



Davidson Math and Science Center Groundbreaking

The first natural science building to be constructed at the University of Nevada, Reno in four decades took the initial step toward becoming reality with a groundbreaking ceremony for the \$50 million Davidson Mathematics and Science Center early in the summer. University President Milton Glick said when the state-of-the-art building opens in August 2010, it will provide crucial instruction for the more than 16,500 students who will need a thorough knowledge of math and science to compete nationally and internationally. "It is especially significant that in this time of limited resources for the state, this building is a statement that we will continue on our trajectory as the best University that Nevada can have, and to take our place among the other great universities in the country." With the Davidsons' lead gift of \$11 million and additional gifts from other donors, Nevada was able to raise the \$18 million required to obtain a \$32 million match from the state Legislature during its 2007 session.

- (1) Paul Bible, chair of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation inspects a medical hand model. Many of the groundbreaking's decorations were learning tools that will be found inside the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center upon its completion.
- (2) Kambiz Raffie, associate dean for the College of Business, director of MBA Program, and Foundation Professor of Economics, with his daughter, Misha, and wife, Sima. Misha attends the Davidson Academy on the University of Nevada, Reno campus, which is a free public day school for profoundly gifted learners.
- (3) State Senator William Raggio '48 (political science) looks to the crowd as Jan and Bob Davidson are presented with Galileo thermometers to mark the day, and as a token of gratitude for their continuous support of higher education at Nevada. Their gift served as crucial funding toward building this much needed facility.
- (4) Jack Hayes, associate dean for the College of Science, with Bill and Sharon Scott and Jeff Thompson, interim dean of the College of Science.
- (5) Shirley Westfall and her husband, David, emeritus professor and chair of pharmacology, emeritus vice president of academic affairs, and the first dean of the College of Science, were thrilled to be part of a day that saw years of hard work come to fruition.
- (6) The Department of Mathematics and Statistics faculty were on hand to proudly display the accomplishments of the department and its students. The department consists of 23 full-time faculty.

