

Lemelson and LEAP Foundation inspire teachers

The Lemelson Education and Assistance Program (LEAP) received two substantial gifts from its founder and director, Dorothy Lemelson, to continue its work in support of Washoe County School District teachers. Twelve K-6 teachers will have their tuition paid while pursuing a master's degree in elementary education with an emphasis in math and science in the University's College of Education.

"This gift responds to a critical need for high quality instruction in mathematics and science in elementary schools. The foundation that elementary students receive in math and science influences their ability to take higher level courses in the future and pursue careers in these fields," says Teruni Lamberg, an assistant professor of curriculum, teaching and learning, as well as the principal investigator for the program. "It provides significant financial incentives to Washoe County teachers and allows the University to strengthen and deepen the links between our graduate programs and our community's classrooms."

Eligible candidates for scholarships were



"As an educator myself, I believe in preparing my students to become life-long learners," says Erin Vaughn, Lemelson scholar and kindergarten teacher at Sierra Vista Elementary in Reno. "I believe it's my responsibility to continue educating myself to not only set an example for my students, but more importantly, so that I can grow and provide the best teaching to my students."

required to complete a formal application during the summer of 2008. Chosen applicants will begin the program during the Spring 2009 semester. Since its inception in 2000, LEAP has provided close to \$1 million to cohorts of teachers to complete their master's degrees in literacy studies.

—Elizabeth Welsh '99

For more information about establishing scholarships for teachers and/or the College of Education, contact Mitch Klaich '02, development director, at (775) 784-6914 or mklaich@unr.edu.

Pennington Foundation continues outstanding undergrad student support

The William N. Pennington Foundation continues to generously support undergraduate students in business, engineering and physical sciences at Nevada. The Pennington Foundation scholarships are designed to support worthy students who meet the criteria, but did not receive the University's Presidential Scholarship. Thus, recipients of the Pennington scholarship have a minimum GPA of 3.5 and demonstrate financial need.

"Last summer I interned at Intuit as a software engineer," says computer science

and engineering sophomore Douglas Crossley. "They actually extended me an offer to stay and work part-time, but with my class schedule this semester I knew that I would not be able to be successful in school and work a job. Being awarded this great scholarship was such a relief, just knowing that I would now be able to completely focus on my classes without the worry of finances. I've been offered a higher-level internship again this summer with Intuit and look forward to using all I have been learning this past year to succeed at my job."

The Foundation generously provides funding for 16 scholarships at \$2,500 per year and the scholarships are renewable for up to three additional years for a maximum commitment of \$10,000 for each student. Since 1995, the Pennington Foundation has also supported students in the School of Medicine with another scholarship, bringing the Foundation's total giving, to University student scholarships, to more than \$500,000.

—Elizabeth Welsh '99

For more information about establishing a scholarship at the University of Nevada, Reno, contact Keiko Weil '87, director of donor relations at (775) 784-1587 or kweil@unr.edu.

Leonard family tradition of giving to Nevada

The Rev. Jackie L. Leonard '71 (speech and theatre) recently established two endowed scholarships that benefit Nevada upperclassmen and graduate students pursuing degrees in theatre and music. The first, named for two outstanding Nevada faculty members in the Department of Speech Communications and Theatre, the Jim Bernardi and Bob Dillard Theatre Scholarship, recognizes the tremendous contributions of these long-serving professors to the life of the University and community. The second, the Leonard Family Music Scholarship, pays homage to the University's faculty and student musicians and their musical performances through the years.

Jackie is a minister at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Reno and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Theological Seminary. In 2007, she established the Paul A. Leonard Chair for Ethics and Writing in Journalism in honor of her father,



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Professor Bob Dillard, Professor Jim Bernardi and Reverend Jackie Leonard visit in the costume shop in the Church Fine Arts Theatre building.

a Nevada Class of 1936 journalism graduate. Her philanthropy continues her family's long tradition of giving back to the University. In 1977, her parents established an endowment named for her brother and their late son, Guy L. Leonard '77 (philosophy), benefiting the departments of philosophy, English, and physics. After her father's death, her mother, Gwen, established an endowed scholarship in the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism in Paul Leonard's name. Following Gwen's death, the scholarship was renamed the Paul A. and Gwen F. Leonard Memorial Scholarship.

"It is a joy and a privilege to give back to

the University and community, which have been so important in my life and the lives of my parents and brother," said Leonard. "I am delighted to talk with anyone considering a gift to the University. It is critically important that we give back to the institution that has given so much to us."

