Residential life at Nevada
A CLEAR PATH TO STUDENT SUCCESS

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The bustle of move-in day:
Chaotic, yes … and the University at its finest

Our University, with its location high on the north edge of Reno, has sometimes felt like it “has a tone of enduring quiet,” the novelist Walter Van Tilburg ’32 (honorary degree) once wrote. Appearances, though, even when described in words from one of Nevada’s most masterful writers, can be deceiving. Take our annual residence hall move-in day in late August as an example.

Things are anything but quiet.
If anything endures, it is the pent-up energy and high excitement of young people about to stretch their wings in this important rite of passage.

Our students usually arrive well before their prescribed move-in time. They bring with them enough household items to stock one of the fully loaded kitchens from the Real Housewives of Orange County and, enough electronic equipment to successfully listen to the entire alphabet of the world’s most complete playlist during the course of a semester. The many talents of mothers, fathers, younger and older siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends are usually enlisted on these typically hot and sunny move-in days to help with the transition. This is the beginning … the first step of our students’ personal University journey and the start of yet another chapter in our University’s long, tradition-rich history.

Residence halls and the sense of community they create are central to the life of a successful university. From the 168-square-foot room at 224 Pyne on the Princeton University campus that housed future First Lady Michelle Obama to the two-bedroom suite complete with pull-chain toilet that future President Franklin Delano Roosevelt rented for $500 during the 1900-01 academic year at Harvard University, to today’s sparkling “Bed, Bath and Beyond”-ready residential communities that house students by academic interest, the halls in which students live on university campuses sculpt world views, shape relationships and structure key values, such as involvement, volunteerism and service.

In the coming months, we will be sharing in greater detail our plan to enhance the residential life of our campus. The University has already reached a public-private partnership to provide new graduate student housing to replace the 53-year-old University Village on Evans Ave. In addition, we have plans to add another residence hall, necessitated by the campus’ growth and the tremendous demand of students for more on-campus housing, located south of Argenta Hall near Virginia Street. These efforts underscore our commitment to student success, and in creating a vibrant, dynamic campus life for our students to experience.

To be certain, I’m a fan of the moments of quiet contemplation that one often finds on a university campus. But our University always seems to find its perfect equilibrium during those days in late August when the sidewalks on Virginia Street are locked in good-natured gridlock as our students clamor to move in. We become a place with boundless, enduring energy. The dreams we are here to help realize are about to begin.

Sincerely,

Marc A. Johnson
President
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About the cover
More than 2,600 students take part in “Dorm Storm” Aug. 22, the University’s annual move-in day for its nine residence halls. A steady stream of students, their parents, and their friends, flowed from the parking garages and from street-level parking spots, wheeling hand-trucks piled high with possessions. Photo by Lee Pfalmer ’07.

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Dan Heenan ’86 (criminal justice) is part of 12-member team deployed to large fires and bombings worldwide, including the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. The senior special agent, a 26-year veteran of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, is also a veteran resident advisor from Lincoln Hall. Inside the walls of the turn-of-the-century building, Heenan learned his earliest lessons in working cooperatively with other people from vastly different backgrounds.

“I always encourage everyone to live in the residence halls,” says Heenan, the vice president of the International Association of Arson Investigators. “College is about so much more than academic learning—it’s a maturation process. You’re forced to live with other people, respect their space, learn to negotiate, cooperate and come to an agreement, and you learn to become a part of society.”

Late University President Milton Glick often spoke of creating a “sticky” campus, with activities and programming that keep students engaged, foster learning experiences outside the classroom and ultimately improve retention rates.

With nine residence halls on campus filled to capacity with more than 2,600 students—and plans for at least three more buildings—administrators say the University is well on its
way to realizing Glick’s vision.

“Living on campus allows students to make a deeper connection to the University,” says Rod Aeschlimann, director of Residential Life, Housing and Food Services. “We think that’s key.”

