent the next great chapter in our institution's storied history," said President Sandoval. "A transformational project for the University and our region, the Gateway will bridge together old and new on our campus, while simultaneously connecting the University and community like never before. It is truly a game changer for the New Nevada."



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—*University President* **Brian Sandoval '86**

To learn more about The College of Business building and how you can help support the future of business at Nevada, scan this QR code or contact Patricia Richard '89, '92 M.A., interim vice president for advancement, at (775) 784-1587 or prichard@unr.edu.

As we near 150 years of excellence in higher education, our University's commitment to learning, discovery and engagement continues to grow. From top-tier research designations to world-renowned faculty, from the shores of the new Lake Tahoe location to the recently renamed University Way in Reno, from our nearly 20,000 hardworking undergraduate and graduate students to our dedicated 7,000-plus faculty and staff members — the University of Nevada, Reno continues to move forward.

Thanks to your generosity and steadfast support of our beloved campus, you helped the University Foundation raise $52.3 million in fiscal year 2022 — marking the second largest fundraising year in the past 10 years and providing vital support to our students, faculty, staff, colleges, schools and programs.

We are proud to have your continous commitment and support — from giving back during our first-ever, campuswide day of giving on March 28, 2023 to joining our sesquicentennial celebrations and fundraising efforts starting this October.

It is each and every one of you who makes our institution's success possible. Thank you for being a vital member of The Wolf Pack Family. Go Pack!



Patricia Richard '89, '92 M.A.
Interim Vice President for University Advancement
Interim Executive Director, University Foundation

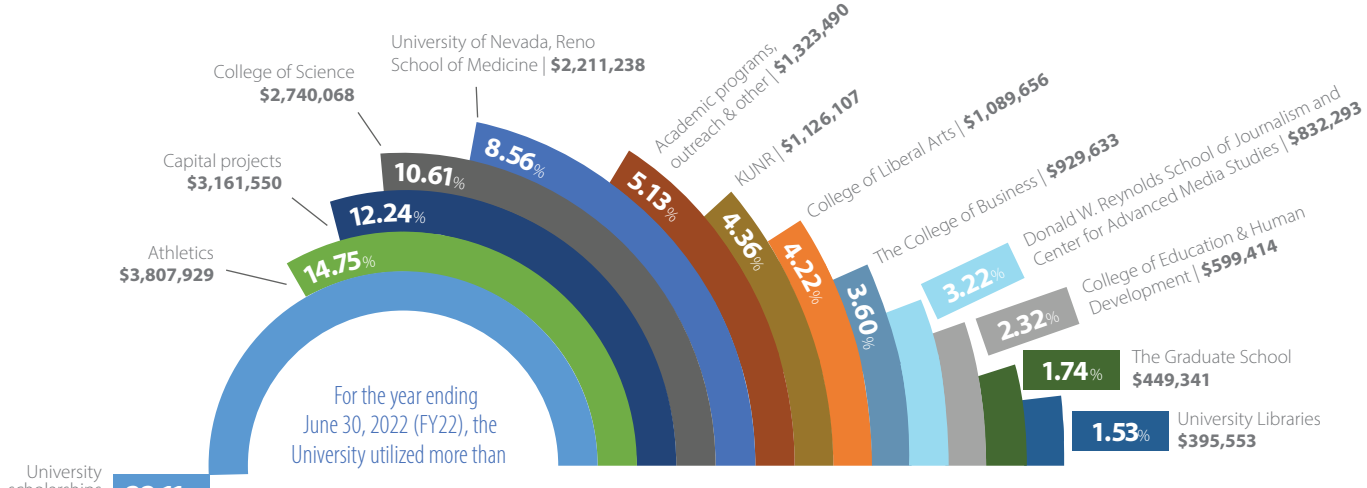


Ann Morgan '75
2023 Chair, Foundation Board of Trustees

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

YEAR	TOTAL
2022	$52.34M
2021	$27.90M
2020	$20.66M
2019	$39.03M
2018	$38.89M

Fiscal year total giving: Includes gifts made to the Nevada System of Higher Education Endowment (NSHE), the Roger Bergmann Athletic Endowment (formerly WPAA) and the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Endowment.



For the year ending June 30, 2022 (FY22), the University utilized more than

$25,824,199

in funding provided by the University Foundation for programs, capital projects and student scholarships campuswide

College of Engineering $377,754	1.46%	Student Services $199,081	0.77%	Research & Innovation $26,065	0.10%
College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources | $333,608	1.29%	Orvis School of Nursing $156,800	0.61%	School of Social Work $11,217	0.04%
University Extension $301,108	1.17%	School of Public Health $35,650	0.14%	Honors College $6,686	0.03%

A strong endowment means funding for generations to come by creating a steady stream of income and leaving the principal untouched.

As of June 30, 2022, the University of Nevada, Reno's total endowment reached $458.1 million including the NSHE Endowment, the Roger Bergmann Athletic Endowment and the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Endowment.

Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) **$156.1M**
306 endowments

Roger Bergmann Athletic Endowment (formerly the Wolf Pack Athletic Association)
$8.4M
20 athletic endowments

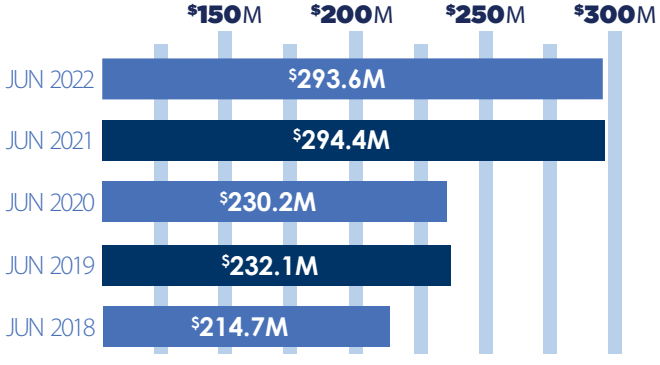


University of Nevada, Reno Foundation
$293.6M
1,142 endowments and quasi-endowments

2022 FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT

Market value includes pooled endowments, unrestricted endowment funds and quasi-endowment funds.

The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation endowment funds are responsibly managed by the Investment Committee of the Foundation, a volunteer committee with expertise in financial management. During fiscal year 2022, the Foundation moved to Cambridge Associates as the independent investment advisor.



ENDOWMENT PERFORMANCE

The Foundation Endowment had a net return of -1.6% for all assets as calculated by Cambridge Associates, the Foundation's independent investment consultant. This compares to the benchmark policy index of -7.0%.

Year	Investment Performance	Benchmark Policy Index	Real (Inflation-Adjusted) Return
1 year	**-1.6%**	**-7.0%**	**-9.8%**
3 year	**7.6%**	**5.6%**	**2.6%**
5 year	**7.4%**	**6.2%**	**3.3%**

ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTION

4.5%

Beginning fiscal year 2022, the Board of Trustees approved a distribution rate of 4.5% of the average market value for 12 quarters calculated on a rolling basis with a two-quarter lag.

$10.2M

Amount distributed from Foundation Endowment to support the students, faculty and programs of the University of Nevada, Reno in fiscal year 2022.

To preserve capital, in the event that endowment market value falls below book value in any quarter, Foundation policy dictates that distributions and management fee will cease until the market value exceeds the book value.

The investment and spending policy is administered by the Foundation in accordance with the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA). The Foundation's asset management information can be found at **unr.edu/giving/foundation.**

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By Roxanne Piskel '22 MFA

In an effort to support the research, projects and services of the University, the Foundation Board of Trustees began Pack Partnership Grants open to all faculty, staff and students — awarding $105,078 to four programs last academic year. The grants, in tiers of up to $10,000, up to $20,000 and up to $50,000, invest in efforts aligned with the University's Strategic Plan, *Wolf Pack Rising.*

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, BIOTECHNOLOGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

DFI provides hands-on research experience to student interns

Thanks to the Pack Partnership Grant, the Desert Farming Initiative, part of the University's Experiment Station, added three student internships to support DFI's mission to advance climate-smart farming and food sovereignty. Last year, DFI provided more than 3 tons of fresh produce to northern Nevada food pantries, including our own Pack Provisions.

"DFI's work is critical to the advancement of the University and sustainable farming across the state," said Chris Pritsos '82 Ph.D. (biochemistry), Experiment Station director and associate dean of research. "These internships are not only great opportunities for students to engage in research and hands-on experience, but to continue enhancing knowledge in our communities."

The food sovereignty internship addresses the importance of traditional food and medicinal plants from our region, as well as a broader understanding of Indigenous food. The food insecurity student trains in food production and systems to address on-campus and community food insecurity. The climate-smart farming intern focuses on soil health practices, water conservation and outreach to other fruit and vegetable growers.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Earthquake Lab participates in full-scale testing of 10-story building

The University's Earthquake Engineering Lab team led by Professor Keri Ryan is part of a national project funded by the National Science Foundation and other agencies to help improve timber- and wood-building construction in the U.S.

With the Pack Partnership Grant, the team took part in a full-scale earthquake test of a 10-story wood building at the University of California, San Diego's Shake Table in April.

"In the last five years, our team has completed more than 10 structural and seismic tests in our renowned Earthquake Engineering Lab using video structural health monitoring," Mohamed Moustafa, researcher and associate professor of structural engineering, said. "Now with this grant, we participated in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to send a team to join this national project and monitor the 10-story test at UCSD. Using cameras and drones, our research team will extract data that can help assess the seismic behavior and hopefully boost this national effort focused on improving building safety nationwide."

Due to the immense success of the 2022-23 grants, the Foundation Board of Trustees increased the 2023-24 grant budget to $250,000.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Scott Tyler and Constance Howard continue support for hydrologic sciences

By Sierra Madden (class of 2026)

Committed to furthering the Graduate Program of Hydrologic Sciences, 2012 Foundation Professor Scott Tyler '90 Ph.D. (hydrology/hydrogeology) and his wife, Constance Howard, made a planned gift to support the Scott W. Tyler and Constance K. Howard Hydrology Endowment Fund, which aids the research and education of graduate students and faculty in water-related topics including hydrologic and climate processes, ecosystem functions, as well as governance and policy.

Donors for nearly 35 years, Tyler and Howard had long and successful careers at Nevada — Howard as a development director and Tyler as director of the University's Center for Transformative Environmental Monitoring Program. Tyler is also a geological sciences and engineering professor, and former director of the graduate program they are aiding.

"As passionate supporters of research to preserve and protect water, Connie and Scott are ensuring the future success of important water-related work on our campus and beyond," said Alexandra Lutz '02 M.S. (civil engineering), '07 Ph.D. (hydrogeology); associate research professor and Graduate Program of Hydrologic Sciences director. "Our program is currently celebrating 60 years and thanks to their continued support, we look forward to another six decades."

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.



LS Scott Tyler '90 Ph.D. and LS Constance Howard.

Courtesy of Tyler and Howard

NEVADA ATHLETICS

Wolf Pack Athletics welcomes major construction and renovation projects

By Sierra Madden (class of 2026)

Looking to continue growing the Pack's reputation both at home and across the country, Nevada Athletics has been hard at work completing critical renovations and preparing for major construction projects on the horizon.

In 2022, Athletics celebrated a major facelift for the "Wolf Den" production room. Now featuring the latest streaming and production technologies, this space delivers high-quality broadcasts of basketball, volleyball, soccer, swim and dive, baseball, and softball to Pack fans. Just before the 2022-23 football season, we also welcomed new turf at Mackay Stadium thanks to longtime University supporter and Honor Court Patron, ITS Logistics. And in February 2023, a newly renovated Swim & Dive Locker Room and all-weather Field Turf at the Hixson Park Softball Complex were unveiled.

This summer, work on the Eric and Linda Lannes Basketball Building got underway with a groundbreaking in June. Honor Court Founders Eric '82 (mechanical engineering) and Linda Lannes announced a historic gift to Pack Athletics in February 2022 aimed at growing Nevada's basketball program by providing leading-edge facilities that help attract esteemed coaches and top-of-the-line recruits.

In the months ahead, Athletics will continue to create and expand locker room spaces for the football, men's cross country, men's golf, men's tennis, men's and women's soccer, and women's track & field programs inside Cashell Fieldhouse.

"To excel as a champion-caliber program, our department must strive for excellence in everything we do, and meet the needs of both current and prospective student-athletes," said Stephanie Rempe, director of athletics. "Facility infrastructure for each athletic program is critical to allow all of our teams to compete for championships."

You can also read about the new Bitonio Family Strength & Conditioning Center on page 33



Conceptual image of Eric and Linda Lannes Basketball Building.

Courtesy of Nevada Athletics

For more information on supporting Nevada Athletics, please email WolfPack@unr.edu.

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation gift supports School of Public Health building renovation

By Sierra Madden (class of 2026)

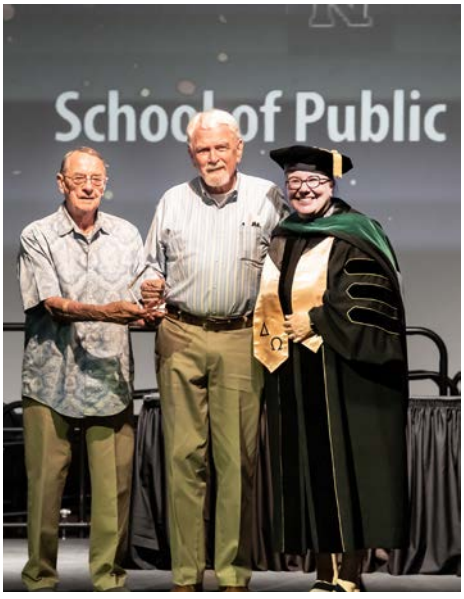
Honor Court Founder the Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation has been committed to supporting colleges, schools and programs across campus since 1981.

Last year, the Hawkins Foundation provided generous support to the School of Public Health's Neuromechanics Lab, which serves as the state's only concussion management center, and established the Robert Z. Hawkins Graduate Fellowship in Neuromechanics to allow more students to engage in hands-on technical learning and research in the laboratory.

The foundation also provided critical support to help renovate the Edna S. Brigham Clinical Education Building, a 10,000-square-foot space on the University campus that will serve as the School of Public Health's new home.

"We are grateful to the Hawkins Foundation for its invaluable support of our renovation, which will advance our school and foster an environment for student success and faculty research," said Muge Akpinar-Elci, School of Public Health dean. "When we welcome students and faculty to our newly renovated space, it will mean new opportunities for collaborative work, active learning and community engagement."

For more information on supporting the School of Public Health, please contact Gabrielle Brackett '12, '19 MPH, director of development, at (775) 682-8206 or gbrackett@unr.edu.



Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation Trustees David Russell '67 (left) and Faculty Emeritus Mike Reed (middle) accept 2023 Dr. John E. Worden Award from Dean Muge Akpinar-Elci (right). Cherie Behl

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Nevada Public Health Foundation establishes the Rota Rosaschi Scholarship Endowment

By Sierra Madden (class of 2026)

In recognition of the impact of Rota Rosaschi's '75 (social services corrections), '91 MPA service to our community and state, the Nevada Public Health Foundation Board of Directors established the Rota Rosaschi Scholarship Endowment to honor Rosaschi's service to the foundation and support for both undergraduate and graduate students in social work.

The first Distinguished Alumna of the School of Social Work in 2019 and the 2022 Graduate Alumna of the Department of Political Science, Rosaschi dedicated her 50-year career to establishing important social programs and enriching our community's resources for vulnerable populations. She supported the founding dean of the School of Social Work, Shadi Martin, in establishing the School of Social Work as an independent school, and was instrumental in reviewing and revising documents for the school's reaccreditation process in 2021-22. Rosaschi serves on the community advisory boards and alumni chapters for both the School of Social Work and the School of Public Health, and has been donating to programs campuswide since 1992.

