

New endowments: important, meaningful and forever

Establishing an endowed fund at the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation transforms lives—those of the students who will become the leaders of tomorrow, the faculty who inspire them and the researchers who are finding solutions to society's problems. An endowed fund also enhances our community, which is continuously engaged by the University's many programs and activities. A gift today provides important and meaningful funds in perpetuity that help make the University known for its teaching, research and service.

The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation manages the endowment funds with available earnings transferred to the

respective University accounts for the purpose of supporting the donor's passion, whether it be student scholarships, faculty research or unrestricted funds to meet the University's most pressing needs. Gifts can be focused or wide-ranging.

The process for establishing an endowment is simple and requires only a completed agreement along with a gift or pledge of at least \$10,000. If you are interested in supporting any of these new endowments, or creating one in memory or honor of another, through outright gifts using almost any type of asset—cash, securities, real estate or other property that can be liquidated—please contact Keiko Weil '87, director of donor relations, at (775) 784-1587 or kweil@unr.edu.

Mabel McVicar Batjer Scholarship Endowment

Mary Belle McVicar Batjer's parents were pioneers from Canada who settled in the Smith Valley of northern Nevada. Their daughter, also known as Mabel, attended the University High School and graduated from the University of Nevada Normal School in 1908 with a degree in education. This endowed fund has been established in her memory by her son Cameron to benefit students in the College of Education.

Jim Bernardi and Bob Dillard Theater Scholarship Endowment

The Rev. Jackie L. Leonard is a 1971 graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno's Department of Speech Communications and Theatre. She has established this fund to benefit exceptional theater students and to recognize two outstanding faculty members in theatre, Dr. James Bernardi and Dr. Robert Dillard, who have made tremendous contributions to the life of the university and the life of our community.

Mildred Bertotti Scholarship Endowment in Medicine

This scholarship in medicine is established by Stacie Rivers '84 M.D for female students, in memory of her grandmother Mildred who lost her battle with cancer at the age of 62 but never lost faith in the physicians who cared for her. She was the guiding light of the family and an inspiration to all who were blessed to know her.

Reed Bingham Scholarship Endowment in Public Health

Reed Bingham has been a strong supporter of the Orvis Nursing Clinic and its work with under-insured and uninsured children and families in the Greater Reno area. This fund will allow an undergraduate student in the School of Public Health to pursue a career of service and/or research resulting in better access to health care and education for low-income children and families.

BJG Graduate Scholarship in Structural Engineering Endowment

BJG is a long-time partner with the College of Engineering and claims two of its four founders, Michael Blakely and George Ghush, as alumni, and Cliff Johnson and Peter Blakely as friends of the college. BJG is committed to supporting graduate students in structural engineering through this endowed scholarship.

Brussard Scholarship Endowment in Ecology, Evolution & Conservation Biology

Friends and colleagues of Dr. Peter Brussard, on the occasion of his retirement as a long-time faculty member of the University of Nevada, Reno Biology Department, established this endowed scholarship fund. Professor Peter Brussard has made enormous contributions to the University and as a national leader in the field of conservation biology. This scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student studying ecology, evolution, or conservation biology.

Carson Medical Group Medical Scholarship Endowment

Carson Medical Group has been providing primary care in Nevada for over 40 years and continues to encourage medical students to pursue a specialty in primary care. Recipients will be medical students pursuing a degree at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, with a preference given to students who have expressed an interest in pursuing primary care as a specialty.

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College of Business Alumni Association (COBAA) Quasi Endowment

The University of Nevada, Reno Nevada College of Business Alumni Association (COBAA) was established more than 20 years ago to support the College of Business in its goal of achieving excellence in business education. Earnings from this fund will be used for program needs of the College of Business.

Molly D. Close Scholarship Endowment for the College of Engineering

An electrical engineering alumna from 2000, Molly appreciates the rising costs of education and remembers the gift of time given her through the scholarships she received as a student. This scholarship will support students pursuing a degree in the College of Engineering.

Joan Metcalfe Cope Classified Employee Endowed Fund

Joan Cope passed away in May of 2008 after a lengthy illness. She worked at the University from the 1970s until her retirement in the early 1990s. A scholarship has been established by friends and family in Joan's name to make it possible for classified staff of the University to pursue their dreams of a higher education.

Joe Crowley Endowed Political Science Fund

This fund was established by friends of the Department of Political Science to honor University President Joe Crowley who retired in December of 2000 after a 22 year tenure. Dr. Crowley returned to serve as interim President in 2006 and has returned to the University as a teaching faculty member. This fund will be used by the Department of Political Science to enhance programming and curriculum.

Karen Cutler Memorial Scholarship Endowment

On August 22, 2005, Karen Cutler began her career with the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering as an administrative assistant. In 2006, Karen lost her life to breast cancer. Her memory at Mackay remains because of the sparkling personality and strong character that made her so valued as a co-worker and friend. The Karen Cutler Memorial Scholarship fund has been established to benefit a woman pursuing an undergraduate degree in the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering.

