Alumni

Thank you alumni for your generous and active support of your alma mater. Alumni chose to make gifts to their class fund (please see Class Challenge on page 43) and to scholarships and programs throughout campus. Alumni philanthropy is an important and vital source of funding, and alumni giving makes a difference. *U.S. News & World Report* uses yearly alumni participation as a measure of alumni involvement for its annual rankings. Nevada was again ranked in the top tier of “best national universities,” up 10 spots from last year. We are grateful to these alumni who made a gift to their alma mater during 2011.
Smallwood Foundation helps expand Nevada’s boundaries

For many students, the dream of studying abroad remains just that—a dream. Through the Frances C. and William P. Smallwood Foundation, Nevada students are continuing their studies throughout the world and gaining experience many students can only describe as “life-changing.”

Since 2010, the Smallwood Foundation Studies Abroad Scholarship has enabled more than 50 students to move beyond the boundaries of Nevada and into the world through the University Study Abroad Consortium. This year, the Smallwood Foundation will realize the dreams of another 25 students.

Scholarship recipient Justin Lopez, Class of 2013, aspires to volunteer with the international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders. Lopez recalls his time in Santiago, Chile, as “the most thrilling, enlightening and memorable time of my life.”

“Even though I was set on studying abroad, my family and I had been struggling financially last year, and I was unsure how I would be able to finance the trip,” says Lopez, who is also a National Merit Scholar. “I can’t imagine how different my world view and outlook on life would be had I been unable to go.”

Jonathan Carral, Class of 2013, would like to start a non-governmental organization working with disadvantaged children in developing countries. Through the Smallwood Scholarship, he was able to spend more than a year studying in Chengdu, China.

“I was overjoyed when I found out about the scholarship,” says Carral, an international affairs major. “Financially, my parents and I weren’t able to cover the expenses associated with studying abroad. It was because of these scholarships and individuals who help to provide them every year that I was able to study in China for three semesters.”

Jason Man, a geography major from the Class of 2012 and treasurer of the campus Geography Club, echoes the sentiment of many students who have studied abroad with the help of scholarships: “If it weren’t for the Smallwood Scholarship and others, this trip would not have been possible,” he says.

“I’m just very thankful for the opportunities that these scholarships have made possible to me, and I encourage anyone out there to apply for every scholarship they can find,” says Man, who spent four months in Puntarenas, Costa Rica. “All they have to do is try. That’s what I did.”

—Roseann Keegan

To learn more about supporting scholarships at Nevada, please contact Melanie Perish, director of development, university scholarships, (775) 682-6544 or mperish@unr.edu.
The Nevada Alumni Association is proud to recognize their lifetime members. Thanks to the generous support of these alumni and friends of the University of Nevada, the Association is able to continue providing quality programs and events. If you’d like to join the Nevada Alumni Association, please visit alumni.unr.edu for a complete list of membership levels and benefits.

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Alumni, are you up to the challenge? 10 good reasons to give to your class fund:

1. Nevada alumni are loyal and supportive of their alma mater. Nearly 4,700 alumni made a gift to Nevada in 2011. Their names can be found starting on page 40.
2. Your class fund becomes a permanent endowment when your class gifts total $10,000.
3. Alumni support is becoming more critical as state funding diminishes.
4. No gift is too small and every gift makes a difference. You may think that your $25 gift couldn’t possibly have an impact, but it all adds up.
5. Your gift demonstrates confidence in your education and enhances the prestige of the University of Nevada, Reno, upholding a proud 137-year history.
6. Your participation matters. U.S. News & World Report uses yearly alumni participation as a measure of alumni involvement for its annual rankings. Nevada was again ranked in the top tier of “best national universities,” up 10 spots from last year. Nevada was also ranked among the top 100 public schools in the country, had 16 graduate programs listed among the nation’s best, and both the College of Engineering and College of Business were ranked as “best undergraduate programs.”
7. Higher national rankings increase the value of your degree. Rankings also affect the University’s ability to recruit and retain the best and brightest students.
8. Your gift might be doubled—or tripled. If your employer or your spouse’s employer has a matching gift program, your donation can be matched 1:1 or more. To find matching gift companies, please visit http://matchinggifts.com/unr.
9. Your gift is tax-deductible and you will promptly receive an acknowledgement of your gift.
10. Making a gift to your class fund is easy. Visit our secure online site at http://giving.unr.edu, choose “Class Challenge” under designation and indicate your class year under comments.

To join your fellow classmates in supporting the Class Endowment Challenge, contact Bruce Mack, associate vice president of Development and Alumni Relations, (775) 784-1352 or bmack@unr.edu.
Do you know someone who **BLEEDS SILVER & BLUE?**

The Nevada Alumni Association is now accepting Alumni Council member nominations.

**DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2012** – The council meets three times a year and is the governing body of the Nevada Alumni Association. Contact 888.NV ALUMS or nv alumni@unr.edu for more information.

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Please use a separate sheet for additional nominations.
Leonard family legacy supports liberal arts, journalism and physics

At Nevada, the Leonard family name has been synonymous with higher education and philanthropy for decades. The Leonard’s legacy at the University began in the 1930s with the late Gwen ’37 (history) and Paul Leonard ’36 (journalism), and continues today through several endowments bearing the family name and through the efforts of their daughter, the Rev. Jackie Leonard ’71 (speech/theatre).

“When I was in college and graduate school, I was blessed with parents who could afford to pay for my education,” says the Rev. Jackie Leonard. “The cost of higher education was much less then. These days, much has changed, particularly the state of the economy. Now, more than ever, students need financial assistance.”