National research indicates that students who live on campus in a residence hall meet more people and make more friends, are more satisfied with their college experience, more likely to earn a higher GPA, more likely to obtain a bachelor’s degree in four years, and are more involved in academic and extracurricular activities.

“It makes a difference when students are exposed to other students with good study habits on a regular basis,” Aeschlimann says. “They walk down the hall and see a bunch of students studying and think, ‘Hey, I should be studying, too.’”

Retention rates for on-campus residents are higher, too: almost 92 percent of sophomores living on the University’s campus enrolled the following year, according to recent data. Overall, students who live on campus are 24 percent more likely to graduate in four years.

“Our number one objective is to help our students succeed and graduate,” says University President Marc Johnson. “Living on the University campus provides our students with a safe and convenient environment that allows them to fully focus on their academic pursuits and cultivate relationships and experiences to last a lifetime.”

Carl Gatson ’89 (finance), ’05 (general studies) lettered in boxing for two years at Nevada, but was seeking a new way to stay engaged at the University.

“I had lost the ‘eye of the tiger’ and was no longer interested in boxing for the University after my second year,” says Gatson, a budget coordinator for UNLV. “I needed something else, other than academics, to keep me interested in and connected to staying in school.

“So I went to see a guidance counselor, talked about switching majors to psychology and was convinced to remain a business major and try my hand at becoming a resident advisor,” he adds. "It turns out, that was the best advice I ever received."

From there, his connection to the campus grew. Gatson was a resident advisor for two years and the ASUN student body president
from 1987-88.

“I parlayed my experiences in the residence halls into student leadership roles,” Gatson says. “I learned that I had a good way with people and I decided to roll with it. I realized I had a way of bringing harmony to a situation and that it was having an impact on other people’s lives. The experience truly helped make me the person I am today.”

Marsha Read ’68 (home economics), ’69M.S. (home economics), dean of the University’s graduate school, lived on the ground floor of Juniper Hall with three other students who remain friends today.

“I felt like campus was a new home,” Read says. “I got to know others I otherwise wouldn’t have met because we didn’t take classes together.”

During that time, Read met current colleague Pat Miltenberger ’68 (psychology), ’85Ed.D. (educational administration), emeritus professor of higher education administration. Miltenberger was a mathematics major when she began working as a resident advisor in Juniper and Manzanita halls, but her experiences on campus led her to change her major to psychology. She progressed to a master’s degree in counseling and ultimately earned a doctorate in educational leadership.

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“As a resident advisor, I saw the wonderful and challenging differences in people,” Miltenenberger says. “Students came from different regions and cultures and brought varying values to the campus. Every day I learned a great deal about people, their dreams, their difficulties and challenges. It was rewarding to share in student experiences. I learned to embrace and appreciate differences.

“It was a life-changing experience for me,” she adds. “Living in a residence hall can be challenging, but the long-term benefit is invaluable.”

Nevada State Assemblyman Jason Frierson ’96 (health science) lived in Nye Hall from 1988-89, and then the College Inn from 1989-90 when it served as a residence hall. He also supervised high school students staying in Nye Hall for camps during the summers of 1993 and 1994. Frierson describes living in the residence halls as a key part of his readiness to transition from college life and into adulthood.

“I developed lifelong friendships with students from all over the state and the world,” says Frierson, who is also chief deputy district attorney in the Child Welfare Division of the Clark County District Attorney’s Office. “We grew together and overcame boundaries to learn lessons that we all carry...”
Tales from the Halls

Late-night study groups, impromptu water balloon fights, making friends for life: This is the stuff residential hall life is made of. We asked University of Nevada, Reno alumni to share their favorite memories of living on campus.

