The University community celebrated the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building grand opening on June 16. More than 100 guests attended to celebrate the new facility and its pivotal role in introducing interdisciplinary health care to the University by providing a cutting-edge learning environment for medical and nursing students, who will study and train together in one of the most technologically advanced educational buildings ever constructed in Nevada. The Pennington Health Sciences Building was made possible through generous support from the state of Nevada, as well as lead contributions from the William N. Pennington Foundation, Nell J. Redfield Foundation, Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation, and Renown Health. The Pennington Health Sciences Building will not only allow for both disciplines to work as a team but, over time, will allow the Orvis School of Nursing and the School of Medicine to increase their class sizes, thereby addressing the shortage of nurses and doctors in the state of Nevada.

(1) William N. Pennington Foundation trustees Don Carano, Rick Banis ’67, John Mackall and Fred Scarpello with University president, Marc Johnson.

(2) Dr. Kirk Bronander, associate professor of internal medicine, shows John Mackall; Jim Miller, president and CEO of Renown Health; and Rick Banis ’67 one of the simulation mannequins in the new William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building.

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(3) Marilyn Moran; John Carothers, vice president of Development and Alumni Relations; Jean Tobman; Janie Moore; Dr. Addie Moran ’00M.D.; and John Moran.

(4) Medical student Patty Kennel ’10 shows some of the high-tech equipment in the new anatomy lab to attendees at the opening.

(5) C. Craig Karrasch, D.P.M., trustee of the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation, with son C.J. Karrasch.

(6) Peggy Glick and Karen Penner Johnson, learn about simulation mannequins from assistant professor of nursing Kim Baxter.

(7) Orvis School of Nursing faculty members Melinda Hoskins, director of the Orvis Nursing Clinic; Denise Loranger, research; Deborah Shindell, research; Michele Pelter ’93 assistant professor; Lisa Black ’93, ’03MSN assistant professor; Patsy Ruchala, director of the Orvis School of Nursing and Stephanie Deboor ’93, ’97MSN assistant professor.

(8) Dr. Jeane Jones ’98HDL and Jerry Smith, Esq., of the Nell J. Redfield Foundation.

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