English and political science major Aaron Benedetti, Class of 2012, is the recent recipient of the Guy L. Leonard Memorial Endowment Scholarship in English and Physics, established by the Leonards in memory of their late son, Guy Leonard ’77 (philosophy), who was hit and killed by a drunk driver the same year he graduated from Nevada.

Benedetti, 22, says the Leonard scholarships have helped create a culture of recognition and community among students and faculty at the College of Liberal Arts.

“Sometimes the kind of recognition a scholarship provides can serve as motivation, or it can improve work ethic,” Benedetti says. “The culture of recognition in the department is one of the qualities that helps promote community among students studying English. That sense of community is a big part of the reason I’ve enjoyed my time as an undergraduate.”

Through the years, the Leonard family has also created the Paul A. Leonard Chair for Ethics and Writing in Journalism Endowment; the Paul A. and Gwen F. Leonard Memorial Scholarship Endowment; the Leonard Family Music Scholarship Endowment; the Professor James Hulse Scholarship in History Endowment; the Jim Bernardi and Bob Dillard Theater Scholarship Endowment; the Edwin Booth Award for Service to the Theatre and the Leonard Conference Fund in Philosophy.

In addition, the Guy L. Leonard Memorial Endowment in Philosophy funds the department’s Guy L. Leonard Lecture Series and the Paul and Gwen Leonard Ethics and Politics Lecture.

“Scholarships are a key factor in making it possible to get a college education,” Leonard says. “We need more of them. I hope that my fellow alumni, especially the class of 1971, will contribute as they can to the University’s scholarship programs.”

The Leonards’ names are engraved in the University’s Honor Court in recognition of their lives and long-term dedication to the University. The family also made a significant gift to the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, and the Paul and Gwen Leonard Faculty and Graduate Reading Room is named in their honor.

—Roseann Keegan

To learn more about supporting the College of Liberal Arts, please contact Stuart Golder, director of development, (775) 784-1222 or sgolder@unr.edu.
Orvis alumni create endowments to support nursing students at Nevada

The Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association has established a scholarship endowment to support nursing students at Nevada.

The association was established in 2005 to provide a network for nursing alumni, faculty and students in support of excellence in nursing education, research and community service. Chapter members created the scholarship in 2009 to support a nursing student in his or her senior year. As the nursing alumni association grew, so did support for the scholarship. Under the leadership of Linda Clift ’74 (nursing), chair of the scholarship committee, the association chose to move from an annual scholarship to an endowed scholarship to ensure support for current and future generations of nursing students.

“An endowed scholarship is perpetual, because it consists of a sum of money that is invested for the purpose of generating investment earnings that support an annual award,” Clift says. “Initiation of the fund would require a minimum deposit of $10,000. Of course, our association was short by several thousand dollars, even factoring in future membership dues.

“A proposal and challenge was brought to the association’s steering committee—to raise $10,000 by the end of 2013,” Clift adds. “Currently, the organization is working diligently to accomplish this goal.”

The first recipient of the scholarship in 2009 was Justin Johnson. The 2010 recipient was Jim Fletcher, and the scholarship was awarded to Michael Coudriet in 2011.

Late last year, Clift’s husband, Bob, a retired physician, clinical professor emeritus of the medical school and 1991 President’s Medal recipient, surprised her with the news that he had established an Orvis School of Nursing Endowed Scholarship in her honor, initiated by a $115,000 gift. The Linda Clift Nurse Practitioner Endowed Scholarship provides fully paid tuition for two years to a qualified graduate student in the nurse practitioner program. Clift says the gesture moved her to tears.

“It was an overwhelming and selfless gift of love—one that certainly fills a need in the graduate program, where support has been less available in the past,” Clift says.

—Roseann Keegan

To learn more about supporting the Orvis School of Nursing, please contact Christina Sarman, director of development, (775) 784-6009 or christinas@unr.edu.
Alumni

Nevada students gather in a dorm room in Lincoln Hall. Named for President Abraham Lincoln, it was built in 1895 to serve as a men's residence hall. Along with Manzanita Hall, Lincoln Hall is the oldest continuously operating residence hall in the Western United States.
Who do YOU think should win?

2012 Nevada Alumni Association Award Nominations

Nominee’s Name____________________________________________________
Nominee’s Phone _________________________ Graduation Year____________
Nominee’s Address__________________________________________________

Suggested Award (check one):
- Professional Achievement Award
- Alumni Association Service Award
- Outstanding Young Alumnus Award
- University Service Award
- Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award
- Alumnus of the Year Award

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Please include 1-4 pages of supporting material with this form. You can also
nominate online at www.unr.edu/alumni

Professional Achievement Award
An alumnus/alumna of the University with an outstanding record of career accomplishments.

University Service Award
A friend or graduate who has demonstrated dedication, commitment and service to the University.

Alumni Association Service Award
A friend or graduate who has rendered special and outstanding service to the Nevada Alumni Association.

Outstanding Young Alumnus Award
A graduate who is not more than 15 years past graduation and has an outstanding record of career accomplishments, and/or whose dedication, commitment and service to the Nevada Alumni Association has significantly enhanced alumni programming.

Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award
The award recognizes a specific chapter that has made significant contributions to alumni, students and friends of the University of Nevada and the Nevada Alumni Association during the past year.

Alumnus of the Year Award
A graduate who has rendered special and outstanding service to the University and by personal achievement has brought distinction to the University.

Please fill out the nomination form, along with 1-4 pages of supporting material, by May 15, 2012. Please mail to:
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