Early Childhood Autism Program Scholarship Endowment

The Early Childhood Autism Program was established in the Department of Psychology at the University in 1994. It is the goal of the department and the Behavior Analysis Program to provide permanent support for the Early Childhood Autism Program so that it may continue to deliver services for many years to come. To that end, the department has established this scholarship to benefit students pursuing a graduate degree in behavior analysis in the Department of Psychology.

Endowment for the Division of Medical Nutrition

Microlife USA, Inc. established this fund to provide support for the continuation of work in the areas of energy metabolism, medical education on nutritional assessment and other projects.

Mike Evasovic Scholarship Endowment in Civil Engineering

Mike Evasovic graduated from Nevada in 1955 with a degree in mining engineering. Although he studied in the Mackay School of Mines, Mike has a tremendous regard for faculty teaching in the area of civil engineering. Mike created this endowed scholarship to support civil engineering students as a testament to the outstanding faculty that once helped and inspired him.

Foreign Languages and Literatures Scholarship Endowment

The faculty and staff of the department of Foreign Languages and Literatures have established this endowment through personal gifts to support foreign language major and minor students who have demonstrated excellence in the program.

Goldcorp Endowed Chair in Minerals Engineering

The Goldcorp Endowed Chair in Minerals Engineering supports the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering in recognition of the importance of higher education in the academic areas critical to the minerals industry, principally the geological sciences, mining engineering and mineral processing, extractive metallurgy and geographic information systems. This fund will support the Endowed Chair in Minerals Engineering and associated expenses including travel, equipment, graduate students and post doctorate fellows related to the chair.

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Robert L. Helms Scholarship Endowment for Civil and Environmental Engineering & Robert L. Helms Scholarship Endowment for CABNR

The successors of the late Robert L. Helms established these endowments at the University Foundation with funds from his trust, which was established in 1984. To keep the intent of the trust, they have established two separate scholarship endowments—one for students in civil and environmental engineering and one for students in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources.

Fred Hertlein III Chemistry Endowment

Fred Hertlein III received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1956. Hertlein was an industrial hygienist and former president of INALAB Environmental Engineers. He passed away in Hawaii in 2002, leaving a gift to the University's chemistry department, which established this fund in his memory. Available earnings from the endowment will benefit the Department of Chemistry.

Ralph E. Hoyer – Foresthill Telephone Company – Endowment for K-12 Outreach in the College of Engineering

Ralph E. Hoyer studied electrical engineering at the University of Nevada, and was a member of the Class of 1951. Ralph was one of the pioneers in California independent telephony. His wife, Rose, established this fund in his memory to provide materials and operating funds to be used for the College of Engineering K-12 Outreach program.

Procter R. Hug Jr. Scholarship Endowment

Procter R. Hug Jr. received his undergraduate degree in business from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1953. He served as an ASUN senator and as the student body president. On Sept. 15, 1977, President Jimmy Carter appointed Hug to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He served as chief judge from 1996 to December 2000 and is currently senior circuit judge. This fund was established with residual funds from the law clerk reunion event held in 2008, and will benefit graduates from Nevada high schools.

Bill Ireland Baseball Scholarship Endowment

Bill "Coach I" Ireland, a native Nevadan and an influential force in the state's collegiate athletic programs, was regarded as an exceptional coach, teacher and role model. Friends and family established this scholarship endowment to honor him and support members of the Wolf Pack baseball team.

John W. James Scholarship Endowment

John James worked at the University for 28 years as a geography and meteorology professor and served as Nevada's first state climatologist for 23 of those years. Recipients of this scholarship will pursue a degree in atmospheric sciences or geography.

Jenkins Graduate Fellowship in Ecology Endowment

Stephen H. Jenkins is a professor in the Department of Biology and in the Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology Program. He and his wife, Katherine, established this endowment to fund a fellowship to support a graduate student at the master of science or doctoral level studying animal behavior, ecology, evolution or conservation biology.

The L. David Kiley Scholarship Endowment for the College of Engineering

The L. David Kiley Endowment for the Dean's Discretionary Fund, College of Engineering

After receiving his degree in electrical engineering in 1950, Kiley went on to use his education in the areas of investment and real estate. David Kiley established these funds to support students in the College of Engineering, as well as the activities of the college.

Leonard Family Music Scholarship Endowment

The Reverend Jackie L. Leonard is a 1971 graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno Department of Speech Communications and Theatre. This scholarship has been created with grateful appreciation for the many years of musical pleasure provided by the University's musicians. The scholarship will benefit students in the Department of Music and Dance.

Steve Martarano Best Published Article Award Endowment

Steve Martarano '79 (journalism) has established this endowed award to encourage excellence in writing among students in the Reynolds School of Journalism. A committee comprised of three faculty members will set criteria, as well as judge and pick the best created news story recipient on an annually.

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Allan C. McGill Scholarship Endowment

Allan McGill graduated with a degree in journalism from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1941. His wife, whom he met while she was also attending Nevada, established this scholarship in his memory. Recipients will pursue a degree in journalism—with an emphasis in news.