"Our students rely heavily on scholarships to receive the best education," Lillian Wichinsky, interim dean of the School of Social Work, said. "It is only fitting that Rota's commitment to our profession and its growth on our campus be recognized in perpetuity through this scholarship endowment."

The Nevada Public Health Foundation is committed to building a healthy future for Nevadans through partnerships. The foundation has donated to the University for more than 13 years and also established endowed scholarships in public health and gerontology nursing.



LS Rota Rosaschi '75, '91 MPA. Courtesy of Rosaschi

For information on supporting social work students, please contact Holly Stanco, associate vice president of advancement and campaign, at (775) 682-6013 or hstanco@unr.edu.

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UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Bruce and Nora James' gift to Special Collections and University Archives will support visiting scholar award

By Sierra Madden (class of 2026)

The University Libraries received a generous gift from Distinguished Nevadan Bruce James and his wife, Nora, to support the Bruce & Nora James Visiting Scholar Award for the Study of Nevada Politics and Public Service. This visiting scholar award will be granted annually to an emerging or distinguished scholar for the study of Nevada-centric political and public materials.

"Through gifts such as this, Special Collections and University Archives is able to further its mission of helping people craft new understanding and experiences through research, teaching and learning through Nevada's unique, historically significant materials," said Catherine Cardwell, University Libraries dean. "Not only will the James' philanthropy enable focused scholarship of our extensive political collections, it will also allow for greater research and understanding of Nevada's history, particularly with respect to public policy."

University donors for more than 25 years and Honor Court Silver Benefactors, Bruce and Nora James have also supported the Friends of the Library, Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, College of Liberal Arts, the Latino Research Center, Nevada FIT Boot Camp for Academic Success, Nevada Fund, Tyrus W. Cobb International Affairs Scholarship Endowment and more.

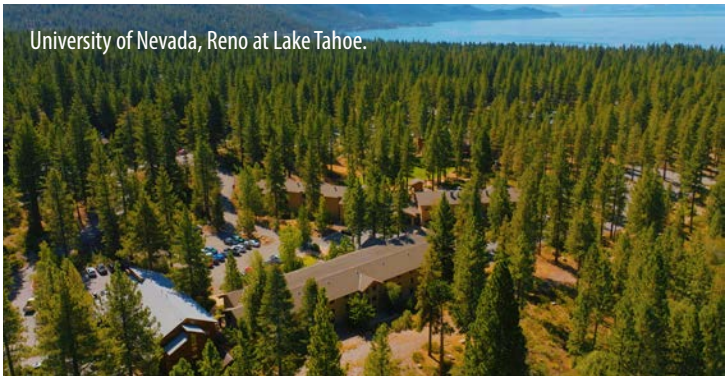
For more information on how you can help support University Libraries, please contact Robin Monteith Schimandle, director of development, at (775) 682-5656 or robinmonteith@unr.edu.



Bruce and Nora James. Courtesy of Bruce and Nora James

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO AT LAKE TAHOE

Mallory Foundation gift supports a digitally literate campus at Lake Tahoe



University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe.

By Sierra Madden (class of 2026)

The University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe Wayne L. Prim campus is growing thanks to a generous donation and pledge from the Mallory Foundation, bringing digitally literate classrooms to the University's Lake Tahoe location.

"Technology has become interwoven into so many parts of education for students, faculty and staff," said Jill Heaton, senior vice provost. "Through the support of the Mallory Foundation, we are able to continue advancing the technology we offer at our Lake Tahoe location — creating an integrated curriculum that enhances both digital literacy and daily learning."

The Mallory Foundation has supported the University for nearly 30 years and is engraved in the Honor Court as a Founder for its dedication to Nevada and our students.

A recipient of the Nevada Alumni Association's Silver & Blue Appreciation Award, the foundation has established four scholarships in The College of Business in honor of Jean and Marion Mallory Jr. The foundation has also supported the new College of Engineering building, University Entry Monument, Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, Earthquake Engineering Laboratory Expansion, Engineering K-12 Outreach and smart classrooms in The College of Business.

To help support the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe, please contact Zack Madonick '11, executive director of development, at (775) 682-6041 or madonick@unr.edu.

Ann Morgan '75

Accomplished attorney, 2023 Foundation Board Chair, Honor Court Silver Benefactor



By Allison M. Williams '08

Life changing. That's how Ann Morgan '75 (English) describes her time on campus. From her education to her change of career to meeting her lifelong love to connections she made on campus — the University of Nevada, Reno shaped every facet of her life.

Born in North Carolina, Morgan grew up in Houston, Texas before relocating to Las Vegas. A scholarship first brought her to Reno and minus a few years at University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law she's never really left.

"The University of Nevada gave me my start in life," Morgan said, noting that without Nevada, she never would have become the attorney she is today. "I would not be a lawyer if it weren't for Nevada because that is where I met my husband. He went off to law school and I chased him."

Morgan and Bruce Beesley '75 (premedical) met as residence hall presidents of Manzanita and White Pine, respectively, and started dating right before graduation.

Ann Morgan '75 in front of Manzanita Hall.
Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA

"I was planning to attend library science school, when I lost my funding source and I had to find a new way to pay for graduate school. I taught freshman English at the University for a year, took the LSAT and applied to one law school, Bruce's, and off I went."

After law school, it was back to Reno for the young couple. "All of Bruce and my





Left: Honor Court Silver Benefactors Ann Morgan '75 and her husband of 43 years, The Honorable Bruce Beesley '75, outside the Mack Social Sciences building in 1975. During their college years, Morgan and Beesley both served as president of their respective residence halls, Manzanita and White Pine. The two went on to become the first husband and wife to serve as presidents of the Washoe County Bar Association as well as the State Bar of Nevada. **Right**: Morgan and Beesley in front of the new University Entry Monument. Courtesy of Morgan

siblings except two have followed us to Reno. We have been big ambassadors for Reno and the University. For both of us, campus has always felt like home, from week one. It's that [late 15th University President] Milt Glick 'sticky campus' thing. Once you feel a part of something, then you're a part of something."

That "sticky campus" feeling didn't end at graduation. Morgan has since served on the Friends of the University Libraries board, advisory committees for the College of Liberal Arts and College of Science, as a University of Nevada, Reno Foundation trustee and vice chair, and now 2023 Foundation Chair. She has also generously supported various programs campuswide for more than 40 years and helped create the Justice James W. Hardesty Scholarship Endowment as well as the Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association Scholarship Endowment to support Nevada students pursuing a law career. Together with her husband, Morgan recently established two endowments honoring University faculty: Dean Emerita of the School of Public Health Trudy Larson and Dean Emerita of the then-College of Arts and Science Ann Ronald.

The Dr. Trudy A. Larson Endowment for the School of Public Health was started last year to recognize Larson's nearly 40-year commitment to the University as well as the vital role the School of Public Health and Larson's expertise played during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Dr. Ann Ronald Western American Literature Scholarship Endowment was established in March to support English students while recognizing 2001 Foundation Professor Ronald's lasting impact on Morgan.

"It's important to honor the people who've made a difference in your life. To this day, I know that one of the reasons I loved my time at the University is because of Ann Ronald. On one of my papers she wrote 'you've clearly got this, let's try something different,'" Morgan recalled. "I met with her and she spent some time with me and said, 'let's read this; let's try these other books.' I got to do independent study guided by her. It made all the difference in the world. I never forgot it. I'm still in touch with her, and she's the reason I got into my first advisory role here on campus."

A recently retired director at Fennemore Craig specializing in employment and labor law and longtime general counsel to the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority, Morgan's resume is full of service to local community organizations and professional accomplishments. She's received the Nevada Alumni Association's Professional Achievement Award, numerous recognitions as a top attorney, and served as past president of the State Bar of Nevada and past chair of the Legal Affairs Committee for Airports Council International-North America. Morgan says much of her success is the result of faculty like Ronald and the power of higher education.

"The beauty of a college education, especially in liberal arts, is that it teaches you to think. With a little bit of curiosity, you can really learn about anything. I spent the last 20 years representing the airport even though I knew nothing about aviation law initially. I credit that to having a great education from the University of Nevada, Reno," Morgan said with a pause and a smile, "and Ann Ronald."



President Brian Sandoval '86 with 2023 Foundation Board Chair Ann Morgan '75. Courtesy of Morgan

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Jan. 19: Today, we held a ribbon cutting to open the Gateway Parking Complex. Part of the complex is a pedestrian bridge that doesn't just connect parking spaces with our campus, it serves as an invitation of a shared purpose between our community and our campus. This is what the Mathewson University Gateway is all about — connection and collaboration between a campus and community.

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President Brian Sandoval '86 answering phone in the Batmobile on loan from the National Automobile Museum for this special event. Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA



Feb. 2: It was a historic day at the University of Nevada, Reno with Nevada Governor Joseph Lombardo visiting our campus! Gov. Lombardo is an incredible supporter of higher education and we look forward to many future successes while working with him and his team in the years ahead.

Gov. Joseph Lombardo and President Sandoval '86 meet with Pack student-athletes on the Quad.

Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA



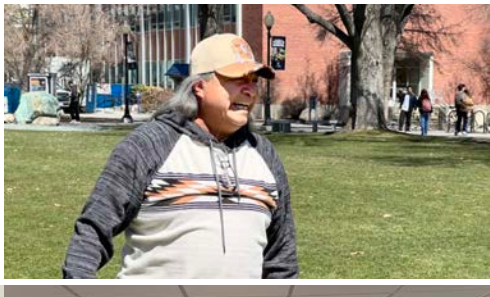
March 17: Congratulations to our incredible medical students on #MatchDay! We are thrilled to see where you will be continuing your training and know that you will make a significant impact in the field of medicine. We are proud of your hard work and dedication.

Left to right: Vice Chair of NSHE Board of Regents Joseph Arrascada '93, '00 MSW; President Sandoval '86; Regent Carol Del Carlo '72; UNR Med Dean Paul J. Hauptman, M.D.; Josef Heller '23 M.D.; Andrew Kim '20, '23 M.D.; Cameron Burgess '19, '23 M.D. and Renown Health CEO Brian Erling, M.D.

Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA



March 31: Thank you to Vernon Rogers with the Yerington Paiute Tribe for sharing songs at the Indigenous Spring Blessing ceremony on our Quad. The Wolf Pack Family is proud to honor and respect the rich traditions and culture of our Indigenous peoples.



April 1: Proud to see our faculty, staff, students and alumni at the Nevada State Legislature today! Education is not just a personal investment, but an investment in our entire state. When we support the University, we're creating a stronger, more prosperous Nevada.

Left to right: Luna, Alphie, Assembly Speaker pro Tempore Steve Yeager, President Sandoval '86, Assembly Majority Floor Leader Sandra Jauregui and Wolfie Jr.



April 6: Congratulations to the students honored at this year's Scripps Dinner! Thrilled to have had Carl Bernstein as our keynote speaker. His insights into the role of journalism in our democracy were invaluable and his legendary reporting on Watergate continues to inspire us all.

Left to right: 2023 Scripps Lecturer Carl Bernstein, Andrew Zuker (class of 2024), Mia Wood (class of 2023), Emerson Drewes (class of 2024), Dean Al Stavitsky, First Lady Lauralyn Sandoval '92 (journalism) and President Sandoval '86.

Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA



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

April 7: Congratulations to our amazing Mackay Muckers women's mining team for taking the gold at the 45th Annual Intercollegiate Mining Competition in Australia! Your hard work, dedication and passion for mining is truly inspiring.

Left to right: Katie Nicholes '23, Karlee Bolle (class of 2023), Kayla Anderson (class of 2024), Natalie Rubio (class of 2025) and Gillian Hammons (class of 2024).



April 13: Congrats to the winners and all of the graduate students who presented in the Three-Minute Thesis Competition finals! Your participation is a testament to the excellence of the University of Nevada, Reno. Keep up the amazing work!

President Sandoval '86 and First Lady Sandoval '92 with 2023 3MT winners. Jordan S. Buxton '21, '23 M.A.



April 18: Thank you to Vice President Kamala Harris for taking the time to visit our beautiful campus and have an insightful conversation about reproductive health and rights with Mayor Hillary Schieve and Rosario Dawson. Proud that The Wolf Pack Family showed up today for this historical event!

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April 19: Thrilled to present the 2023 recipients of the prestigious Foundation Professor Award to Marta Elliott, Christopher Herald and Violeta Mutafova-Yambolieva. Their outstanding research and teaching achievements have made a lasting impact at Nevada.

Left to right: President Sandoval '86 with 2023 Foundation Professors Christopher Herald, Violeta Mutafova-Yambolieva and Marta Elliott, 2023 Foundation Chair Ann Morgan '75 and Executive Vice President and Provost Jeff Thompson.

Jordan S. Buxton '21, '23 M.A.



April 21: What a great day for Nevada Athletics! Thank you to Joel '13 and Courtney Bitonio '14 for your incredibly generous gift to revamp the weight room!

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Left to right: University Athletic Director Stephanie Rempe, Joel Bitonio '13, President Sandoval '86, First Lady Sandoval '92 and Head Football Coach Ken Wilson.

Nevada Athletics



April 22: Went up to Sugar Bowl Resort this weekend to see the snowfall this winter brought! Thank you to Doug Boyle '96 M.S., Bridget Legnavsky, Courtney Meyerholz and the entire team for hosting us!





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Faculty Emeritus Vic Redding '00 MBA at groundbreaking of Gateway Parking Complex in August 2021. Jordan S. Buxton '21, '23 M.A.

Vice President for Administration and Finance Vic Redding '00 MBA retires

By Roxanne Piskel '22 MFA

After more than two decades of service to the University and the Nevada System of Higher Education, Vice President for Administration and Finance Vic Redding '00 MBA retired in June. He held this position since 2017, overseeing a variety of administrative and financial functions, including business and finance, planning/budget and analysis, human resources, facilities services, real estate and police services.

Redding's higher education career started with the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine shortly after he graduated from the University, ultimately becoming acting chief financial officer in 2003. In 2005 he moved to the NSHE Chancellor's Office, holding different roles before his appointment as vice chancellor of finance in 2012. In 2017, he returned to the Wolf Pack as vice president for administration and finance.

In announcing Redding's retirement, President Brian Sandoval '86 (English) expressed gratitude for Redding's service, including his roles in the University's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the realization of the Mathewson University Gateway District development. "Vic has never forgotten our reason for being here and always maintained his steadfast commitment and uncompromising belief in the transformational power of high-quality, forward-thinking public post-secondary education," Sandoval said.

Along with an MBA from the University, Redding has a bachelor's in business management with a minor in accounting from Montana State University and is a Certified Management Accountant.

New Vice President for IT and Chief Information Officer Sasi Pillay



Vice President for IT and CIO Sasi Pillay (middle) and his wife, Roopa (left), talk with President Brian Sandoval '86 (right) during welcome reception in late April.

Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA

By Roxanne Piskel '22 MFA

An experienced senior leader with more than 26 years in information technology services across academia and government agencies, Sasi Pillay joined The Wolf Pack Family in February as vice president for information technology and chief information officer. Most recently, Pillay served as vice president of information technology services and chief information officer for Washington State University. He also previously served as the chief information officer for NASA's John H. Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field in Cleveland, Ohio and then chief technology officer for NASA.

Pillay has been inducted into the CIO Hall of Fame and received the 2022 ORBIE award from SeattleCIO. In his position with NASA, Pillay received NASA's Exceptional Service Medal, the Outstanding Leadership Medal and the Presidential Rank Award recognizing his meritorious service as an executive with the federal government.

"I am very excited for the experience, expertise and enthusiasm Dr. Pillay brings to The Wolf Pack Family," said University President Brian Sandoval '86 (English). "As a Carnegie R1 'Very High Research' institution, the research technology needs of our campus are complex and Dr. Pillay will help us meet those needs and prepare for a continued bright and innovative future."