"I worked at the University as a hall director in the early 1990s. During the 1990-91 academic year, Emer Isaac ’39 (electrical engineering) came by asking to carve his name and graduating year in the tabletop at Lincoln Hall. This had previously been a tradition for many decades. He was very sick during the last several weeks (of the school year) and had never carved his name as had most seniors. After graduating, he had drawn his design (for the table) on Pacific Gas & Electric graph paper by lantern light as he spread electricity to rural California. He brought with him the same piece of paper he had kept for over 50 years."

–Kevin Price, former resident director/Lord coordinator

"I lived in Manzanita in 1994-95 and in Canada Hall the following year. I enjoyed both years immensely, and I wouldn’t trade my time in the residence halls for anything. I am still very good friends with all of my roommates, and as a teacher, I recommend all of my college-bound students stay at least their first year in the dorms. There’s no better way to get to know the campus and the people!"

–Rachel Novak Leach ’97 (elementary education)

"My greatest residence hall moment was when my parents came to campus for the first time to visit me and they walked into my room mouths agape with the realization that 30 years before they left their dorm rooms the first time, it was their first year of college. The same piece of paper he had kept for over 50 years.

–Audrey (Martin) Goodnight ’03 (French, speech communications, DMA (speech communications)

"Living in Juniper ... hearing the ducks way too early in the morning on Manzanita Lake."

–Sheldon Griffen ’90 (general studies)

"During my freshman orientation, I had to stay at the dorms and one of the students that I met told me about the positive and negative things when it came to living in the dorms. One of the things that he said was that Manzanita was built on a graveyard. Another is that in one of the halls, you can hear a student that died while in the elevator and it’s believed that students can hear screaming at night. I was still a freshman at that time; so I did not really believe the ghost stories. Though, when I stayed in Argenta for two days, there was nothing that I encountered. I enjoyed my stay in the residential hall for those two days."

–James Buhain ’13 (international affairs/political science)

"I lived in Argenta in 2006-07 and remember Colin Kaepernick ‘10 (management) going down our first floor hallway on his skateboard all the time!"

–Reena Arora ‘10 (human development and family studies)

"Putting plants in the urinals in the bathroom in White Pine. The guys visiting never liked it! But it made our female bathroom look better and it was easier to water them!"

–Karen Woodhead ’93 (speech communications)

"Secret barbeques on the Nye Hall roof at night; that and watching Monday Night Football in the common areas was always fun!"

–Chuck Carmona ’90 (marketing)

"I lived in Nye Hall on a floor with the football players from 1980-81; we played football in the halls. I also remember all the fire alarms! But also lived in Lincoln and we used to sit out on the ‘deck’ and party. It was kind of like a fraternity — being all men, and we had parties with some of the sororities in the basement. My son lived in Nye last year; I haven’t gotten the stories out of him yet..."

–Seven Mack ’83 (accounting)

"I lived in Manzanita from 2001-02, and Canada from 2002-03. Both years were a blast!"

–Goldee Ferer O’Brien ’71 (elementary education)

"Lincoln Hall, 1997. The girls from Manzanita ran through the hallways one night. We got revenge later by singing Christmas carols in their dorm."

–William King ’80 (Mathematics)

"I lived in White Pine hall the years of 1967-69. We had to go all the way to the lobby to get a phone call. We had curfews and it was all girls. I think at one time it was for men, as we had urinals in our bathrooms and we used to keep our lab rats in the basin of them!"

–Mandy Costa ’06 (speech pathology)

"Not necessarily my favorite memory, but one I’ll never forget: September 11, 2001. I hadn’t even been in Nye Hall one month my first year of college when a little after 7 a.m. my roommate flung open the door and shouted, ‘We’re going to war! They bombed the World Trade Center!’ I jumped out of bed and looked out the window. There was no war outside... I ran down the hallway and in the TV room was a good dozen people, boys and girls, all staring at the TV. I sat down and watched the reruns of the planes crash into the towers then as they collapsed live. I asked everyone, ‘Did that just happen? Or was that a replay?’ A few people started to cry."

