Chapter Updates

Alumni & Friends of the Reynolds School
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Alumni & Friends of the Reynolds School served popcorn and watermelon at the July 29 Pack Picnic on the Quad featuring Guitar Woody & the Boilers. This outreach event for the J-school welcomed all alumni and friends to join our chapter. For more information or to join, please visit www.unr.edu/alumni/connect and select Alumni & Friends of the Reynolds School. Dues are $15 per year.

We keep members connected to the Reynolds School through alumni mixers and student outreach programs. Join us for our next alumni event during Homecoming 2009 as we honor three J-school alums: Frank McCulloch '41; Janet Trefethen '71 and Robin Joyce '83, '04. Visit the school’s website at journalism.unr.edu for more information on this event.

Alumni Band
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Did you march with the Wolf Pack band for at least one semester? If yes, did you receive a reply piece in the mail from the Alumni Band? If so, please send it back. If not, that means you are not coded as an Alumni Band member. You can correct this by joining the Alumni Band Chapter for free at www.unr.edu/alumni/connect. We miss you!

Please join us for the 13th Annual Alumni Band gathering at Homecoming 2009. We will be having our events Oct. 23-24. To participate you only need memories and enthusiasm. Oh, and a shirt. (We are still a band, so it’s all about the uniform!) You can get more information by emailing Kiara Wolf or checking us out on Facebook.

COBAA
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On May 14, COBAA held its 18th Annual College of Business Alumni Association Golf Tournament at Lakeridge Golf Course. This year’s tournament was another great success thanks to the outstanding support of the following individuals and companies:


On July 22 the College of Business Alumni Association co-sponsored the Disney-themed Pack Picnic on the Quad. In keeping with tradition, COBAA was on hand with complimentary popcorn, lemonade and cookies for the many alumni, family and friends in attendance.

Fallon Alumni Chapter
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The Fallon Alumni Chapter took a rooter bus trip to the final home softball game April 25. The Friends of the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources hosted a BBQ, and we all enjoyed the final home game for a Nevada senior from Fallon, Michelle Beach.

All Fallon Alumni Chapter activities help raise funds for scholarships. We held our largest annual scholarship fundraiser Aug. 9. The Western BBQ at the beautiful Norm Frey Ranch on the Carson River in Fallon was once again a successful event. Plans are being completed for a rooter bus to the Nevada vs. UNLV football game Oct. 3. For additional information regarding this and other upcoming events, visit www.unr.edu/alumni/connect to find the Fallon Chapter. Please bookmark the site for future reference.

Honors Program Alumni Chapter
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The Honors Program is initiating a mentorship program for honors alumni to guide and assist honors students with their post-college endeavors. Through this program, honors students can find honors graduates who share their interests and career goals. In turn, honors graduates can provide students with advice for activities such as applying to professional schools, auditioning for theatrical performances or becoming freelance writers. To become a part of the mentorship program, honors alumni will electronically submit their names, email addresses, undergraduate major(s) and an update of what they are currently doing. Honors students can then log on to the mentorship program section of the Honors Program website, search for
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graduates who best match their interests and goals and begin the rewarding mentor-mentee relationship.

International Alumni Chapter
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International students, friends and family members gathered May 17 to celebrate the completion of their academic programs. The International Student Graduate Reception, hosted by the International Alumni Chapter, Nevada Alumni Association and International Students & Scholars, attracted approximately 30 participants from Bangladesh, Nepal, France, Romania, Ukraine, Japan, Taiwan, Brazil and the United States. Ninety-two international students graduated from the University in Spring/Summer 2009, representing 29 countries; of these, 48 completed an undergraduate degree, 28 received a master's and 16 received a Ph.D.

Native American Alumni Chapter
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On July 1, the Native American Alumni Chapter co-sponsored the summer’s first Pack Picnic on the Quad. Members had a great time handing out cookies, popcorn and lemonade to picnickers, while enjoying the sounds of Sol’Jibe. The chapter also hosted its Summer Mystery Bus Trip on July 11. Twenty attendees headed to Sand Harbor to enjoy the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival. Alumni and friends were treated to an excellent meal and enjoyed “Much Ado About Nothing” under the somewhat wet, but beautiful, Lake Tahoe sky. The experience was unforgettable and all were great sports considering the unpredictable weather.

The chapter will host a Homecoming tailgate Oct. 24, featuring barbeque favorites, the opportunity to visit with new and old friends and the Homecoming football game.

The chapter meets monthly at various locations. If you are interested in joining or want to receive event information, please contact Kari Emm '01 at (775) 784-4936 or kemm@unr.edu, or Sherry Rupert '05 at (775) 687-8333 or srupert@nic.nv.gov.

Nevada Football Alumni Chapter
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The Nevada Football Alumni Chapter held its 26th Annual Golf Tournament May 29 at Lakeridge Golf Course. More than 120 former players, coaches and football supporters played in the tournament. A special thanks to our hole sponsors, players and contributors for another successful tournament.

At each home football game, the Nevada Football Alumni Chapter will hold tailgates in the northwest corner of the stadium. Please join us for good food and fun. If football alumni are interested in joining the chapter, please email Jim Farley.

Northeastern Nevada Alumni Chapter
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The Northeastern Nevada Alumni Chapter held its first membership event in August to highlight the organization of the new chapter and provide membership information to interested alumni and supporters.

