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# William Lynch invests in quality of life and care

In 1935 William J. Lynch found himself riding a railcar from his home in Boston to California to pick fruit for the summer. Work in the east was hard to come by and he had to earn \$90 so he could pay tuition to the University of Alabama.

After two years of picking fruit in the summer and studying mining engineering in Alabama during the school year, Bill joined the WWII military efforts.

After his tour of duty ended, he and a friend decided to pick up where they'd left off. On their way to the California orchards they made a fateful stop in Reno. Bill's friend lost all of his money gambling, and Bill's life was set in a new direction. His friend decided to settle down in Reno and start a family. He soon went to work for the Reno Fire Department and was continually encouraging Bill to become a fireman.

In 1945 the fire chief invited Bill to join him for a cup of coffee. Bill obliged and the fire chief gave him a tour of the firehouse. He told Bill he

was not allowed to leave because he had already put him on the payroll.

Thirty years later, Captain Bill Lynch retired from the Reno Fire Department, Station 8.

"I've seen a lot of changes in my life and done a lot of things. I've always appreciated nurses. Especially in the last few years, I've realized how much care and dedication they have for their patients. That's why I decided to create the W.K. Lynch Scholarship Fund for students in the Orvis School of Nursing. Now I keep finding reasons to further fund it."

Bill's passion and generosity didn't stop there. He also recently established the William J. Lynch Wellness Endowment for the Sanford Center for Aging. Wellness has always been a guiding principle for Bill, and he wants others to enjoy the same active and healthy lifestyle he has.

"I had to give up playing tennis at 86 because there was no one my age to play!" He is 93. It is his wish that the endowment will fund the Sanford Center for Aging in its endeavors of increasing

*For more information about the Orvis School of Nursing or the Sanford Center for Aging, please contact Health and Human Sciences Development Director Shari Netzel at (775) 784-6979 or [snetzel@unr.edu](mailto:snetzel@unr.edu).*

Photo by Liz Welsh



**At 93, Bill Lynch wants Nevada to help others age gracefully in good hands. At left, Bill in 1954 wearing his formal dress firefighter uniform.**

academia's and the public's awareness of the positive aspects of aging.

By the year 2030, there will be more than 70 million adults age 65 and older. Because of Bill, the University of Nevada, Reno Sanford Center for Aging will be able to address this population's needs better. And if Bill has his way, many of them will be enjoying a game of tennis now and then.

Photo courtesy of Bill Lynch



## Young Nevada alumnus promotes international affairs education

Upon graduating from Nevada, Dr. Adriano B. Lucatelli '90 (international affairs and political science) went on to obtain master's degrees from the London School of Economics and the University of Rochester, New York. He earned a doctorate from the University of Zurich and currently resides in Zurich, where he is managing director and a member of the management committee of UBS Wealth Management Switzerland.

Erik Herzik, chair of the Department of Political Science, says, "The department is proud to see Adriano be such a success in business internationally." As a student at Nevada, Lucatelli was the recipient of



**Adriano Lucatelli '90**

several scholarships, and he has remained tremendously appreciative of those awards, which allowed him, as an international student, to complete his undergraduate education. He wanted to assist those who followed, so he established two awards: the Adriano Lucatelli International Education Scholarship and the Adriano Lucatelli International Education

Internship. In addition, he is dedicated to making an annual contribution to enhance the funds he established.

The impact of the scholarship and intern-

ship will be evident through the students who have committed to upholding the excellent academic reputation and rigorous course work of study in the International Affairs Program.

"Having funds to support interns is really important and a great luxury for students in the International Affairs Program," explains department chair Herzik. "It is unique for a department like ours to support students doing an internship so that they may pursue career-related experiences. We are grateful to Dr. Lucatelli for providing students with a meaningful foundation on which to apply their education."

Last year there were more than 80 students pursuing a degree in international affairs.

*To learn more about the International Affairs Program in the College of Liberal Arts, contact Development Director Robyn Powers at (775) 784-6873 or [rpowers@unr.edu](mailto:rpowers@unr.edu).*

# Program for aging fuses academic, clinical experience

**R**eno's Promenade on the River has been recognized as one of the country's best independent senior living communities.

Promenade's mission is to keep its residents active, healthy and enjoying life. To support this mission, owner and operator Phil Shapiro has partnered with the College of Health and Human Sciences on an "immersion" program to acquaint future health care professionals with geriatrics research, gerontology education and the experience of aging healthfully.

Although this is the fourth year of the program, this is the first year Promenade is working with the College of Health and Human Sciences. The first three years students from the School of Medicine participated.

The partnership provides for a designated Ph.D. candidate to reside at Promenade for the academic year. This arrangement encourages the student to develop personal relationships with residents while working closely with a faculty adviser to implement research projects regarding healthy aging.

"We are an aging population nationally," says Shapiro, who has a master's degree in hospital administration and 18

Photo by Kevin Clifford



**Jaimie Anstee, a doctoral candidate in the interdisciplinary doctorate program in social psychology, with Phil Shapiro, owner and operator of Reno's Promenade on the River, a senior living community.**

years of health care experience.

"The true success is that I know these young professionals will have a profound understanding of what

seniors go through and their needs. This experience will enrich their social and emotional interactions with seniors for the rest of their careers."

*For more information about this program, please contact Health and Human Sciences Development Director Shari Netzel at (775) 784-6979 or [snetzel@unr.edu](mailto:snetzel@unr.edu).*

## Student newspaper Sagebrush spurs scholarship assistance

**S**teve Martarano worked on school newspapers since junior high school. While pursuing his undergraduate degree at Nevada he worked on the school newspaper, the *Sagebrush*, for four years and was the editor during the 1978-79 school year.

During his days at Nevada he was a member of Sigma Nu and was an ASUN senator. After receiving his B.A. in journalism in 1979, he went to work at the *Sacramento Union* newspaper, where

he worked for 10 years with assignments including sports and daytime police and crime reporting. When the *Union* was sold in 1989, Steve free-lanced and then joined the California Board of Equalization in 1990 and, later, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services as an information officer.

He is currently the supervising information officer and head of public affairs for the California Department of Fish & Game, where he has worked since 1997. Steve's role as editor of the *Sagebrush* shaped his

personal ambitions and career path. It is because of his experience as *Sagebrush* editor that he recently funded an endowed scholarship that will annually help support the student chosen to fill this same role.

The *Sagebrush* is the newspaper of the student body of the University of Nevada, Reno and it has been in continuous publication since 1893. The first Steve Martarano Sagebrush Editor Scholarship will be awarded this academic year.

*To find out more about supporting scholarships, please contact Associate Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Bruce Mack at (775) 784-6620 or [bmack@unr.edu](mailto:bmack@unr.edu).*