–Audrey Goodnight ’03 (French, speech communications)

"In Manzanita, I was a part of the residential hall association and worked to get the third floor a trash room. I made the closest friends; that made my college experience more than I could’ve expected."

–Starlene Ayala Finley ’96 (journalism-public relations)

"My first time I lived in the states, and also the first time I ever left my country, I lived in Nye Hall from 1994-95. I still remember the smell of elevator. I enjoyed watching MTV with my friends. Everything was new to me."

–Jennica Manning

"White Pine Hall, 1970-71. Being in a suite with six other guys and not only getting to know them, but the sociogram of all their friends; an amazing way to meet all sorts of people. I truly believe all first-year students should experience this, if possible... hanging out in the lounge listening to the very first-ever Monday Night Football broadcast, and then of course all the rest: being extremely close to the Old Gym for concerts, boxing matches, pick-up games... amazing times. I can (and still do) pick out my room every time I pass by on North Virginia."

–Van Tubber ’73 (elementary education, special education), 90M Ed. (counseling and educational psychology)
with us still. The residence halls provided a family away from home for me and many of my friends who were away from home for the first time.”

Stephanie Fujii ’90 (speech communications), ’94M.A. (counseling and educational psychology), dean of instruction for Scottsdale Community College in Arizona, was both a resident and resident advisor in Nye Hall. She credits the experience for opening the door to a career in student affairs and higher education.

“It’s a career that I love and have been in for nearly 24 years,” she says. “My experience made me competitive for my first job as a residence hall director. Being a resident advisor, I learned about leadership, working with students and my peers, dealing with conflict, policies and rules, expectations and boundaries, and student development. I was challenged at times, but the experience helped me grow on a variety of levels.”

Fujii describes the college experience as “so much more than the classroom.”

“I advocate living on campus because I believe in students taking full advantage of a truly holistic collegiate experience—learning from their peers, navigating differences, working toward consensus, managing autonomy and responsibility in an environment designed and created to facilitate positive growth,” she says. “Living on campus is living in a community created and designed to help students succeed. Plus, it is way fun!”

Fujii married a former resident advisor from Arizona State University, while one of her best friends, Laura Williams Dulgar ’88M.Ed. (counseling and educational psychology) was the residence director at Manzanita Hall.

“Residential Life is full of some of the most interesting and nice people—the kinds of folks who know how to plan a party and then break it up,” she says.
Residence hall life through the years

With great thanks to University Special Collections and Archives, these memories of student life on campus have been preserved for future generations to enjoy.


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Living and learning

The University first offered living-learning communities about eight years ago, with communities ranging in size from 18 to 64 students in several of the residence halls. Living-learning communities target first-year freshman, but the connections last throughout their college years. The communities provide educational and social opportunities to students who have chosen to live on campus: Students are assigned to the same floor in a residence hall, take one or more core courses with other students in the community and actively participate in their floor communities.

In 2012, the University became one of the few campuses in the nation to offer a dedicated living-learning residence hall, designed to group students together based on their academic interests.

The Nevada Living Learning Community, a five-story building at the corner of College Drive and North Virginia Street, houses 320 students organized by interest area: art, business, education, engineering, first-year students, honors, journalism, pre-nursing...
and Women in Science and Engineering (WISE).

“Students are part of a community that they can study with, and they help each other succeed academically,” says Teri Galvin, assistant director for the University’s Residential Life, Housing and Food Services. “This program connects the students to the campus while uniting them with active faculty members.”

On average, living-learning community students have a 10 percent higher GPA compared to off-campus students, says Serge Herzog, University director for institutional analysis. These students also have an almost 10 percent higher retention rate.

“Students accepted into the University’s living learning communities cultivate the skills and abilities needed to succeed at the University through a variety of unique experiences,” says Shannon Ellis, vice president for student services. “The close interaction with faculty and experiential connections to the University curriculum help all partici-
pants develop leadership and community service values."