Pillay holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Pennsylvania State University, and master's and doctoral degrees in computer engineering from Case Western Reserve University. He has an additional master's degree in management of technology from the MIT Sloan School of Management.



Guinn Center Executive Director Jill Tolles '97, '06 M.A.

Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA

Guinn Center names Jill Tolles '97, '06 M.A. executive director

By Roxanne Piskel '22 MFA

Late last year, Jill Tolles '97, '06 M.A. (speech communications) was named executive director for the Guinn Center, a nonpartisan policy research center.

Tolles served three terms in the Nevada Legislature as assemblywoman for District 25. During this time, she sat on the Education, Judiciary, Commerce and Labor, and Ways and Means Committees; she served in two special sessions; as well as three interim sessions on the Interim Finance Committee, the Legislative Committee on Education, the Legislative Committee on Energy and the Nevada Sentencing Commission.

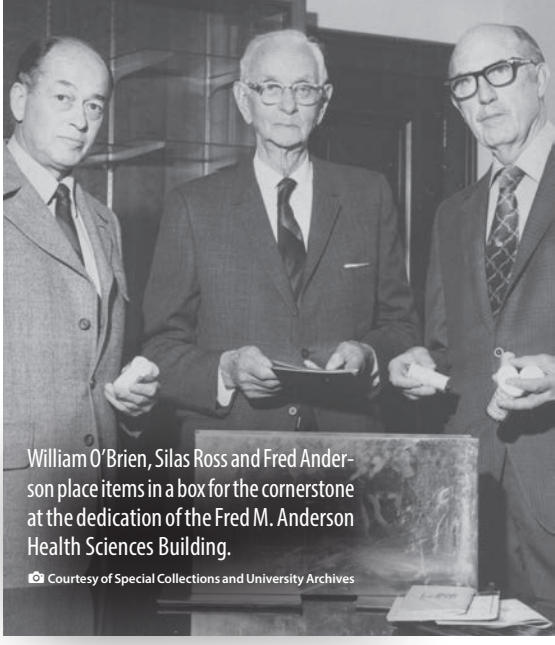
Tolles has taught undergraduate courses at the University for the Department of Communication Studies since 2005, including public speaking; listening; argumentation and debate; small group, organizational and interpersonal communication. She has also taught effective communication in the workplace for Extended Studies and courtroom management, collaborative decision-making and procedural fairness to judges across the U.S. and internationally through the National Judicial College.

"Jill has made it her calling and her purpose to positively impact the future of the people of Nevada," said Guinn Center Board Chair Phil Satre. "We could not be more pleased to have her in this key role, at this critical time, in the ongoing vision of the Guinn Center to identify and advance sound policies and actionable solutions that support a thriving and prosperous Nevada."

Named for late former Governor Kenny Guinn, the Guinn Center for Policy Priorities joined the University in July 2021 and serves as a nonprofit, nonpartisan policy center that addresses challenges faced by policymakers in the Silver State.



UNR Med Class of 1973 celebrates 50th reunion with opening of time capsule.



William O'Brien, Silas Ross and Fred Anderson place items in a box for the cornerstone at the dedication of the Fred M. Anderson Health Sciences Building.

Courtesy of Special Collections and University Archives



UNR Med Dean Paul J. Hauptman, M.D., George Manning '73 M.D. and President Brian Sandoval '86 with time capsule from 1972.

History revealed

Class of 1973 opens time capsule revealing more than 50 artifacts

By Mike Higdon '09
Photos by Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA

In 1972, the then-named University of Nevada, Reno School of Medical Sciences faculty collaborated with the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nevada to set a cornerstone and place a time capsule in the walls of the Fred M. Anderson Health Science Building.

Almost 50 years later, the medical school's first class president, George Manning '73 M.D., coordinated with the University to open it at his 50th class reunion.

University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine Dean Paul J. Hauptman, M.D. and Manning removed the time capsule, and Manning opened its contents in front of nearly 20 of his fellow Class of 1973 graduates and their families, current medical students, as well as University and Nevada System of Higher Education leadership.

"It's an honor and privilege to be part of this ceremony, and I am humbled to be here and in your presence," President Brian Sandoval '86 (English) said at the May event. "I see how many lives you changed and counseled and the difference you made no matter where you went. From the bottom of my heart and the University of Nevada, I want to thank you for your commitment."

Manning pulled more than 50 items from the large copper box, including pamphlets, legislative bills, letters, articles, newspapers, resumes, photographs, coins, a Vase of Gilgamesh and Native American herbal medicines.

"Medicine has changed a lot in the last 50 years, and it will change a lot in the next 50, but two truisms have not and will not change," Dean Hauptman said to the crowd. "The primacy of the patient and the desire of our medical students, both the Class of 1973 and the Class of 2023, to provide medical care and relief from pain and suffering."

At the time capsule's reveal, UNR Med Student Vice President Robert Gullickson '23 M.D. announced the Class of 2023 would add new items to the capsule and return it to the cornerstone for another 50 years. Inside, the students placed mementos and messages to capture their experiences, including an N95 mask, COVID-19 vaccine cards, table tennis balls, pictures, and a hard drive containing more documentation and photographs from this year.

The Class of 1973 created another enduring legacy by establishing an endowment to support future students and encouraging donations of $1,973. By donating to an endowed fund, where the principal is invested, the Class of 1973's donations will continue to support Nevada medical students in perpetuity.

Manning agreed that every graduating doctor should leave a legacy that supports the following generation. "I don't know how in the world we could ever repay what the school did for us," he said. "But, we should ask, 'What can we do to make life better in Nevada and the United States or my little town?'"

Learn more about UNR Med by scanning the QR code below.

Researchers Sarrah Dunham-Cheatham and Mae Gustin reach milestone in measurement of airborne mercury

New testing technologies support global effort to reduce health risks to people, wildlife



Students learn to use one of the atmospheric mercury measurement systems at the University's Valley Road Greenhouse Complex. **Left to right**: Natalie Allen '21, Chris Ford (class of 2023) and Ben Ingle '20.
Sarrah Dunham-Cheatham



The new membrane samplers have been deployed for testing at several locations across the world, including Amsterdam Island in the Indian Ocean. The remote island is roughly equidistant from Madagascar, Australia and Antarctica. Olivier Magand

By John Seelmeyer

New research from the University's College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources is expected to play an important role in the global battle against airborne mercury pollution, a serious health threat to people and wildlife alike.

Researchers with the college's Experiment Station, Sarrah Dunham-Cheatham and Mae Gustin, have verified that new technologies, including some developed at the University, measure airborne mercury pollution far more accurately than older systems. In fact, they found the older technology — which has been in widespread use for decades — undermeasures mercury concentrations by as much as 80%.

Dunham-Cheatham is a research assistant professor and director of the Core Analytical Laboratory, a research facility at the University jointly operated by the college's Experiment Station and the USDA Agricultural Research Service. Gustin is a 2009 Foundation Professor of environmental geochemistry in the Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Science and is a newly named fellow of the prestigious American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Seth Lyman '09 Ph.D. (environmental sciences & health), a researcher and associate professor at Utah State University who completed his doctorate at Nevada, is the third author of the research published in the peer-reviewed journal "Science of The Total Environment."

The threat of mercury pollution is so great that 139 nations have signed the Minamata Convention on Mercury, a decadelong initiative by the United Nations to reduce mercury emissions. Mercury can cause serious neurological damage and other health effects, with infants and unborn babies especially at risk.

"Every time anyone takes a breath, they're breathing in mercury," said Dunham-Cheatham, noting that mercury entering the atmosphere from small-scale gold mining, coal-burning power plants, cement manufacturers and other industrial operations is carried worldwide.

As mercury is carried through the air, it is deposited into soil and water, where it enters the food chain. Mercury-contaminated fish and rice both pose a health risk to humans. Despite well-documented knowledge of the environmental risks, lack of accurate measuring technology has hampered efforts to set global standards to reduce the threat.

More than 15 years ago, Gustin began raising questions in the scientific community about the accuracy of airborne mercury measurements using the then-existing technology. These questions were met with strong resistance from scientists who had made significant investments in the older measurement systems in use since the mid-1990s. But as evidence pointing to their shortcomings accumulated, Gustin says a growing number of researchers came to believe a more accurate measurement technology was required.

In 2013, Gustin and Jiaoyan Huang, a postdoctoral student at the University at the time, began a decade of work to develop an alternative. "It takes a lot of work to change dogma and form a new paradigm," Gustin said.

With funding from a National Science Foundation grant, the team tested four air-sampling systems that use newer measurement technology, along with one of the older devices, for a full year at the University's Valley Road Greenhouse Complex. The newer systems, which rely on nylon or polyethersulfone membranes to capture airborne mercury, proved to be much more accurate than older systems. One version of the technology used in two of the new systems was developed by the team led by Gustin, while the other two were developed at Utah State University.

The new membrane samplers have been deployed for testing at more than a dozen locations across the world — from Peavine Peak outside Reno to Svalbard in far-northern Norway, and from Amsterdam Island in the Indian Ocean to the shores of the Great Salt Lake in Utah — to gather further information in collaboration with international scientists.

"This is how science evolves," said Gustin. "You develop something and, if it's good, others try it and get on board."

Dunham-Cheatham and Gustin have received $30,000 from the NSF to hold a workshop on campus this October where roughly 30 scientists from around the world working on the measurement of airborne mercury will gather to discuss their findings and chart a course forward.

Scan the QR code below to learn more about the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources.

"The University was our launchpad" Ozmens continue to inspire future generations

Eren '85 MBA, '16 (Hon.) and Fatih '81 M.S., '16 (Hon.) establish third program at University, the Aerospace & Defense Academy



Honor Court Philanthropists Eren '85 MBA, '16 (Hon.) and Fatih Ozmen '81 M.S. (electrical engineering), '16 (Hon.) credit much of their professional success to the educations they received at the University.

Courtesy of Sierra Nevada Corporation

By Allison M. Williams '08

The term entrepreneur doesn't do Eren and Fatih Ozmen justice. They began their remarkable journey in their homeland of Turkey after completing bachelor's degrees at Ankara University — Fatih in electrical engineering and Eren in journalism. In the early '80s, Fatih was pursuing his master's in electrical engineering at the University of Nevada, Reno when he encouraged Eren to join The College of Business's MBA program. Both had arrived in the U.S. barely speaking English, with no financial resources and worked their way through graduate school. Eren juggled various jobs before landing a coveted graduate assistantship.

Shortly after graduation, Fatih started at Sierra Nevada Corporation as an engineering intern and Eren later joined the company as a financial consultant. It was Eren's work in the role that turned the tide for SNC. She discovered the company was on the verge of going out of business due to estimating flaws. She alerted the founders and developed and implemented a strategic plan to turn the company around. This quick and insightful action saved the company and landed her a promotion, becoming SNC's first controller. Six years later, in 1994, the Ozmens acquired SNC as a small engineering firm. Eren and Fatih first focused on stabilizing the company and then on accelerated growth — acquiring 19 aerospace and defense (A&D) firms along the way. In 2021 they launched Sierra Space, an independent commercial space company, from the space capabilities within SNC. And now, following a record $1.4 billion Series A capital raise, Sierra Space is preparing for the first launch of the Dream Chaser spaceplane later this year.

Celebrating 60 years in 2023, SNC is considered a worldwide A&D leader with more than 5,000 personnel across SNC and its subsidiaries in more than 40 locations across the globe. As the largest female-owned government contractor in the U.S., SNC provides leading-edge technologies that safeguard freedom and help ensure our service members return home safely.

Paying it forward: supporting the next generation of big dreamers

It is their personal journey and the challenges they've faced that prompted the Ozmens to create three landmark programs at their alma mater: the Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship established through a $5 million gift in 2014, the Ozmen Institute for Global Studies through a $1 million gift in 2017 and, most recently, a $1.13 million pledge to create the Aerospace & Defense Academy.

"Being an entrepreneur isn't about money, it's about making a social impact by growing and challenging ourselves and everyone around us," said Eren. "Our legacy is about achieving the higher purpose and paying it forward. Today's students are tomorrow's entrepreneurs, scientists, engineers and leaders."

"Our experiences have taught us a lot. We have so much to share with future business owners and entrepreneurs to help them be successful," Fatih added.

That is where the Ozmens' philanthropic vision began. "Over the years, we've loved to see young leaders flourish and realize their full potential at SNC. That desire to help shape the next generation of entrepreneurs was the driving force behind the Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship," Eren explained. "Fatih and I envisioned a space that fosters innovation and helps students, faculty and small-business owners move new ideas into action."

Just like its namesake, the work and scale of the Ozmen Institute for Global Studies extends far beyond the University campus, with research happening on every continent. Now, the Aerospace & Defense Academy will help address the A&D industry's growing workforce gap and accelerate workforce readiness through microcredential and enrichment programs. Additionally, the academy's director will develop a digital platform to provide critical resources for minority and female-owned small businesses — helping ensure they stay afloat in the midst of growth challenges and competition from larger businesses.

"The biggest challenge we faced was transitioning SNC from a small business to a large business. This transition is when the majority of small companies either go out of business or sell," Eren noted. "We want to help future businesses reach our same level of success and continue driving the industry forward."

Use the QR code below to learn more about the University programs in The College of Business supported by the Ozmens.

Greg and Linda Schafer support Path to Independence students

Newly created scholarship provides independent, on-campus living



Path to Independence students.
Rachael Danielson (class of 2025)

By Rachael Danielson (class of 2025)

Celebrating its 10th year this fall, Path to Independence is continuing to break down barriers on the University campus. Since 2013, 36 students with intellectual disabilities have been able to navigate the pathways on campus, attend classes and gather with friends. Last fall, P2I students were given the opportunity to live in University residence halls with their peers. Now, thanks to generous support from donors Greg and Linda Schafer to establish the Path to Independence Bridge Scholarships, P2I can provide additional financial support to students who want to live independently on campus.

Giving students this opportunity aligns with the mission of this inclusive, two-year, nondegree certificate program which seeks to provide students with intellectual disabilities a traditional college experience by increasing access across campus.

"Having a child with intellectual and developmental disabilities introduced us to an entire population of very special people who are often living in the shadows of society," the Schafers said. "It is our hope that this award will encourage more P2I students to take that next step toward greater independence by choosing to live on or near the University campus. Living on or near campus is not for every student, but for those students ready to venture out into a broader university experience, we did not want financial needs to be a barrier."

Through the program, P2I students take up to eight credits of academic coursework each semester. To best support the students, an education coach is available to tutor and assist them with assignments. P2I students also now have a place to gather and call their own in the newly renovated Path to Independence lounge on the second floor of the William J. Raggio building.

"I have seen six cohorts of students rise to the challenging expectations college provides," Jessica Keefhaver, P2I program/academic coordinator, said. "Seeing the program grow over the past few years is exhilarating. Our students have become increasingly involved in campus life, contributing to classroom environments and demonstrating an aspect of diversity not commonly seen on a college campus. Students gain more skills and experience that lead them to the job they wanted when they started our program, while others find a career path they did not previously know existed."

One of the main goals of P2I is to increase employment outcomes for students by exploring internships as well as campus and community-based job experiences.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for those with a disability is more than twice as high as the rate for those without a disability. This is due in large part to a lack of resources for education and skills training at the systemic level. In turn, these unemployment rates lead to an increased risk of homelessness, mental health issues and, in general, lower quality of life. All students in the P2I program are either employed, participating in an internship or gaining work-based learning experiences.

