Chapter Updates

Alumni Football Chapter
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The Alumni Football Chapter, with the gracious support of the Eldorado Hotel Casino, hosted the inaugural Ring Ceremony March 27 in honor of the 2010 Wolf Pack football team. This event brought 750 fans and community leaders together to celebrate the record-breaking achievements of the historic team and provided an opportunity for the players to sign autographs for those in attendance. More importantly, the event raised more than $10,000 for the chapter, which will fund summer classes for Wolf Pack student-athletes, furthering the goal of attaining the highest graduation rate of any collegiate football team in the country. Football alumni interested in renewing membership, attending an upcoming event or just contacting old teammates should visit our new social website at http://nevadaalumnifootball.com or contact the chapter president, Jim Farley, at jfarley47@verizon.net. Go Wolf Pack!

Black Alumni Chapter
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The Second Annual Black Graduates Celebration took place May 13 in the Wells Fargo Auditorium at the Knowledge Center. A mix of 19 undergraduate and graduate students were recognized. A reception hosted by the Center for Student Cultural Diversity followed with food and fun, as families, friends, staff and faculty came together to celebrate the students’ achievements. All of the graduates will be given the opportunity to become a sponsored member of the alumni chapter. New programs coming up next year include a family weekend and community service with Big Brothers Big Sisters. For more information on the Black Alumni Chapter, please contact Jody Lykes at (775) 682-8998 or jjlykes@unr.edu.

Center for Student Cultural Diversity Alumni Chapter
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Center alumni were back on campus in full force for Intercultural Month. Many returned for reunion events coinciding with the Multicultural Greek Council’s annual Stompin’ with the Pack Step Show and others came out to help at the annual University Powwow.

The Center Alumni Chapter also proudly participated in the Second Annual Black Graduates Celebration May 13. More than 150 people attended the formal ceremony and reception. The graduates were honored with Kente cloth stoles and welcomed to the ranks of Wolf Pack alumni.

Did you use the center during your time at Nevada? If so, please contact Ellen Houston at (775) 784-4936 or thecenter@unr.edu so we can update your address and keep you up to date on our chapter events. We are currently hard at work planning a fall event in conjunction with the Nevada vs. UNLV football game. You can friend us at facebook.com/thecenterunr or follow us at www.twitter.com/thecenterunr.

COBAA Alumni Chapter
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The College of Business Alumni Association held the 20th Annual COBAA Golf Tournament at Wolf Run Golf Club May 12. Major sponsors included Wells Fargo, Sierra Nevada Corporation, Muckel Anderson, CPAs; and Ameriprise: Bickford Anger & Associates. The Dickinson Realty/ Jeff Rife & Associates team of Harvey and Tom Fennell and Jeff and Ryan Rife took first place with a score of 60. Second place went to NAI Alliance and third place to First Independent Bank of Nevada. Nearly $10,000 was raised for scholarships, student career activities and improvements to the college. The date for the 21st Annual COBAA Golf Tournament has been set for May 10, 2012 at Wolf Run. For more information, contact Jane Bessette, director of career connections and alumni relations, (775) 682-9144 or bessette@unr.edu. COBAA is co-sponsoring the Nevada Alumni Association’s Pack Picnic on the Quad July 27. Come out and join us!

Fallon Alumni Chapter
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The Fallon Alumni Chapter scholarship committee chose two deserving high school graduates to each receive a $2,000 scholarship to attend Nevada in the fall. Chapter past president Roger Diedrichsen ’71 and treasurer Valerie Lear ’09 presented the scholarships.

Mark your calendar for Brews and Brats Aug. 28! This event promises to be something different and a fun way to end the summer in Fallon. For more information, text Jim Dakin at (775) 233-9034 or email fallonunralumni@yahoo.com.

Plans are in progress for a fall football rooter bus. Details are still in the works. For additional information regarding the rooter bus or other upcoming events, visit us on Facebook — University of Nevada Alumni Association Fallon Chapter.

Greek Alumni Chapter
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The Greek Alumni Chapter is excited to report that we added 60 Greek alumni to our roster in the past year. Were you in a fraternity
or sorority at Nevada? We’d love to see you join your fellow Greeks and discover what the Greek Alumni Chapter has in store this year. Our chapter fosters friendship, business networking and connection to our University. If you’d like to join us, find us on Facebook or at NevadaGreekAlumni.com. Go Greek … again!

Honors Alumni Chapter
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The Honors Alumni Chapter’s inaugural “Golfing to Give” benefit was an exciting fundraising event to raise money for student service projects. With the help of honors alumni and the Honors Student Service Council, $1,700 was raised in donated items from the community, and $1,400 was raised for honors student scholarships. Honors alumni hope to continue this event and other initiatives that promote and support civic engagement and service learning at Nevada. Please contact Alex Ellison, AmeriCorps VISTA, (775) 784-1455, for more information about the many new service-learning initiatives headed by the Honors Program. Find out how you can get involved!