Into the future

With a record number of students now living on the Nevada campus, the demand for space is rapidly growing. Plans are underway for three new residences—approximately 1,200 student beds—by 2019.

Graduate and family housing is also evolving to accommodate rising enrollment and changing demographics. The ground lease has been approved for a public-private partnership that will result in 120 new living units on the Nevada campus in 2014 to meet the needs of graduate students and students with families attending the University.

The new three-story Graduate Family Student Apartment complex will replace the current facility, University Village, located east of the Lombardi Recreation Building. The old building was built in 1960 with 40 one-bedroom units for graduate students—not enough to meet the needs of the current student population.

Graduate student enrollment has increased consistently over the past 50 years, and there are more “nontraditional” students—students in their late 20s, 30s and

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40s—who already have families, Ellis says. The new facility will better accommodate the needs of current students, as well as help make the campus more attractive to those considering a graduate education at the University, which now offers more than 90 graduate programs.

The 120 units will provide 212 beds; some units will be one bedroom, one bath, and others will have two bedrooms, two baths. Each unit will have modern appliances, cooling and heating systems and washers and dryers—features that were absent in the old building. In addition, there will be a gated, secure courtyard for children’s activities.

“Our graduate students and students with families have really been wanting more modern and appropriate housing to support their educational goals, enhance their lives and continue to provide them with a strong connection to the University,” Ellis says. “At the end of the day, that’s what living on campus is all about.”

Residence Hall Association traditions

Canada Hall Safe Trick-or-Treat
Canada Hall invites students from local elementary schools to come and trick-or-treat in the hall in a safe environment. Canada Hall residents decorate their hallways, dress in costume and hand out candy to the children.

Carnival
Carnival celebrates the cultures and customs of the University’s international students. Themed booths help residents “travel the world.”

Duck Day
Each year, Nye Hall raises money for the Water Project, which provides sustainable water projects to communities in sub-Saharan Africa. The event includes a barbecue and water-related events.

Extravaganza
The Extravaganza, held at the Downunder Cafe, features a three-course meal served by University staff.

Last Lecture Series
The Last Lecture Series is offered monthly by academic mentors who ask professors to deliver a lecture based on this question: “If you were dying and had one lecture left to give, what would you talk about?” The concept is based on The Last Lecture, a book co-authored by the late Randy Pausch, a professor at Carnegie Mellon University.

Lincoln Haunted Basement
Lincoln Haunted Basement is an annual event by White Pine and Lincoln halls. For two nights, the entire basement of Lincoln Hall is turned into a haunted house and opened to the local community. Entry fees and food donations benefit the Evelyn Mount Community Outreach Program, which provides food to needy families in the Reno/Sparks area.

Multiple Sclerosis Clothing Drive
At the end of the fall and spring semester, the Housing, Residential Life, and Food Service Department partner with Friends of Multiple Sclerosis. Clothing bins are placed in each hall and residents donate clothing, sheets and blankets.

Norman’s Birthday
Norman the Gnome is the Sierra Hall mascot. Every year Norman has a birthday celebration coupled with a philanthropy event. In 2013, Norman’s birthday wish was to raise funds for the Twilight Wish Foundation, an organization that grants wishes to elderly people who are below the poverty line.

Professors and Pajamas
Professors and Pajamas is an annual event where professors are invited to come into the hall (pajamas are welcomed and encouraged) to talk about things they wish they knew as freshmen, things that frustrate them about the students, and best ways to build a relationship with them.

RHA Block Party
The Residence Hall Association’s Block Party kicks the year off by inviting residents to mingle, listen to music and learn about the RHA.

Silver Chef
The Silver Chef competition is hosted every semester, challenging residents to prepare meals when provided with limited resources.

Wolf Pack Your Basket
Each year, Argenta Hall resident volunteers provide underprivileged children and their families with a fun and friendly environment to hunt for Easter eggs.