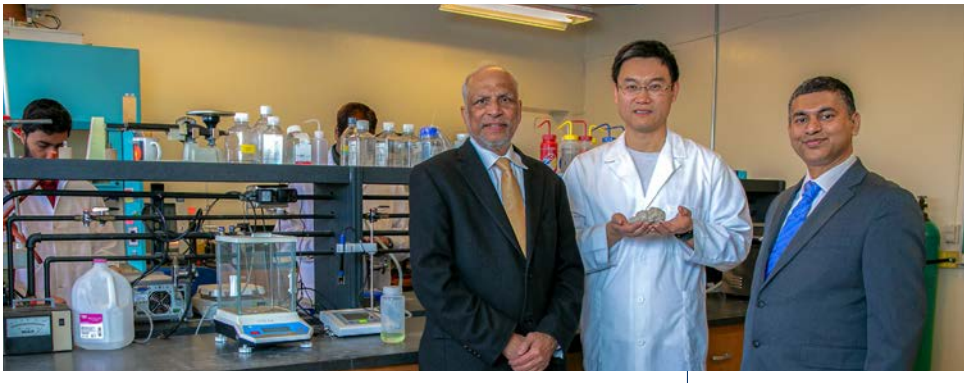
Path to Independence is a project of the Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities, housed within the College of Education & Human Development. Serving more than 21,000 people each year, NCED's mission is to develop and provide exemplary services, programs, education and research in order to promote a high quality of life for Nevadans with disabilities and their families.

The Schafers said they are honored to support programs like P2I that support those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. "Through our faith, we believe that every individual has a unique purpose in God's plan. He has given us a vision to work toward creating more housing options for our friends with disabilities, not just for P2I students but for others as well. We have established LightHouse Living Foundation as a way to bring a housing community for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to Reno. We look forward to others partnering with us to achieve this goal."

To support this program and 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.

To learn more about the Path to Independence program, scan this QR code.

Engineering, industry embark on new projects to provide cleaner lithium supply



Left to right: Professors Mano Misra, Pengbo Chu and Pradeep Menezes are working to optimize a lithium extraction process that will produce less waste.

Eric Marks '13, '18

By Chris Moran

Responding to the national need for lithium-based batteries, the College of Engineering is working with industry to develop cleaner ways to extract the element, as well as methods to recycle used lithium-ion batteries. Crucial to this "lithium loop" — encompassing mining, battery production and recycling — is workforce development, also underway at the college.

Driving those projects is the national goal to establish a domestic supply chain for lithium-based batteries as laid out by the U.S. Department of Energy in its June 2021 National Blueprint for Lithium Batteries and subsequent federal funding for those projects through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Also driving those projects: the fact that Nevada has vast amounts of lithium locked inside its sedimentary clay.

"I truly believe that we can drive the next generation's 'lithium valley' in the state of Nevada through our College of Engineering," Dean Erick Jones said in his State of the College Address in late 2022.

The college is committed: one of its research pillars is resilient lithium supply chains and critical materials. But there's also a strong commitment to meet the nation's need for lithium in an environmentally and socially responsible way.

Closing the loop

Several engineering faculty are working on lithium or battery projects, including 1998 Foundation Professor in Chemical & Materials Engineering Mano Misra, who will be working with American Battery Technology Company on two new projects: one to develop a lithium extraction process that has less impact on the environment, the other to recycle materials from spent lithium batteries.

"The global decarbonization of transportation to address climate change requires new and unconventional solutions, and the U.S. has unfortunately been essentially a nonplayer in the primary and secondary battery metals manufacturing industries in recent decades," said Ryan Melsert, CEO/CTO of ABTC. "Our recent Department of Energy-supported projects have the potential to seed a new U.S. manufacturing sector while also bringing together world-class partners throughout private industry, government laboratories and public universities, like the University of Nevada, Reno."

ABTC, which houses its research and development team on campus in the Nevada Center for Applied Research, is one of 20 companies throughout the country that received federal funding for battery development, processing, recycling and manufacturing last fall. The $58 million commitment to ABTC from the DOE, with funds allocated through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will support Misra's two lithium projects to the tune of $4.6 million.

The first project, co-led by Mechanical Engineering Associate Professor Pradeep Menezes and Nevada Gold Mines Professor Pengbo Chu, involves characterization, process engineering and modeling to optimize a lithium extraction process that needs less water and less energy, and will produce less waste.

"You have to develop a process that is environmentally acceptable," Misra said. His three-year project aims to do just that by supporting ABTC in the development of a proprietary, low-environmental-impact process that would ultimately extract 5,000 tons of lithium hydroxide daily from a commercial facility in Nevada's Big Smoky Valley near Tonopah.

Misra's second project with ABTC, also co-led by Menezes, involves recycling graphite from spent lithium batteries. "Graphite is as critical as lithium," Misra wrote in a brief about the projects. "Today, we use 55% of graphite for battery manufacturing, with most of the graphite coming from foreign sources."

The graphite recycling would occur at a 100,000-square-foot lithium-ion battery recycling plant being built in Fernley. A facility of that size will need an army of skilled workers, and the University is working to meet that need by providing a curriculum designed for these future industries, disseminated equitably.

"The College of Engineering will work with the College of Science to train skilled workers," Misra wrote. "Diversity, equity and inclusion is a critical component of the project. This project will have resources for training and educating students from underrepresented groups, particularly from Indigenous tribes."

Powering the future

As Nevada and the nation gear up to establish a domestic supply chain for lithium-based batteries, the University is positioned to support that goal. In 2015, Chemical & Materials Engineering Professor Dev Chidambaram created a minor in batteries and energy storage technologies, believed to be the first in the nation. Chidambaram also directs the Nevada Institute for Sustainability, whose projects include extending battery life as well as battery recycling.

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

The John and Geraldine Lilley Museum of Art welcomes Director Stephanie Gibson



By Reilly Moss '22 and Olivia Tull '13

It's an exciting time for The John and Geraldine Lilley Museum of Art with newly appointed Director Stephanie Gibson at the helm.

Gibson is a curator and arts administrator originally from Ottawa, Canada who has called Reno home since 2013. She has worked in varying capacities of exhibition management at institutions in both the United States and Canada, including the Art Gallery of Ontario, the National Gallery of Canada, the Aga Khan Museum in Toronto and, most recently, as assistant director for Nevada Humanities.

"The Lilley Museum is such a gem on campus," Gibson said. "I welcome everyone — students, faculty and staff, and the broader community — to visit this amazing cultural space to see our permanent collection and be a part of our dynamic temporary exhibition program. We have so much to share. My hope is that our community sees themselves in this collection and feels at home in this space."

The John and Geraldine Lilley Museum of Art provides a range of inclusive programming, world-class exhibitions, community events and learning opportunities. Supporting the educational mission of the University, The Lilley is the only free museum in Nevada that collects and exhibits art from all time periods and cultures. With a collection of more than 5,500 objects, as well as a rotating temporary exhibition program, the museum serves as a learning resource for faculty, students, the local community and scholars across the region.

Upcoming Exhibitions

Oh, Joy! | The Collection of Margo Piscevich: Until Aug. 12, 2023

This exhibition traces the history of local collector Margo Piscevich, featuring remarkable works from regional, national and international artists. The Lilley also hosted a conversation with several artists from the exhibition during Artown.

Where the Water Was by Anushka Peres @ Front Door Gallery July 31-Sept. 25, 2023

This multimedia installation by artist Anushka Peres proposes a multitude of possibilities for a reimagined landscape. Peres, an assistant professor of English in the College of Liberal Arts, is a multidisciplinary rhetorical scholar and photographer.

The Lilley Co-Lab Until Oct. 14, 2023

The Lilley Co-Lab is an audience-centered curatorial experiment where visitors are encouraged to share their thoughts, feelings and responses to the museum's permanent collection. The Lilley invites schools from across the region to visit the museum and is working with faculty across campus to incorporate this experiential learning lab into their curriculum. Generous support from the Terra Foundation for American Art and the John Ben Snow Foundation helped make this exhibition and programming happen.

Guillermo Bert: Groundwork Sept. 5, 2023-Jan. 7, 2024

Guillermo Bert makes art that explores the endurance of immigrants who have left their home countries behind. Rooted in his personal story, his primary focus has been the experiences of people and families who enter the United States along the U.S.-Mexico border. An expansive mid-career exhibition of his work, "Guillermo Bert: The Journey," will be on view at the Nevada Museum of Art beginning Aug. 26, with The Lilley exhibiting his early collage work that addresses the visual elements of urban environments. This work will be presented alongside objects from The Lilley's permanent collection. Admission to both exhibitions is free for all University students.



The Lilley
Located in the University Foundation Arts Building with parking available in the Brian J. Whalen Parking Complex

Hours of operation
During the semester:
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: **Noon to 4:00 p.m.**
Thursday: **Noon to 8:00 p.m.**
Saturday: **10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

When classes aren't in session:
Tuesday-Saturday: **Noon to 4:00 p.m.**

For more on The Lilley, events and programming, scan this QR code.

A holistic approach to research: Sudeep Chandra and Zeb Hogan use their skills in policy, outreach and education to be forces for change



Sudeep Chandra (left) and Zeb Hogan (right) have known each other for more than two decades. Those 25 years have been filled with scientific research specifically designed to conserve freshwater ecosystems, both for the health of the animals living in the water and those of us who depend on it. Jennifer Kent

By Michelle Werdann '21

"The value of science isn't just in the science itself, but in how and where it is applied to sustain our society."

This statement by Professor of Biology Sudeep Chandra could be the mission statement of the many substantial research collaborations between himself and Research Associate Professor of Biology Zeb Hogan. The two combine government relations, community engagement and education into all the work they do. They have been pursuing a more holistic approach to the conservation of freshwater ecosystems through the University's Global Water Center. As the name implies, the impact of their research can be seen around the globe.

Recently, as part of the Wonders of the Mekong project, they, and several members of the University, including President Brian Sandoval '86 (English), traveled to Cambodia. The project, led by Hogan and Chandra, aims to maintain the ecological, cultural and economic integrity of one of the most important river and delta systems in the world — the Mekong River. The group's activities included meeting with Cambodian policymakers, opening a new research laboratory and working with local fishing communities to release two Mekong giant catfish.

"It was an honor and privilege to participate in the fish release with the Cambodian government and academic representatives," President Sandoval said. "To see the years of effort in raising the fish come to fruition with this ceremony, and realizing how the University's historic partnerships will make a difference in helping to save these endangered species and, ultimately, the health of the river and helping the communities along the river — it's just amazing."

Chandra and Hogan have ongoing comprehensive projects around the world and support even more through the efforts of interdisciplinary faculty in the Global Water Center. However, the importance of their work can be seen locally as well. Chandra has studied how Lake Tahoe's clarity is threatened by human impacts like invasive species and pollution for more than two decades, and his research and collaborations with groups like the Tahoe Science Advisory Council have directly influenced Tahoe conservation policy. Chandra's activities at the Lake will now include teaching at the newly acquired Wayne L. Prim campus, and he is looking forward to feeling even more at home at the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe.

"Lake Tahoe supports the intersections of how scientific knowledge and discourse can be used to promote sound public policy," said Chandra, who is Director of the Global Water Center and the Ozmen Institute for Global Studies. "The University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe location now offers the opportunity for our students to engage directly with this living laboratory and engage with our policymakers. Having a place-based learning experience within the Tahoe Basin, they will be ready to tackle and solve environmental issues facing our planet."

Both Hogan and Chandra find immense value in communicating their research with the general public. Hogan, who serves as director of the Wonders of the Mekong project, is the host of the Nat Geo WILD television show "Monster Fish." His adventures with the show are also captured in an immersive museum exhibit, "Monster Fish: In Search of the Last River Giants," which recently returned to the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum after traveling the U.S. for eight years. The exhibit, a collaboration between the University and National Geographic, will call Reno's Discovery Museum home until January 2024.

"The exhibit has reached over a million people — especially children and students — with messages about the importance of freshwater biodiversity conservation," Hogan said. "Bringing the exhibit back to Reno is an exciting way to connect the University of Nevada, Reno with the community that we serve."

Hogan and Chandra have bridged the gap between science and outreach in many unique ways. Hogan recently published his first book, "Chasing Giants: In Search of the World's Largest Freshwater Fish" in collaboration with National Geographic journalist Stefan Lovgren. Through recent interviews on the Sagebrushers podcast with President Sandoval and the Discover Science podcast with journalist Andrew Revkin, Chandra and Hogan continue to seek out new audiences.

Whether they're serving as doctoral thesis advisers, communicating with local fishers or presenting to policymakers, Chandra and Hogan are helping people better understand how healthy water systems are critical to the well-being of the entire ecosystem, humans included.

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

Closing the gap: Nevada GAIN program to increase retention and success of first-generation and underrepresented doctoral students

Using evidence-based strategies, The Graduate School aims to increase retention and success through workshops, mentoring and network support



Class of 2021 NSF GAIN Scholars.
The Graduate School

By Loren Pietsch and Matthew Aguirre '11, '15 M.A., '19 Ph.D.

The Graduate School is proud to continue the Graduate Acceleration through Innovation and Networking Scholars program, designed with skill-building workshops, professional development opportunities and mentoring for graduate students in doctoral programs.

The inaugural program cohort was funded through a National Science Foundation Innovations in Graduate Education grant, which supported a small group of students through the first two years of their doctoral program. Building on the success of this initiative and leveraging the most impactful components of the initial program, The Graduate School will offer a variation for incoming doctoral students called Nevada GAIN.

Students from first-generation and underrepresented backgrounds face unique challenges in doctoral programs, as they are less likely to apply and less likely to complete their graduate program when compared to other student populations in similar fields. The Nevada GAIN program uniquely addresses these challenges and demonstrates the University's commitment to providing opportunities for all students to succeed.

At the core of Nevada GAIN are skill-building workshops taught by faculty from a range of disciplines, which include training in statistical analysis and various computational tools.

A unique component of the program is family life education, as nonfinancial family support plays a large role in the success and retention of first-generation and underrepresented graduate students. Research, including questionnaires and focus groups, conducted with the initial cohort and their families, provided two key insights: students require social support and they are more likely to succeed when they are connected to others. Families are critical in that they play both supportive and connective roles. This is often a challenge because parents and caregivers of first-generation students may find it hard to relate to their student's academic activities and not be aware of the challenges and stressors they encounter. Because of this, families are woven into Nevada GAIN throughout the student's first year in graduate school to bridge the experience between home and academia. The goal is to foster a sense of belonging to family as well as one's academic program.

The program's early success is due in part to The Graduate School's vision for investing in the future of graduate education. Thanks to the program's initial funding from NSF, dozens of students have already received valuable opportunities to advance their academic and professional development.

One of the program's notable success stories is Arturo Macías Franco '18 (veterinary science and agricultural science), '21 M.S. (animal and rangeland science), a class of 2024 Ph.D. student in animal and rangeland science. Originally from Mexico, Arturo participated in the NSF GAIN Scholars program, which allowed him to improve his scientific communication skills and create a broad support network. These skills and the program's support have advanced his research, which integrates mathematical and statistical models into solutions for agricultural and biological dilemmas in topics such as sustainability, nutrition, water use and water efficiency, and predictive carcass modeling.

"The GAIN program provided me with the opportunity to find a community in graduate school that would have been impossible to find otherwise," Arturo said. "Finding a community and support system with similar life experiences and challenges is necessary and life changing for ensuring the success of graduate students. It also helped me better understand the academic processes I had never heard about. I'd highly recommend everyone to apply."

You can help support the continued success of the Nevada GAIN program by making a gift at the QR code below.

From Illinois to Reno: Seth Padovan, a civil engineer's journey



Civil Engineer Seth Padovan.
Courtesy of Padovan

By Madeline Zunino '22 (class of 2024)

Seth Padovan, a proud Honors College parent and member of the Honors College Community Advisory Board, has had a rewarding experience being involved in his son Quinn's (class of 2026) college life. Padovan works to raise awareness of the Honors College and its programs, and contributes to the growth and success of the college. He enjoys being surrounded by smart and energetic people and is passionate about helping the University improve, knowing that a better University means a better community. As a new empty nester, Padovan wanted to give back to the community and saw the advisory board as a perfect opportunity to do so.

