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# Top 5 Reasons

Why Attending the 28th Annual University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Banquet

## is Good for your Health:

**Thursday**  
**Sept. 24, 2009**

**John Ascuaga's Nugget**  
**6 p.m. – Reception**  
**7 p.m. – Dinner**

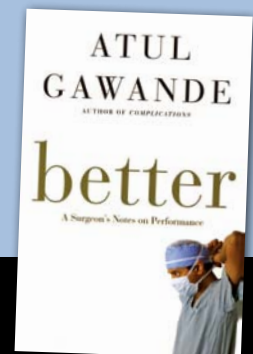
**5** This year's speaker is renowned general surgeon Atul Gawande, who served as the senior health policy advisor to President Clinton and is the director of the World Health Organization's Global Challenge for Safer Surgical Care.

**4** Dr. Gawande is not only a talented speaker, but a *New York Times* best-selling author who makes frequent contributions to the *New Yorker*.

**3** Dr. Gawande is one of the most influential voices on healthcare reform in America today. He received the MacArthur Fellowship, known as the "genius prize" for the fresh and unique perspective of his written work and his imaginative approach to finding ways to improve surgical practice.

**2** The University's focus on healthcare is aligned with the nation's need to address a shortage of medical workers. The Center for Molecular Medicine, currently under construction, will provide research facilities and house the Whittemore Peterson Institute for Neuro-Immune Disease. The proposed Health Sciences Building will expand nursing and medical school enrollment.

**1** The Foundation Banquet is the University's largest fundraiser, supporting the needs of our students and their future.



Come help celebrate the University of Nevada School of Medicine's 40th Anniversary! Dr. Gawande's insights from his book *Better: A Surgeon's Notes on Performance* are sure to captivate an audience as he talks about the high stakes challenges he faces as a surgeon and explores the universal struggle to perform well—what it takes to excel in any area of human endeavor.

Tickets are \$200 each or \$2,000 for a table. Event sponsorships are also available. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Jeanne Corbit at (775) 784-4831 or [jcorbit@unr.edu](mailto:jcorbit@unr.edu).