Wolf Pack’s Got Talent
Wolf Pack's Got Talent brings residents together by showcasing the students' many talents. This year’s first-place winner claimed victory by beatboxing and solving a Rubik's Cube at the same time.
2013 Dorm Storm

More than 2,600 new students began their educational journey at the University of Nevada, Reno hauling all manner of supplies, electronic gadgets, artwork, posters and the occasional industrial-strength mini-fridge into the residence halls Aug. 22.

(1) President Marc Johnson and the Dorm Storm move-in crew.

(2) Wolfie and the Dorm Storm move-in crew help freshman move into Nye Hall.

A freshman receives help from family and friends.

(4) Shawn Steckoe, Robert McDonagh and Bailey Stevenson wait on the elevator to move into Nye Hall.

(5) Freshman Victoria Hudman moves in with the help of her mom and sister.

New Student Orientation

President Marc Johnson and other dignitaries welcomed the Class of 2017 during the University’s 14th annual New Student Opening Ceremony Aug. 23 at Lawlor Events Center.

(1) Keynote speaker and chemistry professor Vincent Catalano addresses new and returning students.

(2) Candles are lit while students take the Nevada Oath and sing the Alma Mater.

(3) The Nevada Cheer Team preps the students before the opening of the ceremony.

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Wolf Pack Caravan

This year’s Wolf Pack Caravans featured first-year Nevada football coach Brian Polian and the new Wolf Pack athletics director Doug Knuth. Each spoke to the crowd and shared their new ideas and winning philosophies and held an open Q&A session. The caravans concluded with a stop at Montreux Golf & Country Club in Reno July 24.

(1) Steve Frank, Montreux Golf and Country Club General Manager Lisa Anderson and President Marc Johnson.

(2) Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers, David Deming and Valerie Chappel.

(3) Michael Hohl, John Maher and Athletic Director Doug Knuth.

(4) Danny Robinson, Jason Bender, baseball coach Jay Johnson and Montreux Golf and Country Club Membership Director Heather Olsen.

(5) Michelle Rossow and son with football coach Brian Polian.

The Art of Gaming + opening reception

Hundreds of guests gathered in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, July 7 for the opening reception of The Art of Gaming +. The exhibit, by head of Special Collections Donnie Curtis and show curator Joan Arrizabalaga, showcases more than 80 pieces of imaginative and whimsical interpretations of gambling and casino life, along with conceptual and advertising art of the industry. The show centers around sculptures that were commissioned by the Stremmel Gallery for Harrah’s in 1995.

(1) Beth Isaef ’68 and Julie Sulahria ’72.

(2) Faculty emeritus James Hulse ’52, ’58M.A.

(3) Lois ’65 and Dave Bianchi ’68 and Joan Arrizabalaga.
School of Community Health Sciences: A long-standing tradition of service to community

No matter the name of the degree or decade in which it was conferred, alumni of the current School of Community Health Sciences have a long tradition of service to the community.

From relatively humble beginnings in the 1970s to an institution of nearly 800 undergraduate students and 60 graduate students today, the School of Community Health Sciences continues to produce skill-based students who “speak” health and understand how to look at population health statistics and then use those statistics to provide a picture of the community’s health.

“Graduates know the vocabulary of payers, insurance companies, health disparities and ethics so they can go into any environment dealing with health and give that company or agency a better understanding of the processes in the workplace. They have the ‘whole health’ picture, including the socio-economic, educational and cultural impacts on health,” says Trudy Larson, M.D., director of the School of Community Health Sciences.

“We have alumni working in health care delivery, evaluation and administration and as doctors, hospital administrators, physical therapists and personal trainers,” she says. “Our graduates are trained in the five core areas of public health; biostatistics, environmental health, epidemiology, health administration and policy and social and behavioral health, all of which will be immediately needed in the next 10 years because more than 50 percent of the current public health work force is retiring.”