Padovan grew up in Charleston, Illinois, a small university town where his father was a swim coach on campus and his mother was a lobbyist in Springfield. Padovan's upbringing and proclivity for math and science influenced his career choice. In 1997, Padovan graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in civil engineering.

Soon after graduation, Padovan and his wife moved to Chicago, where they both started their careers. The company Padovan was working for opened an office in Denver and Padovan jumped at the chance to move out West, where he had always dreamed of living. He joined the company's new office in Denver and worked as a civil design engineer for several years — designing and constructing large, residential land development projects.

Padovan moved from Denver to Aspen, and later settled in Reno-Tahoe. He began working on everything from conceptual design to helping with entitlements and construction management of a big residential development — Somersett. As that project was completed, Padovan started his own company, Padovan Consulting, LLC.

In 2008, the recession hit, and Padovan's company was just one year old. Since there was no development work at the time, he pivoted to infrastructure maintenance. Through contacts and sage advice from others, Padovan started doing more infrastructure maintenance and repair for privately owned organizations. As he adapted his business, he continued to expand his company's footprint and work with other developers in the area.

Despite the challenges, Padovan has found success in the region, where he continues to do construction management for large residential subdivisions and infrastructure maintenance. His love for the outdoors and skiing has brought him full circle — from the Midwest to Aspen and now, the beautiful mountains of northern Nevada.

Leveraging his construction industry connections and contacts to support the Honors College, Padovan is dedicated to helping the college with fundraising, awareness and community engagement.

Recently, Padovan attended the Honors College's 60th Anniversary event where he connected with other members of the advisory board, Honors College parents and students. He was particularly impressed by Bob Davidson's talk, where he learned more about the illustrious history and success of the Davidson Academy.

When asked about his advice for college students, Padovan simply said, "Hard work is not always fun, but it pays off." A proud parent of a new University student, Padovan emphasized the importance of studying hard and managing stress, especially during difficult times.

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

Joel '13 and Courtney Bitonio '14 welcome Bitonio Family Strength & Conditioning Center



Joel '13 and Courtney Bitonio '14 at special event celebrating the Bitonio Family Strength & Conditioning Center inside Cashell Fieldhouse. Nevada Athletics

Generous support from Bitonios helps renovate football weight room inside Robert Cashell Fieldhouse

By Allison M. Williams '08

The University of Nevada, Reno definitely left its mark on Joel '13 (economics) and Courtney Bitonio '14 (human development & family studies), and now the two are leaving their mark with a generous gift and pledge supporting the Bitonio Family Strength & Conditioning Center.

A former standout student-athlete at Nevada, Joel Bitonio is now heading into his 10th season as a guard for the Cleveland Browns. Drafted 35th overall in the 2014 NFL Draft, Cleveland has always been Bitonio's home in the NFL — not missing a single snap for the last six seasons.

Just like his time at Nevada, Bitonio's proven himself again and again on the field for Cleveland. Donning #75, Bitonio was selected to the Pro Bowl five times from 2018-22, becoming the first Browns guard to receive three consecutive Pro Bowl selections since Hall of Famer Gene Hickerson. This honor adds to his resume of five Associated Press All-Pro honors from 2018-22, 2018 Art Rooney Sportsmanship Award winner and 2014 Pro Football Writers of America All-AFC team, where he was the only offensive rookie selected. Locally, he's also been named to Reno Gazette Journal's "Top 100 Local Sports Figures," taking the 32nd spot in 2016.

Last season also brought recognition of his accomplishments off the field as the Browns' nomination for the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award. Each year, one honoree is nominated from each NFL team in recognition of the player's commitment to philanthropy and supporting communities.

The Bitonios generosity has spread from our campus, with support of the football program since 2016, to Cleveland and Joel's hometown of Long Beach, California.

"We strive to support those who can't support themselves, which is why we've been honored to help the Cleveland Food Bank on a number of initiatives tied to food insecurity," Courtney Bitonio said. "We've also aided with a Secret Santa shopping spree for underprivileged youth in Cleveland, as well as programs that help underresourced youth in Long Beach, where Joel's mom is a third grade teacher."

"We are proud to give back to our alma mater and the University that truly helped shape my career," Joel added. "As a proud student-athlete from Nevada, I can't tell you how much it means to be able to support a state-of-the-art strength and conditioning center for future Pack football players. So much of my professional success began right here at the Cashell Fieldhouse and Mackay Stadium, and I hope the Bitonio Family Strength & Conditioning Center will do the same for generations to come."

Athletic Director Stephanie Rempe said the new facility's advanced technology and leading-edge equipment will "create elite training opportunities that give our dedicated staff the tools they need to achieve success with current players and on the recruiting trail." Student-athletes agree that support during training is what brings home Ws during the season. "We spend 80% of our time in the weight room. This is where we win games," explained redshirt junior offensive lineman Zac Welch. "The new equipment will motivate us to work hard and grind. The stronger we feel in the weight room, the stronger we will feel on the field."

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

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Interim Dean Cameron Duncan '10 with Orvis School of Nursing faculty.

Interim Dean Cameron Duncan '10 named 2023 American Association of Nurse Practitioners Fellow

By Jillian Baker '13

After a competitive and rigorous application and evaluation process, Interim Dean Cameron Duncan '10 (nursing) was inducted into the Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners in March. Established by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, FAANP is dedicated to the global advancement of nurse practitioners and the high-quality health care they deliver. Comprised of nationally recognized nurse practitioner leaders who have made outstanding contributions to NP education, policy, clinical practice or research, the fellows work toward furthering the profession, developing leaders of the future and enhancing AANP's mission.

Duncan's application included accomplishments in all four of the focus areas of the AANP mission. Prior to serving as interim dean, Duncan served as program director of the state's first Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program at the Orvis School of Nursing. Over a five-year period, he grew the program from six students per year to graduating 16 annually. This rapid program growth was achieved by partnering with local health care institutions, the Nevada Advanced Practice Nurses Association and the Rural Hospital Association to ensure Orvis is preparing nurse practitioners to meet the unique demands in Nevada.

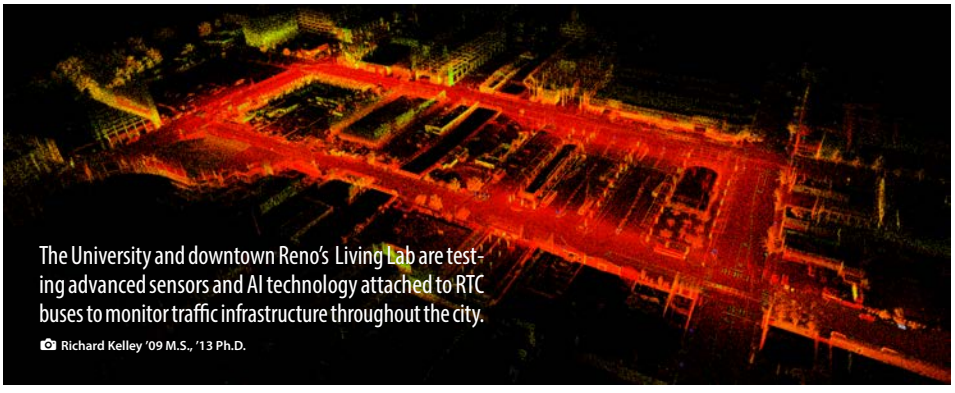
As vice president of the Nevada Advanced Practice Nurses Association, Duncan has had significant impact on health care policy in the state — spearheading statewide initiatives and collaborating with legislators to remove unexpected barriers to practice. Some of these accomplishments include allowing nurse practitioners to sign DMV placards and death certificates, and attaining statute changes allowing psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioners to partake in all aspects of the legal hold process, including conducting evaluations, establishing a need for and releasing mental health crisis holds for patients.

As part of the FAANP, Duncan will continue his advocacy for the nursing profession and health care policy. Alongside his role as interim dean, he is actively involved in clinical practice and research. He owns and practices in a health care clinic providing mental health and primary care to our community. His passion is caring for patients with a holistic lens, addressing both mental and physical health needs. That passion drives his research focused on educating health care providers on how to incorporate mental health considerations into their practice. He has published his work in multiple journals including "The Journal of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners" and "The Nurse Practitioner."

The FAANP Induction Ceremony recently took place in New Orleans, Louisiana in late June during the AANP National Conference. In response to his induction, Duncan said, "It is an honor to be invited to join such a prestigious group of professionals around the globe. The appointment brings recognition to the amazing work nurse practitioners are doing across the state to serve their community. It also shines a light on the amazing dedication of our faculty here at the Orvis School of Nursing to lead the nursing profession to great heights and reassures our students that Orvis graduates can do great things!"

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

Intelligent Mobility: public bus automatically detects, reports damaged signals, signs and other maintenance issues to RTC team



The University and downtown Reno's Living Lab are testing advanced sensors and AI technology attached to RTC buses to monitor traffic infrastructure throughout the city.

Richard Kelley '09 M.S., '13 Ph.D.

Through partnership with RTC of Washoe County, a University team is testing a first-of-its-kind 'digital twin' technology on Reno streets

By Jane Tors '82

What if the electric, public buses of the Regional Transportation Commission could monitor and report issues such as potholes or damaged traffic signs, bus stops or traffic signals?

A new technology developed by a University of Nevada, Reno research group is making this idea reality, and it's being tested in partnership with the RTC in downtown Reno's real-world Living Lab.

An RTC bus traveling the Virginia Street corridor has been installed with advanced sensors and artificial intelligence. These sensors allow the bus to monitor the traffic infrastructure around it and use AI to detect problems. If a problem or damage is detected, an automatic notification is sent to RTC's maintenance team.

"This technology allows problems to be detected, reported and fixed more quickly," said Richard Kelley '09 M.S., '13 Ph.D. (computer science & engineering), senior engineer with the University's Nevada Center for Applied Research, who developed and leads the project. "This use of artificial intelligence is designed to support maintenance and other personnel, and not replace them."

It's called the Digital Twin project because the sensors and AI on the bus build a virtual copy of the city streets, and identify maintenance needs by comparing new sensor data against the stored "digital twin" of the transit infrastructure.

The project is supported by the Federal Transit Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Along with Kelley, it involves Hao Xu, an associate professor in the College of Engineering's Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Eric Wang, a class of 2025 graduate student, and Gaetano Evangelista '18, '22 M.S. (computer science & engineering) and class of 2024 Ph.D. student and research assistant.

The Digital Twin project is part of Intelligent Mobility, a multidisciplinary research initiative coordinated through the Nevada Center for Applied Research. As Carlos Cardillo, University executive director of corporate partnerships, described it, "NCAR's Intelligent Mobility initiative brings together researchers, collaborators, ideas, projects and resources to work toward transportation solutions."

RTC Executive Director Bill Thomas expressed how the Digital Twin partnership and other efforts with the University complement the goals of increasing transportation safety and efficiency. "The RTC always pursues innovative technology that will enhance the safety of the traveling public," he said. "Working with the University puts the RTC in a unique position to safely test new technology in a real-world environment that can lead to tangible safety improvements on our community's roadways."

Exploring mobility solutions in Living Labs

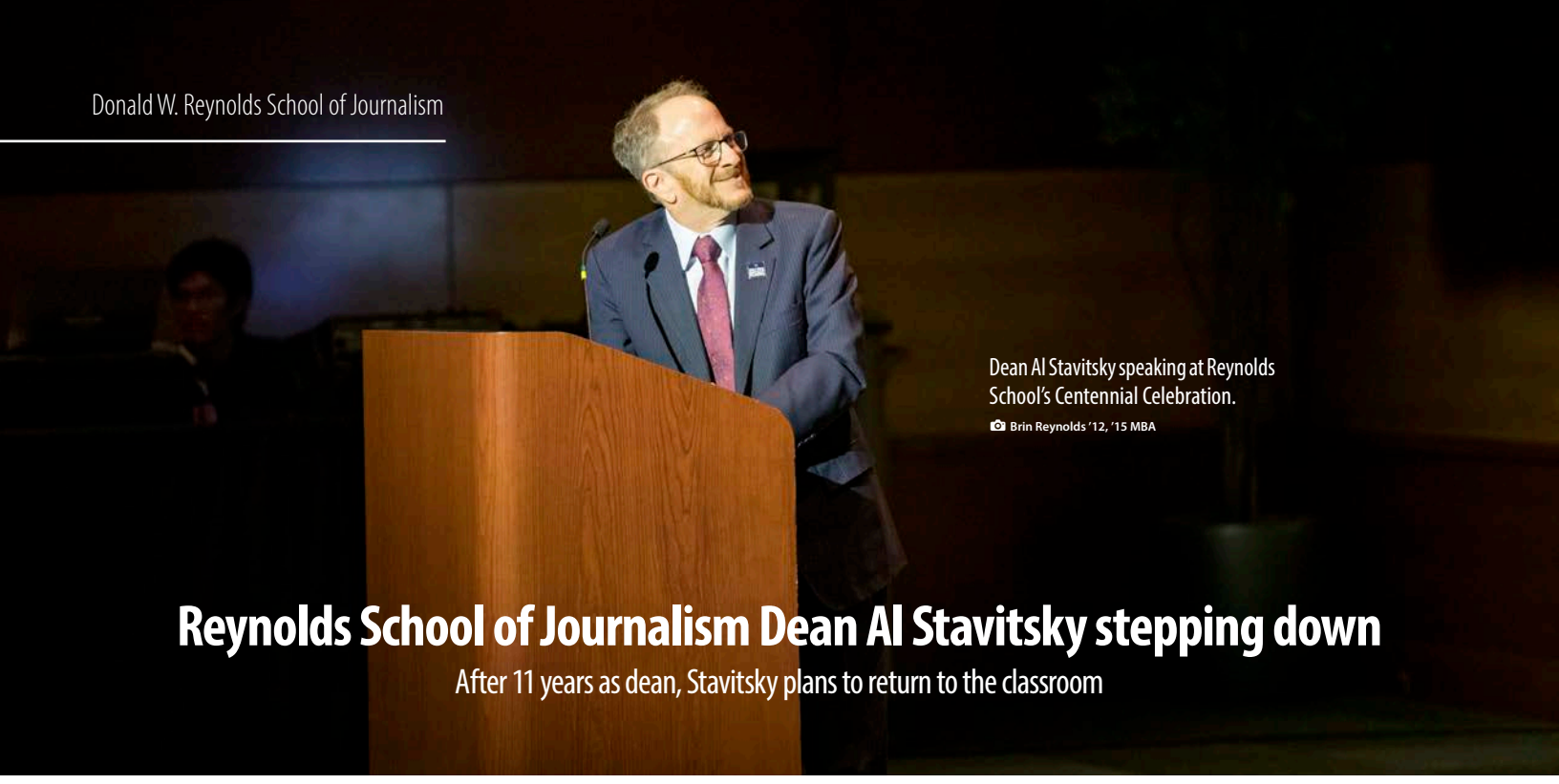
Nevada's Living Labs are real-world environments, in both urban and rural settings, where transportation- and mobility-related tests are conducted. This ability to test and refine technologies in these varied settings is fundamental to Intelligent Mobility.

"The Living Laboratory concept was originally developed jointly by the Governor's Office of Economic Development and the University," said Karsten Heise, director of strategic programs for GOED, which provides funding support to NCAR. "It comprises the creation of a user-centered, open-innovation laboratory offering a real-world environment to develop and test new mobility technologies, pilot new concepts and discover engineering limitations, and has received continuous funding support by the GOED-administered Nevada Knowledge Fund since its inception in 2016."

The Living Labs not only draw the interest of agencies, businesses and entrepreneurs to Nevada, but also contribute to the workforce development of University students.

