Mallory Foundation helps College of Business initiate Scholar Leader Scholarship Program

A major gift from the Mallory Foundation has enabled the College of Business to launch the Scholar Leader Scholarship Program. The program will provide exceptional student leaders with a four-year scholarship and a unique opportunity to further develop their leadership skills through participation in student and professional organizations, service projects and internship opportunities.

Scholar Leaders will make life-long connections with peers, faculty and alumni and be better prepared to assume leadership roles in the workforce and their communities. Incoming freshmen are selected for participation based on grade point average, demonstrated leadership within a student and/or civic organization and their enrollment as a pre-business or business major. A faculty member will coordinate student activities and act as a mentor for the entire four years of each student’s participation in the program.

Mallory Foundation officer Riley Beckett ’68 (accounting) says the Mallory Foundation was pleased to support the College of Business’ Scholar Leader Scholarship Program. “Now more than ever it gives our future business leaders the opportunity to develop their potential to guide us through these testing economic times. These times test not only Nevada, but also our country in making the transition from a U.S.-based economy to a globally-based economy. Good luck to you Scholar Leaders in developing those creative skills that will keep our nation great!”

Scholar leader students for 2009/2010 include Shyla Pheasant, Christian Alvarado, Jeff Goyer, Brett Schaffner, Taryn Gomez, and Mallory Fisher.

—Ken Kempcke

To learn more, or support the work of the College of Business, contact Director of Development Kristen Kennedy at (775) 682-6490 or kristenk@unr.edu.

Wells Fargo First Generation Scholars honored

The annual Wells Fargo First Generation Scholarship Luncheon was held Nov. 12, in the Joe Crowley Student Union Great Room to honor 19 scholarship recipients, their families, and the goodwill of Wells Fargo Bank.

Remarks were made by Chad Osorno, Northern Nevada president for Wells Fargo Bank; Fabienne McPhail Naples, associate vice-president for the University’s Student Success Services; and scholarship recipient Adam Carmazzi, a junior in civil engineering. After the luncheon, Osorno presented a ceremonial check for $50,000 to continue the scholarship program.

Wells Fargo First Generation Scholars are graduates of Nevada high schools and are the first in their families to attend college. Five members of the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes are chosen each year and recipients complete 10 hours of community service per month. Since the late 1980s, Wells Fargo has donated more than $800,000 in scholarship support to Nevada students.

—Ken Kempcke

For information on corporate giving and endowments, please contact Director of Development, Corporate and Foundation Relations Lynda Buhlig ’84, at (775) 784-1352 or lbuhlig@unr.edu.

Emma Garcia, a senior majoring in political science, with Chad Osorno, Northern Nevada president for Wells Fargo Bank and board member of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation.
Reno Kiwanis Club Scholarships open doors for Nevada students

Over the years, the Kiwanis Club of Reno, through its foundation, has donated nearly $100,000 to the University. Its scholarship programs have enabled dozens of Nevada students to achieve their academic goals. Founded in Detroit in 1915, Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world through service to children and communities.

The Kiwanis Club of Reno is made up of local men and women desiring personal involvement in the leadership and improvement of the Reno community. The Kiwanis Club performs local community service with a special emphasis on assistance to youth.

This special interest in area youth that, in 1995, motivated the Kiwanis Club of Reno to create an endowed fund with the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation. The fund provides annual scholarships to deserving area students. In 2002, the Reno Kiwanis Club established a second scholarship award, the Frank M. Sweder/Kiwanis Club of Reno Scholarship, named in honor of a longtime, active Kiwanian. This scholarship is targeted toward Nevada students of sophomore standing or higher who have been or are currently members of a Reno area K-Club or Circle-K Club of Kiwanis.

Dick Davies, Nevada history professor and Reno Kiwanis Scholarship Committee chair, says that “Kiwanis International has long maintained service to community youth as an emphasis. Over several decades, the Kiwanis Club of Reno has taken great pride in its scholarship program and the many young people it has helped to attend a great University.”

Sophomore Varia Evans, a 2009 Kiwanis Club Scholarship recipient, says that the Kiwanis Scholarship has allowed her to live on campus and focus on her schoolwork. “I’m really glad to have the opportunity to stay on campus because it has allowed me to meet new people, become more involved with my studies and enjoy my college experience more than if I had to stay at home and work to save money. I would be having a much more difficult time if not for the generosity of the Kiwanis.”

—Ken Kempcke

Southern California Alumni Association members help students follow in their footsteps

Members of the University of Nevada, Reno Southern California Alumni Chapter are united in their dedication to their alma mater and their desire to give back by sponsoring scholarships for those who follow in their footsteps. The chapter was formed in 1921 and currently consists of 48 members who gather for social activities and raise money for student scholarships. Its scholarship fund has provided financial assistance to more than 24 graduates of Southern California high schools attending Nevada.

Kristy Cahoon is a third-year doctoral student in the interdisciplinary social psychology program and a 2009 Southern California Alumni Chapter Scholarship recipient. “I greatly appreciate the scholarship support that the Southern California Alumni Chapter has provided to me,” says Cahoon. “The scholarship allowed me to pay my tuition, buy books for classes and ensure that I have the tools that I need to move forward with my education. Generous scholarship contributions make education possible for students like me and I am very thankful for the assistance and opportunities that the Southern California Alumni Chapter have made possible.”

Application for the Chapter’s scholarship is open to all qualified students from Southern California and the application form can be found on the university’s Web site in the Financial Aid and Scholarship section.

—Ken Kempcke

To learn more, or to become a member of the Southern California Alumni Chapter, please contact Vice President for Membership Jim Wright ’56 at jjimbob@verizon.net or (310) 373-1659.

2009 Southern California Alumni Chapter Scholarship recipients Jamie Yam, Kristy Cahoon and Erin Frias.