Our next event will take place in the fall in conjunction with a Wolf Pack football game. Please contact Danny Gonzales for additional information about joining our new chapter or to learn more about upcoming activities.

Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association
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OSNAA members toasted the last days of summer at Whispering Vine Sept. 9, tasting fine wines and catching up. We had an exciting update by Dr. John McDonald, vice president of the Division of Health Sciences, and Patsy Ruchala, director of the Orvis School of Nursing, on the new Health Sciences Building. We hope to host a “hard hat walk-about” in fall 2010. The building will accommodate the medical students and the nursing students under one roof, sharing facilities for the first time.

This fall we also experienced another exciting “first.” The OSNAA granted its first scholarship to a level 4 nursing student! If you are an Orvis graduate, we urge you to join OSNAA for networking opportunities, social events, staying up-to-date and, above all, to support the nursing profession. Your dues make it possible for OSNAA to award a yearly scholarship to a deserving nursing student. Join online at www.unr.edu/alumni/connect.
ResLife Alumni Chapter
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Based on last year’s success and popular demand, the ResLife Alumni Chapter is planning fun Homecoming events.

Friday, Oct. 23: Bring your family and friends to Claim Jumper Restaurant between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. for a fundraiser dinner! Claim Jumper will donate a percentage of each diner’s bill to a chapter scholarship for res-hall students. We plan to award the scholarship in the spring at our annual banquet.

Saturday, Oct. 24: Watch the parade in front of Sierra Hall. We’ll meet a half hour before the parade begins in front of Sierra Hall to support all reslife floats and cheer them on. Later that day, we will watch the football game as a group. As the date gets closer, watch your email for information about getting to the game, tickets and sitting together.

Sacramento Alumni Chapter
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We are moving into the 21st century! Under the guidance of journalism graduate Barry White ’05 of News 10 in Sacramento, the Sacramento Alumni Chapter plans to be online by Sept. 15 at www.NevadaAlumniSacramento.org. We will be linked to various social networking sites and to the University. The plan is to provide networking for alumni in the greater Sacramento area on both a business and a social level, plus post jobs, events and news. Video space for business and social interests will be available.

Our Homecoming convoy leaves for Reno Saturday, Oct. 24 from the Horseshoe Bar & Grill. For information, contact Bill Chaffin ’66 at chaffing@LarsenChaffin.com or (916) 567-0777.

The chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Horseshoe Bar & Grill. For information, contact Steve Park of Cornish & Carey Commercial at (916) 367-6345 or spark@ccarey.com.

Southern California Alumni Chapter
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The Southern California Alumni Chapter met for its 88th annual reunion June 6 with a delicious luncheon in Newport Beach. Fifteen alumni attended, including 2005 Alumnus of the Year Frank Randall ’56.

Jim Wright ’56 shared historical information about our group, including pictures of past events. It was a wonderful lunch with many regular and some new attendees, including two young couples from San Diego. There was much discussion about how to make it easier for those living in the vast geographic area of Southern California to meet, especially San Diego County residents.

For the first time, the board awarded scholarships to four University students from Southern California. It is our focus to promote the University to local applicants, while keeping our brethren connected and supported.

Our monthly board meetings are open to all alumni in Southern California. Please contact Chris Polimeni ’85 at cpolimeni@fwg.com for details.

UNSON Alumni Chapter
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The UNSOM Alumni Chapter would like to encourage all alumni to participate in the 40th anniversary of the school’s founding this September. We hope you can join us Sept. 24 for the alumni reception, where we will present the inaugural Outstanding Alumni Award to Dr. Susan Desmond-Hellman ’82. After the reception, the celebration continues at the Foundation Banquet, which will feature Dr. Atul Gawande, an internationally renowned surgeon and writer. Please visit www.medicine.nevada.edu/alumni/news.asp for a full schedule of events.

You are an important part of the school’s legacy through your individual career and achievements. We encourage you to give back to the school and its students by being an active member of the UNSOM Alumni Association. Please visit www.unr.edu/alumni/connect to become a member. For more information on any of the above, please contact Christina Sarman in the UNSOM alumni office at christinas@unr.edu or (775) 784-6009.

Young Alumni Chapter
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YAC members have been making plans for Homecoming 2009 and our Fall Membership Drive. Alumni are invited to attend Old Timer’s Night Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. at The Wal’. Mingling with grads until we caravan to campus for the Homecoming bonfire.

We’ll return to The Wal’ afterwards to pep up the Pack for their victory over Idaho!

YAC was named Outstanding Chapter of the Year by the Nevada Alumni Association. In addition, Melissa Molyneaux ’06, YAC president, and Stephanie Feast ’01, ’08, YAC past president, were named Young Alumni of the Year. Please join us to celebrate at the Homecoming Gala Oct. 22.

YAC members supported Alumni Night at the Aces July 30! Thanks to our volunteers and attendees of YAC’s Pack Picnic on the Quad Aug. 5 featuring Sol’libe.

Visit www.NevadaYAC.com to learn more about YAC and upcoming events, including an membership and leadership info session Oct. 7 at The Wal’.
The Nevada Alumni Association and ASUN encourage you to catch the “Blue Flu” on Friday, October 23 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Leave work for an hour or two, and attend our Free Community BBQ at the Joe Crowley Student Union Plaza!

For a complete list of Homecoming events, go to www.unr.edu/alumni.

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