"Over time, the Living Labs will attract an increasing number of technology companies conducting cutting-edge research and development work in the mobility field," Heise said. "It puts the University at the forefront of technologies and concepts that will lead the 21st century such as robotics, autonomous vehicles, software development for autonomous systems, and expertise on the legal implication of how to deal with this new traffic environment containing autonomous and connected vehicles. Furthermore, as research and development are supported by the University's students, its graduates will be equipped with hands-on experience of relevant equipment and technologies, which is highly valuable to employers."

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



Dean Al Stavitsky speaking at Reynolds School's Centennial Celebration.

Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA

Reynolds School of Journalism Dean Al Stavitsky stepping down

After 11 years as dean, Stavitsky plans to return to the classroom

By Lila Reeves-Hampton '17

After standing at the helm of the Reynolds School of Journalism for more than a decade, Dean Al Stavitsky has announced he will step down from the position to return to faculty as a professor at the end of the year.

"Serving as Reynolds School dean for the past 11 years has been a privilege and the capstone of my academic and professional career," Stavitsky said. "I've missed working more directly with students, however, and am eager to return to the classroom and to my research on the history of Nevada broadcasting."

Following five deans in the previous 10 years, Stavitsky arrived in 2012 promising stability and bringing a vision for the future.

That vision included the launch of new academic programs in health communications, Spanish-language media and film production. The school created the Noticiero Móvil bilingual news service; the Mick Hitchcock, Ph.D., Project for Visualizing Science; and the Reynolds Media Lab production center. "We are now much broader than what the school traditionally was and are now preparing students for a wide range of career opportunities, which reflects the emerging media marketplace," Stavitsky added.

Under Stavitsky's leadership, the school also received two of the leading national awards in journalism education: the Equity and Diversity Award from the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, as well as the grand prize for Innovation in Journalism Education from the Online News Association. "I'm so proud and appreciative of my Reynolds School colleagues for these awards," he said. "I can't think of two more important areas to be recognized for achievement at the national level."

The Reynolds School was also the first journalism school in the nation to partner with NPR to train students for careers in public media through the Next Generation Radio Nevada program. In 2017, the University's public radio stations, KUNR and KNCJ, were brought under Stavitsky's direction.

A former broadcast journalist, he was named Distinguished Scholar to the Library of Congress' Radio Preservation Task Force and was inducted into the Nevada Broadcasters Hall of Fame in October 2022. Stavitsky is looking forward to continuing his research for the Library of Congress and has plans to write a definitive history of Nevada broadcasting upon returning to faculty.

"Over the years, I've sat in on many classes and I often find myself — instead of sitting in the back of the class observing — wishing that I was in the front doing the teaching. So, I'm eager to conclude my academic career back where it started, in the classroom."

Stavitsky is a past president of the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication and holds the Fred W. Smith Chair in Journalism at the Reynolds School.

"Dean Al, as he is affectionately known by so many, has been an integral part of the success of the Reynolds School of Journalism and its record-setting achievement for more than a decade," Executive Vice President and Provost Jeff Thompson said. "Under his dedicated leadership, Dean Al has reframed and renewed the way modern journalism education is approached and taught at the University. We are grateful that Dean Al will join the incredible faculty within the Reynolds School. Our students will greatly benefit by having him in the classroom."

A national search for the next Reynolds School dean is underway, and Stavitsky will continue to serve until the new dean is in place. To recognize Dean Al's contributions, the Reynolds School newsroom, for which the RSJ is fundraising for a major technological conversion, will be renamed in his honor.

Donate to the Al Stavitsky Newsroom Conversion at this QR code.





Patrick Ronan '94 provides generous gift to renovate School of Public Health building

Alumnus says passion for the field led him down a rewarding path in public health sector

Left: Patron in the University Honor Court Patrick Ronan '94. Courtesy of Ronan

Right: School of Public Health faculty say "thank you" for gift from Patrick Ronan '94. Brianna Lovett '23

By Brianna Lovett '23 and Brittany Flores '18

School of Public Health alumnus and Honor Court Patron Patrick Ronan '94 (health education) donated $1.5 million to support the renovation of the Edna S. Brigham Clinical Education Building, a 10,000-plus square-foot space on the University of Nevada, Reno campus that will soon house the School of Public Health. The opportunity to renovate and occupy the Brigham Building follows the school's significant increase in undergraduate and graduate enrollment, research success and community impact.

"Our school has experienced a tremendous amount of growth, and our new space will provide students and faculty improved access to technology and collaboration opportunities among researchers and community partners," said Muge Akpinar-Elci, dean of the School of Public Health. "Patrick's gift to support our renovation transforms our student and faculty experience, and enhances our ability to train our future public health leaders, boost workforce development, and support equitable, healthy and resilient communities."

Ronan credits former Professor Phyllis Reed and Faculty Emerita Rosalie Marinelli for not only teaching theories and technical subject matters in the classroom, but also discussing how these theories and skills could be used to protect and promote public health, better serve communities, and solve critical public health challenges. The collaborative and applicable nature of his public health education shaped his dynamic career.

"The time spent collaborating on projects with professors and fellow students allowed me to learn and grow in an organic environment where I was able to continuously enhance my capabilities," said Ronan. "Being surrounded by people who were excelling in areas of public health was both rewarding and fulfilling, and played a key role in shaping how I now define success in a professional setting."

Ronan is currently the CEO of Validant, a global, full-service life science consulting firm providing regulatory, compliance and quality consulting to pharmaceutical, biologics, medical device and diagnostics developers and manufacturers seeking to bring to market and commercialize products globally. He previously served as the Founder and CEO of Greenleaf Health, Inc., a leading regulatory consulting firm based in Washington, D.C., which he started in 2007. Prior to founding Greenleaf, he held leadership positions for more than two decades at the Food and Drug Administration as well as a leading global pharmaceutical company.

Diverse experiences in the public health and health care sectors have shaped Ronan's perspective and understanding of the public health landscape. He encourages current public health students to embrace active learning.

"The world needs you — don't be a passive observer in your education — engage your professors and peers, and capture the excitement of learning new things and exploring new opportunities. The identity of the public health field has evolved rapidly over the past three years; this is your opportunity to be a leader and make a difference."

When asked what he hopes his gift will accomplish beyond renovation, Ronan expressed his vision for the school. "On a national level, I hope this gift further enhances the identity of the School of Public Health so Nevada can continue its path of attracting and educating the public health leaders of tomorrow. On a local level, my hope is that this gift provides a true home for the School of Public Health where students enjoy the same enriching and lasting experiences that I did during my undergraduate years at Nevada."

He also hopes his gift will inspire current and future community partners and donors to do their part to support the development of the next generation of public health leaders.

"History has demonstrated there is never a surplus of effective leaders; this is our opportunity — your opportunity — to lead. Nevada is uniquely positioned to be a leader in the public health field and our support is essential to fulfilling this ambition."

"Words cannot describe the impact Patrick's gift will have on the future of public health for generations to come," Akpinar-Elci said. "This donation will help us create new spaces for collaborative research and training opportunities that will best position our school to serve our communities."

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

To learn more about the School of Public Health, scan the QR code below.

Celebrating social workers across Nevada



By Courtney Quast

In March, the School of Social Work hosted its third annual Celebrating Social Work Leaders event, as part of National Social Work Month, to recognize and highlight the lasting impact of social workers across Nevada.

More than 235 students, alumni, dignitaries and community partners registered for the event held at Atlantis Casino Resort Spa. Interim Dean Lillian Wichinsky delivered the State of the School Address; Chief of Staff for the Nevada Attorney General's Office Teresa Benitez-Thompson '01 (political science) discussed the importance of advocacy within the profession; President of the School of Social Work Alumni Chapter Steven Hammonds '13 (psychology & Spanish), '19 MSW delivered remarks encouraging alumni to join the chapter; and 12 awards were presented recognizing individuals and organizations who embody the values and ethics of social work.

A Lifetime Achievement award was also presented to Rota Rosaschi '75 (social services corrections), '91 MPA for her commitment and dedication to the School of Social Work and for 50 years of service to the profession in the state of Nevada.

Wichinsky's State of the School Address emphasized the growing demand for qualified social workers, particularly in Nevada, to address workforce shortages and to meet the mental health needs of the state. "With almost 800 enrolled students in two programs, the school is already working to address this shortage," said Wichinsky.

Left to right: Lifetime Achievement Award winner Rota Rosaschi '75, '91 MPA; Interim Dean Lillian Wichinsky and Leadership (Legacy) Award winner Marybeth Burroughs '96, '97 M.S.

Scholarships improve the quality of life and educational experience for students, while also increasing retention and graduation rates. First-generation students are more likely to apply and attend graduate school when scholarships are provided. "Research shows that educational debt for social work students is considerable, with it being higher for students from diverse groups. We want our students to start their careers debt free," said Wichinsky.

While there is financial assistance available to students, Wichinsky said it's not enough. There are only about 40 social work-specific scholarships available for 800 students.

"Social workers make a difference every day in the lives of those in the community," Wichinsky said. "And that's why we need to make a difference in the lives of our social work students. By increasing the number of scholarships available, we can provide students with the resources they need to complete their degrees and launch fulfilling and impactful careers right here in Nevada."

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Aging & Disability Services Division, Adult Protective Services

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Weiyu Mao
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To contribute to the School of Social Work General Scholarship Fund, scan the QR code below.



Digitization of snow survey notebooks by James Church '1892, '37 (Hon.) gives historical data new life

By Jill Stockton
All images courtesy of Special Collections and University Archives

Trained in the classics, Distinguished Nevadan James Church came to the University to teach. While teaching languages and literature he began working to solve the question of how much moisture, or water content, could be found in snow.

More than a century later, an interdepartmental team of experts from across the University Libraries completed a project designed to digitally capture photos, field notebooks and other items from the James Edward Church Papers manuscript collection to make them available online to researchers, scholars and curious learners everywhere.

The Church collection resides within the Libraries' Special Collections and University Archives, where it has been taken care of — and added to — with the support of nearly 20 individuals and organizations.

As SCUA and other departments in the Libraries were working to increase the number of collections available to users online, the late Russell Church and his family stepped forward in 2020 to provide funding to digitize a portion of the Church collection. With financial support secured, SCUA identified 62 historic snow sample notebooks for digitization. They then partnered with other departments in the Libraries to complete the work.

In early 2023, digitized materials from the Church collection were added to the Libraries' digital archive. The earliest of these materials date back to 1907 and capture Church's groundbreaking work sampling snow in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

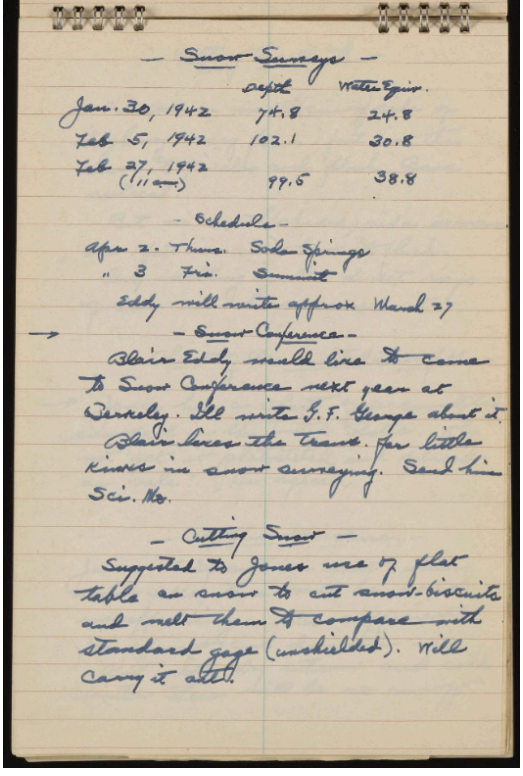
"The physical notebook pages we worked with were clearly well-loved and well-used in the field," said Katherine Dirk '06 (history), digitization lab manager for the Libraries' digital services department. "There are water stains, smashed bugs and other traces from the field captured on the high-resolution digital renderings of the physical notebook pages. What users see online in the Libraries' digital archive is what someone would see if they were viewing the original materials in person, on-site inside the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center."

"The notebooks are big and small in size and are a combination of personal and professional information," Dirk continued. "Church and his team members recorded notes on anything and everything; shreds of paper, receipts, napkins. They all had different handwriting and each person was sure to use every last ounce of space available to record what they were seeing, feeling and experiencing during their expeditions."

Thanks to donor support over multiple phases of the collection's life, Director of Distinctive Collections with the University Libraries, Kim Anderson, said SCUA has reached a point to support computational work, while also considering how to use specific collections as data.

Anderson's colleague, Carlos Ramirez-Reyes, assistant professor and data services coordinator for DeLaMare Science and Engineering Library, is working to explore the possibility of extracting Church's data from the digitized materials.

"Because Church is a pioneer of snow measurements, he is our main source of information on climate and snow data from this time period," Ramirez-Reyes said. "No one else was taking regular snow measurements and using consistent techniques."



Digitized page from one of Church's field notebooks.

"Snow documents, surveys, field notes, temperature recordings and environmental aspects of the sites Church visited are all documented and digitized in the first phase of this project," Ramirez-Reyes continued. "Now, in order to extract the data from the digitized materials, we need donor support. Donations are needed to obtain and use computer software to read the handwriting found within the notebook pages due to the sheer volume of information available. From there, we'd need support to hire a professional colleague to verify and fact check the work of the computer."

"This Libraries digitization project is bringing data from 80 years ago to the research community," said Michael Dettinger, a research hydrologist and climatologist. "This work provides priceless historical context and is of interest to researchers who want to see and study the numbers and teachers who always mention Church but only have access to one or two photos of him standing in a snow-covered field."

To check out the James Edward Church Papers manuscript collection, scan the QR code below.



Nevada Rural Housing has commissioned the University's Extension to conduct research on housing needs in rural Nevada communities so NRH can direct funds to projects that will provide long-term solutions for affordable housing challenges.

Extension to conduct detailed assessment of Nevada's rural housing needs

Results will guide Nevada Rural Housing projects and other state housing efforts

By Claudene Wharton '86, '99 M.A.

Nevada Rural Housing has enlisted the help of University of Nevada, Reno Extension to conduct a two-year study of the rural housing situation in every Nevada county. The study will provide detailed information about the housing challenges and needs in each community — helping guide the agency's decisions on how to spend federal relief funds received, as well as other agency funds.

"While it doesn't take specific data to tell us Nevada has deep affordable housing challenges, it does take a more analytical approach to help deliver the right solutions that will create lasting impact for generations to come," said Bill Brewer, executive director of NRH. "Simply building more, or providing more subsidies, isn't necessarily the answer. There's no silver bullet. Our housing problems are multifaceted and layered, which requires a layered approach with many solutions."

Extension's Nevada Economic Assessment Project has been commissioned to lead the project and will be working with a variety of local, state and federal agencies — as well as conducting other research and analytics — to assess housing conditions. The project will expand upon the program's work that already provides county, state and federal agencies, and their partners, with baseline data and analyses to better understand trends in each county's demographic, social, economic, fiscal and environmental characteristics.

Looking at several factors in regard to the housing situation in rural areas of the state, Extension's assessment will include household size, percentage of total income spent on housing, senior housing and housing for those with low, fixed incomes. Research has already begun in Lincoln and Elko counties.

"We are really pleased to be working with Nevada Rural Housing on this," said Buddy Borden, associate professor and Extension community economic development specialist, who directs the program with colleague Tom Harris, 1997 Foundation Professor and state specialist at Extension. "It's so important that Nevada Rural Housing, and everyone they partner with throughout the state, have detailed information to tailor solutions for each unique community. That's the only way to ensure we don't just 'Band-Aid' the issues, and instead address these challenges with long-term solutions."

