

Reno couple salutes students through scholarship

Reno residents Anthony and Delores DeSio have established a scholarship at the University of Nevada, Reno to assist students pursuing degrees in business, engineering or science, with preference given to students who have United States military service. The DeSios have a deep commitment to those who have served this country in the armed forces, and believe that students involved in science or business have great potential to contribute to the nation they served.

"We were both children of the Great Depression," says Delores. "We believe that the road to self improvement and financial well being lies in higher education. Anthony spent four years in the Navy and was able to attend the University of Connecticut on the G.I. Bill. We believe there are many young people who, with hard work and a little financial help,

"We like to focus on the segment of the population that may not typically have access to scholarship funds, to assist them in attaining the American dream. If each of us who has achieved will help someone else, we will all benefit, and our society will benefit."

Delores DeSio

will be able to achieve their goals. "Nevada has a diverse student population, just the type of students we would like to help. We would like to be a source of support to those worthy young people who have ambition and work ethics, but limited funds. "We have been helped along the way by those who saw something in our future, at a time when funds were very limited," Delores continues. "It is the desire of the DeSio Foundation to do the same for those who follow us."

—Ken Kempcke



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Anthony W. DeSio and Delores J. DeSio Foundation recipient Stuart Greenfield, a Marine Corps veteran, leads a Wolf Pack Veterans group in the Joe Crowley Student Union.

One of the DeSio scholarships was awarded to Stuart Greenfield, a Marine Corps veteran who has served in Iraq. Greenfield, a business management major with a minor in economics, is the president of Wolf Pack Veterans, a student organization that provides a supportive environment for returning veterans and raises scholarship funds for them.

Greenfield articulated his appreciation for the scholarship in a thank you letter to the DeSios: "It takes a community to welcome back a veteran properly and I wanted to personally thank you for going above and beyond. Your continued support for our veteran community here at the University will allow us to prosper in our future endeavors."

To learn more about supporting students through scholarships, please contact Bruce Mack, associate vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, at (775) 784-1352 or bmack@unr.edu. To donate to the Wolf Pack Veterans scholarship fund, contact Stuart Greenfield at (775) 240-0599 or greenfieldsd@gmail.com.