Nevada Dental Alumni Chapter
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The Nevada Dental Alumni Chapter attended the University of Nevada Pre-Dental Society’s Acceptance Dinner on May 15 at La Vecchia Ristorante in Reno. Alyson Felesina ’11, Matt Stewart ’11, Jane Ince ’10, Abigail Lupina ’09, David White, Jesse Mitchem ’11, Kevin Gales ’11 and Ameen Shahnam ’11. LEFT: Ryan Rife, Tom Fennell, Jeff Rife and Harvey Fennell celebrate a first place win at the COBAA golf tournament May 12 at Wolf Run Golf Club. MIDDLE: Members of the Wolf Pack women’s golf team—Jamie Yarn, Ana de la Maza and Alex Borcherts—pose with honors student Nick Tscheekar during the Honors Alumni Chapter’s inaugural “Golfing to Give” benefit April 22. RIGHT: Eppie Johnson ’51 was honored by Bill Chaffin ’66 during the Sacramento Alumni Chapter’s 15th Anniversary Celebration at the Zinfandel Grille in Sacramento.

Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association
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OSNAA membership continues to grow, and we look forward to seeing new graduates at our next event—Sept. 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the foyer of the new William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building. This is a chance for our members to celebrate the completion of a state-of-the-art facility where medical school and nursing students will study together.

If you are an Orvis alumnus and have not yet joined, we hope you will consider membership in our chapter. It’s amazing how much nurses have in common, whether they are just starting out or getting ready to retire. Membership provides opportunities to stay in touch with fellow graduates, form new relationships and network with other area nurses. Your membership also helps support our OSNAA scholarship, given each year to a senior nursing student. To join, visit www.unr.edu/alumni/connect and select “Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association.”

Sacramento Alumni Chapter
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The Sacramento Alumni Chapter recently celebrated its 15th anniversary at the Zinfandel Grille in Sacramento in celebration, Bill Chaffin ’66 presented chapter founder, Eppie Johnson ’51, with an etched crystal trophy for his time and dedication. We also welcomed a new chapter member—Jordan Traverso ’99, who is deputy director of communications, education and outreach for the California Department of Fish and Game. Jordan is symbolic of our growth and “youth” movement.

On the horizon: A bus trip to San Francisco to support former Pack QB Colin Kaepernick ’10, in his debut as a 49er; hosting viewing parties for the Pack’s away football games in September and a Homecoming convoy in October.

The chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month at noon for lunch. For information, contact chapter president, Steve Park, at (916) 367-6345 or spark@ccareynkf.com.

University of Nevada School of Medicine Alumni Chapter
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On May 13, more than 60 attendees celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2011, as well as the anniversaries of previous graduating classes, during the Annual Alumni Reception. The Outstanding Alumni award was given to retired Brig. Gen. David Young III, M.D., Class of 1975. The first Dr. George Smith Memorial Scholarship, which honors our nontraditional medical students, was presented to incoming fourth-year student Kristin Sohby Dr. Joan Brookhyser ’75AAMD. The chapter recently supported the UNOSM Alumni Associations scholarship, student travel costs for medical missions, and a $25,000 contribution to the new William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building on the University campus. As always, we encourage all alumni of the School of Medicine to consider volunteering and donating to our association.

TOP LEFT: Charise Foster, the reigning Miss Indian UNR, attends the annual University Powwow. TOP RIGHT: Alumni pose with Dr. David White (center) during the University of Nevada Pre-Dental Society’s Acceptance Dinner on May 15 at La Vecchia Ristorante in Reno, Alyson Felesina ’11, Matt Stewart ’11, Jane Ince ’10, Abigail Lupina ’09, David White, Jesse Mitchem ’11, Kevin Gales ’11 and Ameen Shahnam ’11. LEFT: Ryan Rife, Tom Fennell, Jeff Rife and Harvey Fennell celebrate first place win at the COBAA golf tournament May 12 at Wolf Run Golf Club. MIDDLE: Members of the Wolf Pack women’s golf team—Jamie Yarn, Ana de la Maza and Alex Borcherts—pose with honors student Nick Tscheekar during the Honors Alumni Chapter’s inaugural “Golfing to Give” benefit April 22. RIGHT: Eppie Johnson ’51 was honored by Bill Chaffin ’66 during the Sacramento Alumni Chapter’s 15th Anniversary Celebration at the Zinfandel Grille in Sacramento.