The information will be shared with various partners across the state and available online. NRH Executive Director Brewer said they hope to work with the University to use a dashboard-style, interactive tool as the project evolves.

"We've commissioned housing studies in the past and, while they've been useful, they've historically only provided a snapshot in time," he said. "This project with Extension is an upgraded approach, using a template that will make ongoing updates simpler and more readily available — especially as Nevada grows or contracts over time. The data will be shared and used by all of us intending to make a dent in our housing supply and access problem."

Brewer pointed out that as a local government agency, not a state agency, NRH receives no funding from the state budget, and manages its own budget. The agency has received relief funds and earns other revenues to promote, provide and finance affordable housing opportunities for rural Nevadans. He says the pandemic "shed an enormous light on the housing crisis in Nevada," resulting in an unprecedented commitment by state and local governments to help deliver solutions.

"I think we're all looking to see how we can make the best housing decisions with a community that will make a lasting impact for the better," Brewer said. "Partnering with Extension, which has a proven track record in our state, an understanding of housing data collection and analyses, and a presence throughout our rural communities, is a perfect fit for this project."

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

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Dear fellow alumni,

Summer is finally here, and we wrapped up another incredible academic year. This spring, we conferred more than 3,100 degrees and surpassed an incredible milestone — more than 125,000 degrees conferred in the University's history. The caliber of Nevada graduates never ceases to amaze me and I am continually in awe of those who we now count among our Wolf Pack Alumni Family.

Excitement is building as we enter into our sesquicentennial season this fall! Planning is well underway to make this a celebratory year for the record books. With the help of the community, the University unveiled a new 150th anniversary logo that is the perfect amalgamation of celebrating our incredible history, while also giving a nod to the future. Stay tuned to the Nevada Alumni Association's social media channels and website for more information on the different opportunities to participate in the sesquicentennial festivities! (You can also learn more about the 150th on page 2.)

We are eager to stay connected with you this summer and into the fall! Head to **unr.edu/alumni/events** for all the details on events and programs connecting our alumni family.

Go Pack!

Shenea Strader

Shenea Strader '05, '07 MBA

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Emily Sharick '21 M.A.
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Administrative Assistant IV

Nominate yourself or a friend for the Nevada Alumni Council before August 1!



1970s

MAHENDRA DOSHI '70 (history) wrote "Surat to San Francisco: How the Patels from Gujarat Established the Hotel Business in California 1942-1960." Published in June 2022, this unique work narrates the untold story of the Patel hoteliers from Gujarat, India who established their hotel business in 1942 and now own more than 60% of all hotels and motels in the U.S.

ANDREW ROA '79 (speech/theatre) is now appearing in the new film "Somewhere in Montana" alongside Graham McTavish and Michelle Hurd. The movie was just released.

1980s

BILL WEBB '82 (journalism) directed and produced "Gerro!" an award-winning documentary chronicling the work of Punta Gorda clothing designer and artist Helen Gerro. Inspired by Bill's recent book, "So Much Left: Adventuring, Living, Working, Loving and Creating Beyond 50," the film won Best Documentary at the 2022 Seattle International Fashion Film Festival as well as an Award of Excellence at the Canada Shorts film festival.

MATT TAORMINA '83 (criminal justice) published his second novel, "Eye of the Dolphin," in January 2023. The novel tells a story of a small family, as a troubled mother, father and daughter try to solve the ancient mystery that brings them dangerously closer together.

RICHARD JAY '84 (economics) has opened a new office with three other advisors within the Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network called the Wealth Advisory Group. Richard is a senior vice president-investment officer and a chartered retirement plans specialist with the College for Financial Planning.

1990s

AMY DE VAUL '93 (English) was recently honored by President **BRIAN SANDOVAL '86** (English) with the University's Alumni Excellence in Education Award for 29 years of service to Clark County School District students. Amy currently teaches English at Spring Valley High School in Las Vegas.

STACY KENDALL '94 (social psychology)**, '99 M.A.** (sociology) recently received the Carolyn Sparks Founder's award from the International Women's Forum Nevada Chapter. The statewide award recognizes Nevada women with significant professional and community accomplishments. As an honoree, Stacy attended the IWF World Leadership Conference with female leaders from 41 countries to discuss global issues including the economy, sustainability, democracy and scientific discoveries.

N KRISTIN (GHIGGERI) BURGARELLO '97 (journalism) was granted emerita status with the University in 2022 after her 17-year career in development and alumni relations, where she was grateful to build relationships on and off campus. Kristin now leads fundraising efforts for the Desert Research Institute in collaboration with the DRI Foundation.

2000s

VIKKI ERICKSON '01 (social work)**, '02 MSW** received the 2022 Sunny Andrews Award for Outstanding Commitment to Social Work Regulatory Board Service from the Association of Social Work Boards in November 2022. Vikki was recognized for serving the board with integrity and grace, and being a role model for other board members and social work stakeholders.



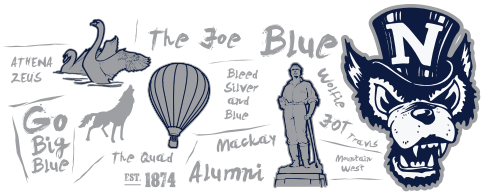
Golden Reunion

Friday, Sept. 15 & Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023

Mark your calendars and get ready for a celebration 50 years in the making!

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ROB GAEDTKE '05 (journalism), president and CEO of local integrated marketing agency KPS3, was named one of Vistage's 2022 Leadership Award recipients. A longtime member and past board chair of The Children's Cabinet, Rob has received an array of awards, including the Reno Gazette Journal's "Twenty Under 40" and American Advertising Federation Reno's "Ad Person of the Year."

DANIEL WAIT '05 (environmental engineering)**, '06 M.S.** (civil engineering), a science and geometry teacher at Cornerstone Charter High School in Phoenix, Arizona, received a grant from the Palo Verde Fiesta Bowl Charities Wishes for Teachers Draft Day presented by SRP to help provide bus passes to Cornerstone students.

N CHRISTOPHER HARVEY '08 (anthropology) recently released his memoir, "Do You Know Who I Am? An Infantryman's Adoption Story of Finding Family after Fifty," sharing his personal story of finding his birth family in Reno in 2018.

Brothers **STEPHEN PICKERING '09** (finance) and **BRADLEY PICKERING '11** (finance) were named to the 2022 Forbes "Best-in-State Next-Generation Wealth Advisors" list, which recognizes the nation's top 1,000 next-generation wealth managers. Stephen, a Certified Private Wealth Advisor, joined Merrill Lynch Wealth Management in 2009 and his brother, Bradley, joined in 2011.

2010s

EMILY KATSEANES '10 (English literature & journalism) published a peer-reviewed collection of essays called "Streaming Mental Health and Illness: Essays on Representation in Netflix Original Series." The eight essays, now available from McFarland, explore how mental health and illness are depicted in series, such as "Stranger Things," "BoJack Horseman" and "You."

SHIRLEY DIAZ '12 (international affairs & political science)**, '13 M.A** (economics) was sworn in as president of the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia.

DENIS PHARES '14 MBA is president and CEO of Dragonfly Energy Corp., where he focuses on developing revolutionary technologies that will change the way we store and harness renewable energy. After establishing himself as a tenured professor of aerospace & mechanical engineering at the University of Southern California, he left academia to create Dragonfly Energy in 2012. Denis has positioned himself as a leading expert in green energy storage, spending the last 15 years focused on advancing lithium-ion battery technology.

LINDSEY NEWMAN '17 (speech pathology) is a practicing dual speech language pathologist and international board-certified lactation consultant in Central Oregon. After a clinical fellowship year and serving on the NMSHA board, Lindsey worked on the Navajo reservation within the Unified School District during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. She spent the next 2.5 years working in early intervention as a travel therapist while she completed the Lactation and Perinatal Education program at the University of California, San Diego. With fewer than 29,000 internationally board-certified lactation consultants worldwide, Lindsey is proud to support infant health and development while continuing her speech pathology practice.

Share your career news with The Wolf Pack Family!



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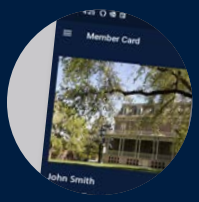
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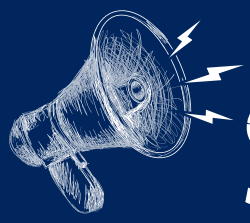
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The Nevada Alumni Council is now accepting new member nominations!

DEADLINE: August 1, 2023

Use the QR code above or fill out the form below and either fax it to (775) 784-4527 or mail it to:
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Full name: _____ **Graduation year:** _____

Business/Occupation: _____

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HOMECOMING 2023

October 23 – 28

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Wolf Mates



June 10, 2022: **JENNIFER STURM '11** (international business & management), **'15 MBA** and **IAN GAHNER '13** (history)



Sept. 24, 2022: **SYDNEY KING '18** (psychology) and **NICHOLAS CAROZZA '18** (criminal justice)



April 30, 2022: **JOSHUA BERNEY '16** (economics) and **JAYMIE LEWIS '16** (community health sciences)



July 7, 2022: **PATRICK NIPAY '15** (mechanical engineering) and **MIA MANIPUD '15** (nursing)



Aug. 19, 2022: **AARON MARTINEZ '13** (community health sciences) and **SARAH HEINDL '13** (nutrition)



June 3, 2023: **JOHN JELAVICH '63** (economics) and **KARIN (BRYANT) JELAVICH '63** (social psychology) celebrated 60 years with family and friends

WOLF PUPS



GLEN RICHARD

Born: March 20, 2021
Parents: GABRIELLE (IRVIN) BRACKETT '12 (journalism & political science), **'19 MPH** and Anthony Brackett



HOPE DOROTHY

Born: Aug. 1, 2022
Parents: EVELYN (MAJUSIAK) KLATT '10 (journalism & French) and **JUSTIN KLATT '11** (general studies)



ISLA RAY

Born: Aug. 16, 2022
Parents: SARA DENTON '07 (Spanish) and Nicole (Bowland) Denton

HUNTINGTON HUCKLEBARRY

Born: Oct. 21, 2022
Parents: ALEXANDER ROSENBLUM '08 (history) and **TAYLOR (BAUMGARTNER) ROSENBLUM '15** (management)





ELLA INEZ

Born: Sept. 26, 2022
Parents: JESSICA ELMORE '12 (community health sciences) and Kenny Elmore



HAZEL RUTH

Born: Sept. 23, 2022
Parents: LAUREN (ESHENBAUGH) KNIGHT '17 (social work) and Abram Knight

EVERETT RAY

Born: Nov. 30, 2021
Parents: CHRISTOPHER COBB '07 (supply chain management) and Amanda Morgan





JACKSON ALEXANDER

Born: Dec. 15, 2022
Parents: JULIANNE (STANLEY) DEVEREUX '16 (marketing) and **ALEXANDER DEVEREUX '16** (management)

LUCA JAMES

Born: Oct. 26, 2022
Parents: MEGHAN (WILLIAMS) CORTÉS '12 (speech pathology) and Luis Cortés



CHAPTER UPDATES



API Alumni Chapter Executive Board Member Jonathon Lau '12, '23 MBA talks to crowd.

ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER ALUMNI CHAPTER

Jennifer Sims '08, '10 MSW | jensims@unr.edu

We hosted our first Drag Bingo Scholarship Fundraiser at The Emerson on April 13. Guests enjoyed craft cocktails and laughter-filled, gender-inclusive bingo to help raise money for the API Scholarship.



Left to right: A'Keia Sanders '20, '22 MBA; Chai Glenn-Cook '15 MPA; Vance Kreutz '22; Jodi Muratori '19, '20 MBA; John Pratt '14 M.A.; Abigail Mayorga Quiterio '20; Katie Mayne '22 and Tom Muratori '19.

VETERANS ALUMNI CHAPTER

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

On Feb. 22, our chapter hosted the inaugural "Red, Wine and Vets Fundraiser" at Vino 100 and raised $10,000 to help create a student-veteran scholarship. In March, we also took part in Engage, an annual networking and development event for veterans and community members. During the event, Katie Mayne '22 and A'Keia Sanders '20, '22 MBA shared their military experiences and the challenges they faced transitioning to civilian life.

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NEVADA FOOTBALL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Matt Clafton '93 | mclafton@alstonco.com

Our association is working with University Facilities Services to plan exciting upgrades to our tailgate area at Mackay Stadium. We are also planning another poker tournament the weekend of October 13-15 at Battle Born Beer, as part of the Nevada vs. UNLV festivities. We have open board positions available, so please reach out to Matt if you're interested.

Left to right: Jim Farley '99; Jordan Dobrich '16, '20 MBA; Matt Clafton '93 and Bill Daniel '63, '68 M.S. posing with signage honoring the late Matt Airoldi '94.



NEVADA LATINO ALUMNI CHAPTER

Alexander Segura-Garcia '14, '17 M.A. | asegura@nevada.unr.edu

After being named 2022 Chapter of the Year and welcoming President Brian Sandoval '86 and U.S. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto '86 as members, we held board elections in April and supported the Latinx graduation on May 5. We also hosted the 2nd annual "A Taste of Cultura: Tequila Fundraiser" on May 12.

Left to right: Juan Diego Zarazua '16, '23 M.A.; Noemí Gómez Martinez '16, '20 MSW; Cynthia Esparza '07, '13 M.A.; Maricela Gutierrez Rodriguez '14 and Alexander Segura-Garcia '14, '17 M.A.

PACK TRACKS TRAVEL SEE THE WORLD WITH FELLOW NEVADA ALUMNI!

Fall Colors on Mark Twain's Mississippi Sept. 24 - Oct. 2, 2023



Romance of the Douro River Sept. 26 - Oct. 7, 2023



Gladiators to Gondolas Oct. 20 - 30, 2023



Wonders of Peru Oct. 26 - Nov. 6, 2023



Legends of the Nile Feb. 13 - 24, 2024



Chilean Wonders: Lake District and Patagonia Feb. 19 - March 1, 2024



Taste of the Caribbean & Panama Canal Feb. 25 - March 7, 2024



To learn more about the exciting adventures planned for 2023 & 2024, scan this QR code.

ALUMNI GATHERINGS

Grad Fair

The Nevada Alumni Association welcomed members of the Class of 2023 to the Alumni Family during the annual Grad Fair hosted by the Nevada Wolf Shop on March 14 and 15.

Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA



1 ***Left to right:*** *Mahshid Farzan '21 M.S., '23 MBA; Alumni Council volunteers Monica Powers Kales '79 and Jennifer Hill '94; and Alumni Engagement Manager Johanna Moxley '05, '12 M.A.*



2 Women of Silver & Blue Social

The Women of Silver & Blue brought back its annual winter social at Blackrock Wine Co. on Feb. 16. Along with networking and wine tasting, the event collected donations to support one of the group's favorite campus initiatives, Pack Provisions.

Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA





3 - 6 Senior cap decorating

The Nevada Alumni Association and Nevada Wolf Shop co-sponsored a cap decorating event for Class of 2023 graduates on April 26. Decorations, supplies, snacks and a photo booth were provided. Students enjoyed getting creative while connecting with each other!

Jordan S. Buxton '21, '23 M.A.







Alumni basketball pregame party

The Wolf Pack Men's Basketball game against Fresno State on Feb. 10 started with a pregame party, featuring Nevada Athletic Director Stephanie Rempe and Head Baseball Coach Jake McKinley as special guests. (All captions left to right.) Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA





7 *Nevada Head Baseball Coach Jake McKinley.* **8** *Mike Dillon '94, Stacia Adkins and Cindy Buchanan '95.*
9 *Alumni Engagement Assistant Director Emily Sharick '21 M.A., 2022 Alumnus of the Year David Bianchi '68 and Lois Bianchi '65.*

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO AND ITS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENT

SENIOR SCHOLAR

SPRING 2023

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 is honored along with the faculty mentor who has had the greatest impact on the student's scholastic success at Nevada.

