



Provided by the University of Nevada, Reno's Las Vegas Office for Prospective Students

## Admissions office in Las Vegas aids students and parents

There's no denying the college admissions process can be intimidating and confusing for the average high school student and their parents. To assist the families with this process in southern Nevada, the University of Nevada, Reno established its Las Vegas Office for Prospective Students. This operation started with a single employee and has grown to eight full-time staff members to address the needs and challenges in one of the nation's largest school districts.

"Las Vegas and its students are very important to the growth and future of the University," states Everett Jackson, associate director of the Las Vegas office. "The University has committed significant resources to develop and assist the Clark County School District with one of its most important goals: preparing and sending more students to college. We exist to partner with the district and to serve the families of the Las Vegas area."

Located in the heart of Las Vegas near Interstate 215 and East Windmill Lane,

this recruitment and outreach office is the University's official presence in southern Nevada. The staff provides needed assistance to students and parents for successful matriculation to the University. The Las Vegas office counsels high school juniors and seniors to ensure that they meet University admission standards. Recruiters within the Las Vegas office make more than 40 high school and district visits each month to ensure that students, counselors and administrators receive the support they need.

The Las Vegas office hosts annual events throughout the year to familiarize the southern Nevada region with the University. Its flagship event, Fall Preview, is held each October and allows students, families and local educators to learn more about the University as well as details about admissions, financial aid, choosing a major, campus life and more. More than 600 people who were interested in becoming part of the Wolf Pack family attended this year. The Las Vegas office

*University of Nevada, Reno's Las Vegas Office for Prospective Students coordinates an event Aug. 9. Everett Jackson, director, Las Vegas Office of Prospective Students; Delia Llanas, office manager; Elisa Watts, admissions and records assistant; Tya Mathis '04, admissions coordinator; Jeanette Chan Rivera, admissions coordinator; Christal Allen '04, admissions coordinator; Hellen Quan Lopez '98, admissions coordinator; Thomas Gennaro '08, admissions coordinator.*

also coordinates the Nevada Bound program, in which hundreds of Clark County high school juniors and seniors fly to Reno to visit the campus for only \$49.

The Las Vegas office further serves the southern Nevada community with its Silver Scholars program in which top 8th grade students are honored for their academic achievements and encouraged to start thinking about college and the University of Nevada, Reno. The Las Vegas office also works with community-based organizations that serve college-bound populations.

*For more information about the University of Nevada, Reno Las Vegas Office for Prospective Students, please call (702) 940-5416.*