N. Edd Miller, Founder's Endowed Fund for the School of Medicine

N. Edd Miller served as president of the University of Nevada, Reno from 1965 - 1973. During his tenure, the University of Nevada School of Medicine was established. Mrs. Miller established this fund in her husband's memory to support the School of Medicine's mission of teaching, research and service.

Bertha Miranda Scholarship Endowment

Local businesswoman Bertha Miranda opened her restaurant, Bertha Miranda's Mexican Restaurant and Cantina, in 1985. In 1995, Bertha created an annual scholarship, endowed in perpetuity for students in the College of Liberal Arts.

John H. Nelson Graduate Student Scholarship Endowment

John H. Nelson started his faculty career at Nevada in 1970, and was instrumental in transforming the chemistry department into a vibrant unit that valued research as well as teaching. During his career, John mentored more than 28 graduate students and more than 60 undergraduate researchers. This scholarship will provide funding for graduate students studying any area of chemistry.

Ort Biology Scholarship Endowment

As a longtime faculty member of the biology department, Dr. Carol Ort established this endowed scholarship fund upon her retirement to show her appreciation for the department and its students.

Donald W. Reynolds Endowed Chair in Business Journalism

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation established this endowment to provide program and salary support for the business journalism program in the Reynolds School of Journalism. Chairholders are recruited from the ranks of distinguished scholars at the University and from other institutions to keep Nevada competitive in the field of journalism.

Thomas J. Scully Medical Scholarship Endowment

Thomas J. Scully, former dean and emeritus professor of pediatrics at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, died Sept. 16, 2008, at his home in Reno. He will be remembered for his enthusiasm, attention to detail, strength of character and, above all, his love for his wife and family. This scholarship endowment established in his memory will benefit medical students.

Paul Segal and Harold Freeman Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Dr. Jed Freeman is a 1986 University of Nevada School of Medicine graduate. He and his wife, Laurie, established this endowed scholarship in honor of his father and uncle. This scholarship assists medical students with their costs by providing a yearly, renewable scholarship to a student with demonstrated financial need.

Jack B. Selbig Memorial Scholarship Endowment

In 1960, Jack earned his master's degree in education from the University of Nevada, Reno. He joined the faculty in 1965 as a counselor and foreign student adviser. This scholarship endowment established in Jack's name honors his tremendous commitment to education.

Beverly Hug Sharp Education Scholarship Endowment

After graduating from the University in 1957, Beverly served the community for nearly 30 years. This scholarship is established in her honor to help female students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in the College of Education.

J. Dietrich Stroeh Scholarship Endowment in Civil and Environmental Engineering

After graduating with a degree in civil engineering in 1960, J. Dietrich Stroeh went on to become the youngest water district manager in the state of California and a principal of an engineering firm. He appreciated his education at Nevada and established this endowed fund to support juniors and seniors pursuing a degree in civil and environmental engineering.

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Adam Gregory Thomas Legislative Intern Scholarship Endowment

Adam Gregory Thomas was a senior at the University and a Nevada state legislative intern when he passed away in 2007. To honor Adam's life and passion, his friends and family have established this fund to support Nevada students who have successfully completed a Nevada state legislative internship.

Kris Tower Memorial Scholarship Endowment

The School of Social Work—in cooperation with Renown Health Foundation and Renown Medical Center—hosted a tribute evening to raise funds for a memorial scholarship for Nevada alumna and faculty member, Kris Tower. This scholarship will be awarded to students in social work who share Kris' passion for innovative teaching, technology and advocacy for people with disabilities.

Visiting Scholars Seismology Endowment

Yasuo Uchiyama was a visiting research scholar in the Nevada Seismological Laboratory during 2006, and was an employee of the Taisei General Construction Company, a national, full-service architect, engineer and builder based in Cypress, Calif. Yasuo generously provided the funding to support the efforts of the Nevada Seismological Laboratory in gratitude for the opportunities he was provided during his time as a visiting professor. This fund will support operational activities in the Seismological Laboratory including travel, equipment, graduate students and postdoctorate fellows.

Carolyn B. Webster Memorial Scholarship Endowment

In 1960 Carolyn B. Webster graduated from the University with a bachelor of arts degree in English. She later went on to teach for 27 years. This endowed scholarship will continue the impact that Carolyn had on so many students.

Richard W. Wilcox Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Richard Wilcox graduated from the University and taught chemistry at Wooster High School for 27 years. His enthusiastic demonstrations in the chemistry lab earned him the nickname "Mr. Wizard." This scholarship has been established by his family to honor Wilcox's dedication to science education and the profession of teaching. This scholarship will support a student pursuing a degree to teach secondary science.

HOW CAN I START AN ENDOWMENT FUND?

To create an endowment, all you need is a minimum gift of \$10,000 and a signed agreement.

An endowment is a permanent fund established for a specific purpose—for faculty, student or program support. The donor may name the endowment and specify use of its available income. Gifts to endowments, by cash, securities, real estate, or through a bequest, are invested to create a lasting resource that grows in perpetuity. Endowments generate a steady stream of income, while leaving the principal untouched. To discuss a named endowment as a lasting reflection of your belief in the University of Nevada, Reno, contact associate vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, Bruce Mack, at (775) 784-1352 or bmack@unr.edu.



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