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## Nightingale family supports Nevada scholarships and the arts



Steven Nightingale

Leon and Jacqueline Nightingale came to Reno in 1947 and soon became prominent leaders in the community. Their family provided the University of Nevada, Reno with the premiere musical performing space in northern Nevada when they helped create the Nightingale Concert Hall. The 600-plus seat auditorium was one of the major additions to the Church Fine Arts expansion project in the mid-1980s. In 1983, the Nightingales also established an ongoing scholarship that provides four-year scholarships for students from high schools in Reno/Sparks and rural Nevada.

Leon and Jacqueline were very active in numerous civic organizations, and today their son Steven carries on the family tradition of philanthropy and community service. “The Nightingale Family Foundation seeks to bring the joys of art and culture to the most diverse audience possible,” says Steven, a co-trustee of the Nightingale Family Foundation. “Since the University should be a place where art and

culture are celebrated, it made sense to us to support the construction of a concert hall, where the people of our region could gather and taste what is best and most beautiful among human creations.

“In addition, by giving scholarships to high school students in Nevada, and by insisting that a portion of those scholarships be awarded to rural students, we hope to have brought just such opportunities to students with a broad range of experience and backgrounds.”

The Nightingale Scholarship has made a Nevada education a reality for scores of students. Kyle Krogness, a graduate of Galena High School in Reno and a senior majoring in political science, says, “The Nightingale Family Scholarship has challenged me to take 30 credits each year. It inspires me to do

my best. It is nice to know that there are those within our community who are helping others to achieve their goals.”

—Ken Kempcke

*“Beauty is central to life. Nothing is as precious as opportunity. As we learn and thrive, we must share what we know and what we have.”*

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