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Nicole Marie Choma
College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources
GPA: 4.0
Mentor: Mae Gustin



Mykel A. Broady
The College of Business
GPA: 4.0
Mentor: Richard "Bret" Leary



Maile Joy Callorina
College of Education & Human Development
GPA: 4.0
Mentor: Jessica Gallo



Shannon Elizabeth Keegan
College of Engineering
GPA: 4.0
Mentor: Ann-Marie Vollstedt '02, '05 M.S., '10 Ph.D.



Andrew Eliseo Paiz
College of Liberal Arts
GPA: 4.0
Mentor: Rosie Trump



Konnor Kost
College of Science
GPA: 4.0
Mentor: Elizabeth Pringle



Catrina Chaelle Aglubat
Honors College
GPA: 4.0
Mentor: Mariann Weierich



Erika Ann Leitenbauer
Orvis School of Nursing
GPA: 4.0
Mentor: Kristin Combs '18 MSN



Vanessa Rose Ribeiro
Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism
GPA: 3.974
Mentor: Nico Colombant



Elizabeth Rose Yurcisin
School of Public Health
GPA: 3.968
Mentor: Pamela Sandstrom '07 Ph.D.



Katelyn Leann Miller
School of Social Work
GPA: 3.9991
Mentor: Jose Parra '13, '16 MSW



Devin Nicole Wright
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine
GPA: 3.939
Mentor: Pradyumn Srivastava

Spring 2023 Commencement

May 18-20, the University of Nevada, Reno welcomed thousands of new graduates to The Wolf Pack Alumni Family — conferring 3,130 degrees and certificates at the Spring 2023 Commencement ceremonies on the Quad. Of those, 2,373 were bachelor's degrees and 757 were master's or doctoral degrees across 160 different majors, with graduates ranging from 18 to 74 years old. The Univeristy conferred its 125,000th degree during this celebration. Congratulations class of 2023!

Jordan S. Buxton '21, '23 M.A.

































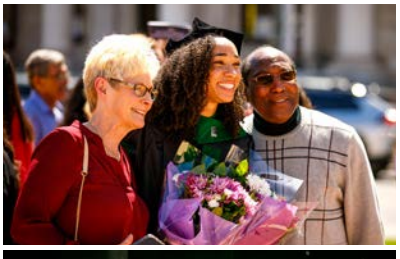
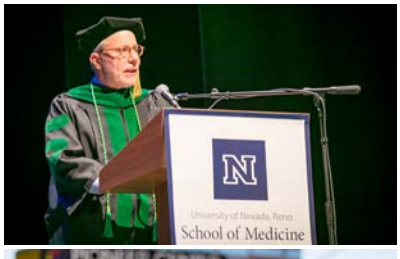




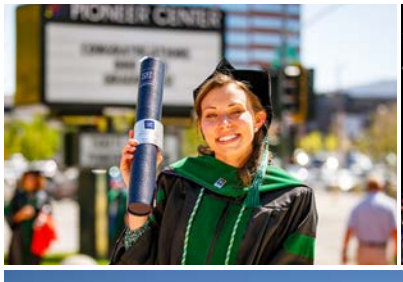


UNR Med Hooding Ceremony — **May 12**, the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine celebrated 58 new graduates now entering their professional careers as Doctors of Medicine. One of the most anticipated days of the year for these new physicians, the Hooding Ceremony was held at Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts. Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA and Rikki Melanaphy





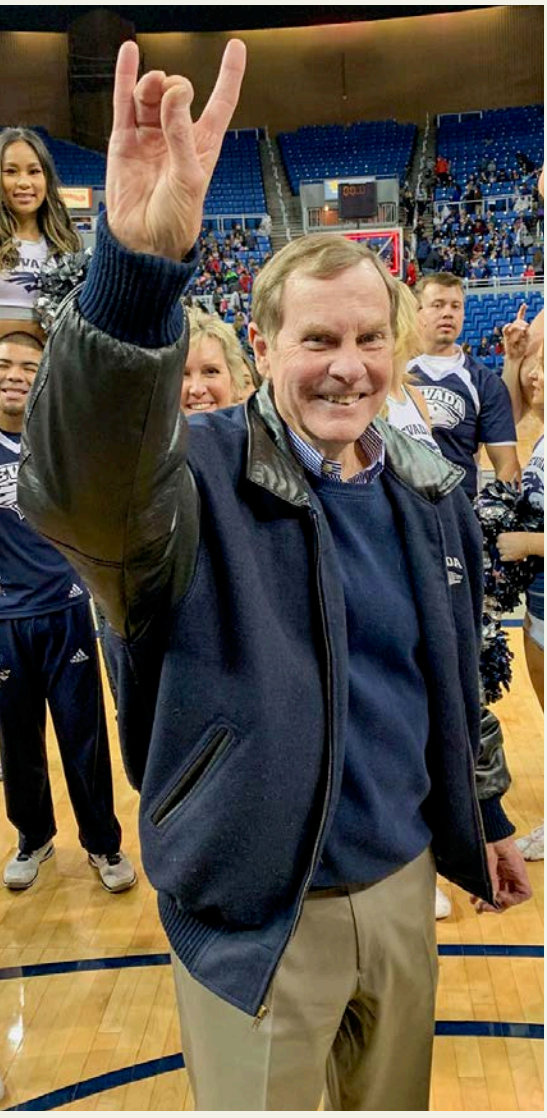









UNR Med Class of 1973 alumni.



Jerry Smith: a treasured friend of the University

Gerald "Jerry" Smith '03 (Hon.)

As a University Foundation Trustee and as president and director of the Nell J. Redfield Foundation, Smith was instrumental in helping to transform our campus — working closely with four University presidents to help grow Nevada into a top-tier, nationally ranked institution.

Focused on supporting education, health care, medical research, care for women and children in need, and care for the homeless, Smith was the Redfield Foundation's first and only director since its inception in 1974. Over his nearly 50-year tenure, the foundation supported nearly 300 northern Nevada nonprofits, including more than $46 million in gifts to the University.

Since its first University gift in 1980, the Redfield Foundation has created four scholarships: the Nell J. Redfield Foundation Engineering Scholarship Endowment, the Redfield Hispanic Gateway Scholarship Program, the Redfield Women's Basketball Scholarship and the Nell J. Redfield Foundation Scholarship for University of Nevada, Reno National Merit Scholars, which has provided more than $3.2 million in financial support over the last 11 years to 67 students.

Additionally, the foundation's support has spanned schools, colleges and programs campuswide — from women's athletics to the Sports Management Program to Black Rock Press to the Behavioral Health Collaborative and funding for the Redfield Chair of Pediatrics/Pediatrician-in-Chief of Renown Children's Hospital.

The Redfield Foundation, and Smith, have also been key to our campus's growth — providing substantial support for the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center, Health Sciences Building and Engineering building; the University Foundation Arts Building; the Nell J. Redfield Foundation Auditorium in the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, the Redfield Building at the School of Medicine and the Redfield Campus in south Reno; the UNR Med Moana Facility, as well as renovations to the Nazir Ansari Business Building and Fleischmann Planetarium.

Personally, Jerry and his late wife, Sharon, established the Gerald and Sharon Smith Dean's Future Scholars Scholarship Fund to aid DFS program graduates as they pursue their higher education degrees. The two also supported the Silver & Blue Society, Wolf Pack Athletics, The College of Business and the College of Engineering, and are recognized as Silver Benefactors in the University Honor Court for their 20-plus years of personal philanthropy.

Smith also volunteered his time and talents directly to the University, serving on the Foundation Board of Trustees for more than a decade, including as 2016 chair and vice chair from 2009-20.

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Ilya Zaliapin

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Joan (Miller) Schlienger (attended 1950-53)
Elizabeth (Bassett) Knight '52
Richard G. Knight '52
Jack I. Crowell '53
Betty V. (Cristani) Jones '53
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Nancy J. (Hartke) Smith '54
Murdock M. Smith (attended 1955-74)
Kenneth B. Adams '56
Phillip R. Collins '56
Donald E. Crowell '56
Gerald N. Towner '56
Penelope (MacNeil) Collins (attended 1953-57)
Philip P. Hannifin '57
Keith R. Stever '57
Henry J. Wallock (attended 1957-58)
Leo J. Rossow '58
Gerald B. Samstad '58
James F. Wittenberg '58
Judith A. (Johnson) Holm (attended 1959-61)
Michelle D. Moran '59
Delbert E. Peterson '59
Richard L. Tracy '60
Ray T. Trease '60
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James E. Gaines '61
Donald G. Zundel '61
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Delbert Brix '63, '71 M.S.
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Robert F. Benson '64 M.Ed.
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Harlan H. Elges '65
Robert C. Lawson '65
Donald W. Samuels '65
Dana M. (Stafford) Collord '67
Patricia A. (Marshall) Shuck '67
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John J. Douglass '68
David J. Mussatti '68 M.A.
Terry A. Reiley (attended 1968-71)
Jean E. (Turner) Atkinson (attended 1969-90)
Gerald S. Bilyeu '69
James C. Cloyd (attended 1969-70)
Charlotte J. (Ferrari) Herrin '69, '81 M.Ed.
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Remembering Friends

Gregory W. Nelson '70
Thomas A. Reed '70
Peter V. Barbieri (attended 1971-81)
Rae L. (Conrad) Burke '71
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Mark J. Young '74
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Mary Ellen Matzoll (attended 1975-83)
Charles R. Norman '75, '81 M.Ed.
Gerard R. Garra '76
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E. Elisabeth (Royels) Mortensen '76
Chester E. Bunch '77 AA
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JoAnn (Foster) Elston '56
For 30 years of dedicated service in Winnemucca, Elston was named Nevada's Teacher of the Year in 1977 and received the President's Medal in 1989. A University Foundation Trustee Emerita, past Alumni Council president and Honor Court Silver Benefactor, she supported the University for more than 40 years through philanthropy and as a loyal Wolf Pack Football and Basketball fan. Elston was also a driving force behind the state's 4-H program for more than 50 years.



Roland D. Westergard '56
A Distinguished Nevadan described as "the top water expert in the West," Westergard leaves a legacy of protecting Nevada's natural resources as a water engineer, resource management consultant and volunteer with the League to Save Lake Tahoe, Tahoe-Baikal Institute and Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. A loyal Wolf Pack fan and University donor for 40 years, Westergard established the Dixie O. Westergard Memorial Scholarship Endowment supporting education students in his late wife's memory.



Brian J. Whalen '57
Committed to growing our University, Faculty Emeritus Brian Whalen's legacy is evident throughout campus — from Scrugham Engineering to Ansari Business to Lawlor Events Center to the Brian J. Whalen Parking Complex and many more landmark buildings at our University. In addition to his 40 years of professional service, he was a dedicated Athletics volunteer for 30-plus years, established the Whalen-Hastings Memorial Scholarship Endowment to support nursing students and received the 1996 Distinguished Service award.



The Honorable Mills Lane '63
A championship Wolf Pack boxer turned Washoe County District Attorney turned Washoe County District Judge, Lane became a household name as one of the world's most famous professional boxing referees. His legacy continues as a member of the Wolf Pack Hall of Fame and through the words he famously recited before every fight, "Let's get it on."



Larry D. Struve '64
Struve spent his career serving the state as a lawyer, chief deputy for the attorney general and Nevada Department of Commerce director. His love of the University began as a political science student and ASUN vice president and continued as a philanthropist, Friends of the University Libraries past president and active alumnus. A donor since 1983 and Honor Court Silver Benefactor, Struve established three endowments, including the Struve Family Art of Leadership Achievement Award.



George W. Gillemot '00 (Hon.)
A pioneer in engineering, telecommunications, winemaking and ranching, Gillemot developed more than 300 U.S. and foreign patents throughout his career. He was an avid traveler, lifelong learner and generous contributor to higher education. His philanthropy helped bring the University Foundation Arts Building to fruition. For his steadfast support since 1993, Gillemot is recognized as a Philanthropist in the Honor Court.

HONOR COURT

On June 22, we came together to recognize the donors, faculty, staff, students and community members added to our University Honor Court. The granite pillars now feature more than 2,500 engravings of individuals and organizations who have improved, and continue to improve, our University in countless ways.























Sanford Center for Aging: improving quality of life for older Nevadans since 1993



Courtesy of Jean Sanford



Brin Reynolds '12, '15 MBA

Left: Envisioning a better future for older Nevadans, Honor Court Philanthropist Jean Sanford donated the vast majority of her estate to establish what became the Sanford Center for Aging in 1993. **Right**: A group of Sanford Center volunteers celebrating during the annual volunteer recognition event at the National Automobile Museum in 2022.

By Krystal Pyatt '10

The Sanford Center for Aging in the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine is celebrating 30 years of aging well — honoring three decades of supporting Nevada's elders, while inspiring future generations to serve older adults.

It all began with Honor Court Philanthropists Jean and Graham Sanford, owners of the Dangberg Land and Livestock Company in the Carson Valley. While caring for her aging mother, Jean Sanford envisioned a better future for older adults in Nevada. From 1982-92, Jean made numerous generous gifts to establish the University's Geriatric and Gerontology Center and, upon her death, designated the vast majority of her estate to establish an endowment to support this critical program dedicated to "research, teaching and publicizing ways and means to improve quality of life for elders." At the time, it was the largest gift in the University's history and, in 1993, the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents honored her generosity by officially renaming the program the Sanford Center for Aging.

Thirty years later, the center continues Sanford's vision of aging-related education, translational research and community outreach through a variety of community-based supports and services, community and professional education programs, gerontology coursework for University students, and research activities to contribute to the growing knowledge in the field of aging.

In direct service to older adults, the center offers a portfolio of evidence-based health and wellness programs to help participants stay healthy, manage chronic diseases, build strength and endurance to prevent falls, and provides tools for caregivers. The center also offers a comprehensive geriatrics assessment for those experiencing aging-related symptoms or living with chronic conditions through its Geriatrics Specialty Care Center in partnership with Renown Health. The Sanford Center's Medication Therapy Management program provides a comprehensive review of participants' entire drug regimen for safety and effectiveness.

Volunteers play a vital role in the Sanford Center — offering meaningful opportunities to remain engaged, active and in service to others needing assistance. Enlisting volunteers 18 years and older, Senior Outreach Services provides companionship and support to older adults who live alone. Through the Volunteer Transportation Program, volunteers provide rides for older adults to appointments, social activities and errands. For older adults who want to share their time, skills and experience with others, the AmeriCorps Seniors (formerly the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) matches volunteers with other community agencies in need of volunteer service.

Education is another cornerstone of the Sanford Center. As one of only 14 universities in the nation recognized as a Program of Merit by the Academy of Gerontology in Higher Education, the University offers an 18-credit minor and 24-credit certificate in gerontology through the Gerontology Academic Program. Additionally, the Nevada Geriatric Education Center provides continuing education and information for health care professionals, care partners and others through in-person and online trainings, conferences and resources, including the University's federally funded Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program, ICECAP Nevada (Improving Care of Elders through Community and Academic Partnerships). To help keep older adults active and engaged, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute offers programs, lectures, outdoor activities, interest groups and events for those who have a love of learning and want to connect with others, both virtually and in person.

Today, nearly 40 faculty, staff and student-workers as well as nearly 250 volunteers make up the Sanford Center — continuing to further Jean Sanford's vision from 30 years ago. N

For information on making a planned gift to the University, visit unrlegacy.org or contact Brian Saeman, J.D. '98, director of planned giving, at (775) 682-5938 or bsaeman@unr.edu. To support the Sanford Center for Aging, contact Laurice Antoun-Becker, senior director of development, at (775) 682-6077 or lantounbecker@unr.edu.

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