—Keiko Weil '87

For more information about establishing an endowment at the University of Nevada, Reno, contact Bruce Mack, associate vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, at (775) 784-1352 or bmack@unr.edu.

Alumnus engineers student success

L. David Kiley '50 (electrical engineering) is a valued alumnus of the College of Engineering and current member of the college's advisory board. He recently created two University endowments—one to benefit student scholarships for seniors in the College of Engineering and one to support the college's programmatic needs.

David's Nevada roots run deep. The son of Marian Louise McClravy-Kiley and James Stead, he grew up on the family ranch in Spanish Springs. He attended Sparks Junior High School and later went to New York where he graduated from the New York Military Academy in 1944. He served in the 99th Infantry Division in Europe during World War II and then returned to Nevada in 1946 to pursue his education at the University of Nevada, Reno.

After WWII, the family ranch operated



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mainly as a cattle ranch and was commonly known as the "Stead Ranch." In 1980, L. David and his son David A., inherited the ranch. Currently, David A. has a ranch in Wyoming. Today, together with his son Matt '90 (mechanical engineering), '92M.S. (mechanical engineering) and daughter, Megan '96 (social work), L. David Kiley creates a legacy with the Kiley Ranch Master Planned Community in Sparks. Another son, Michael '81 (managerial sciences), is a pilot for Delta Airlines.

"The College of Engineering at the University of Nevada, Reno has advanced since my

days," David says. "It uses newer technology and developments to be competitive. I set up the scholarship for several reasons. As a former electrical engineering student, I know that the curriculum is very challenging and that any aid is appreciated. As former professor Dr. Sandorf would say: 'It's a tough go.'"

"The scholarships support students because they need all the support they can get," David adds. "College is a learning process and scholarships support that learning process. The ability to think and be successful is what college does for you."

The College of Engineering's reputation for excellence is confirmed by the strong support it enjoys from alumni, friends and business partners like L. David Kiley.

—Ken Kempcke

For more information on supporting the College of Engineering, please contact Melanie Perish, director of development, at (775) 784-6433 or mperish@unr.edu.

Gatherings



27th Annual Foundation Banquet

The 2008 Foundation Banquet was held Sept. 25 at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks. The featured speaker was journalist Forrest Sawyer.

The banquet was presented by the Whittemore Family Foundation. The Foundation Banquet, one of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation's central fund-raising events, draws capacity audiences. This year, more than 750 people attended.

- (1) Paul Bible '62 and Regent Stavros Anthony
- (2) Beryl Love chats with Jill Winter '78 (political science), '88M.A. (political science)
- (3) Tom Hall '65 (finance) Annette Whittemore '74 (elementary education/special education), Forrest Sawyer and Harvey Whittemore '74 (prelegal)
- (4) George and Dorothy Gillemot pose with Kathleen Kamille
- (5) Scott and Kristin Whittemore, Todd Okeson '05 (general studies) and Chase Whittemore

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Vintage Nevada Wine Festival and Auction

This premier wine tasting event raised its glasses to scholarships for the 18th year on Friday, Oct. 24 at the Downtown Reno Event Center. The University of Nevada, Reno and Southern Wine and Spirits organizes the annual fund-raiser to support financially needy students attending the University. This year there were nearly 1,200 attendees and the event raised more than \$30,000.

- (6) Suzanne Capurro '69 (elementary education), Corinne Capurro '95, (health science) '00M.D., Jennifer Marini '98 (secondary education), Tawnya Renwick and Bob Capurro '64 (business administration)
- (7) Bruno '53 (physical education) and Edna Benna, Vintage Nevada Auction Committee members
- (8) Melissa Burns '98, Shauna Scheneman '98 (speech communications), Lianne Ricciardi, Holly Turville and Traci Dean '95 (fitness management)
- (9) Patt Olmstead, Marybeth Farrell, Chris Johnson and Richelle O'Driscoll '78 (journalism), '00M.A. (speech communications)
- (10) Jennifer Bascom '93 (social work), Jonathan Bascom '00 (psychology), Libby Bumb and Josh Wilson '98 (health education)
- (11) Maureen Wander '02 (elementary education/special education), '08M.Ed. (special education), Wendy Monzon, Jeff Bachon, Sidalia Reyes, Carl Wander and Nino Matteom

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