The School of Community Health Sciences requires students, undergraduate or graduate, to complete a 100 to 270-hour internship, undertaken at community organizations including the Nevada Cancer Coalition. Pictured: Graduate student Charlotte Andreason and Nevada Cancer Coalition Executive Director Cari Herington.

Through their studies in the classroom and in the community, both undergraduate and graduate students are able to put personal health issues in the broader context of public, or community health. They know how to interpret data and reach a conclusion that the data supports as well as the practical application of that knowledge.

A requirement of all School of Community Health Sciences students, whether undergraduates or graduates, is an internship in a public health setting. For undergraduates, it is a 100-hour requirement with a project that benefits the agency where the internship is held. For the master’s degree in public health, the requirement is a 270-hour internship in a community agency with a culminating project that takes the place of a written thesis. According to Larson, many of the agencies that have had Community Health Science interns at the graduate level hire them following graduation.

Community agencies that need public health projects work through Gerold Dermid ‘10 MBA, the School of Community Health Sciences’ coordinator of community relations and field studies, to recruit students eager to put their skills and enthusiasm to use.

“Public agencies come to me with a need at the local, national or even international level and I match them with our students. At any point in the academic year, we have 150 to 200 undergraduates doing their internships, or field studies,” Dermid says. “Our graduate students do their internships in the areas of epidemiology, social and behavioral health or health administration and policy and we usually have about two dozen of them in the field.”

The Nevada Cancer Coalition is one such agency that has benefitted from the work of Community Health Science students bringing their skill set to bear on specific projects.

Executive Director Cari Herington says having students work there is a huge benefit for an
understaffed agency such as hers.

“One of our undergraduate students worked on our tobacco-free teen program by setting up a teen-friendly web page and coordinating with the schools to set up presentations,” Herington says. “She offered a fresh, peer perspective to help teens and young people stop smoking.”

Another undergraduate intern worked on a skin cancer campaign by pulling together web resources and building an online promotion campaign.

“Charlotte Andreason, our graduate student this summer, worked with our breast cancer screening program and did research and focus groups to help us determine that the lack of screenings was an accessibility issue,” Herington says.

Andreason then created an online interactive resource map annotating locations across the state where women can receive mammograms.

Herington says working with University of Nevada, Reno students is a “win-win” situation for both parties: students work in their profession and get connected with leaders in their field, while the Nevada Cancer Coalition provides more access to health care resources for its population.

Jeff Dold, director of the More to Life Adult Health Day Care Center in Sparks, says students “bring a sense of wonder” and enthusiasm to his program.

“Students are group leaders for our client events and bring new programs and ideas that we wouldn’t otherwise have,” he says, citing an example of the laughter yoga class that quickly caught on with his clients.

Dold says he tries to match the needs of his clients with the strength of the students so that at the end of the internship, people that came together as strangers leave as friends.

“These students bring life and youthfulness to our seniors. They add new excitement to old events and are innovative, creative and have a new way of thinking,” he says.

At the Washoe County School District, Community Health Science students work with the employee and retiree wellness program, according to Laura Edman, program coordinator.

“They established a stress management program with online and in-person components. They are able to find local wellness resources and make connections with them. And these students help our employees get out from behind the desk and move,” she says.

With more than 100 locations across the county, University students help the school district broaden the reach of its wellness programs to employees across the area with variety and re-engagement.

Edman says she tries to match students’ passions with the needs of district employees because that passion is contagious and passes on to those participating in wellness programs.

Faculty is likewise engaged in the community looking at real-world problems and applying their expertise to develop information to inform policy and community planning.

“The state of Nevada calls on our faculty for program planning and evaluation, for community health needs assessments, and for consultation with health data needs,” Larson says. “We want to be known as a community resource for expertise in public health and want to share that expertise to improve the health of our population”.

For more information, please contact Gerold Dermid, coordinator of field studies and community relations at gdermid@unr.edu or visit http://chs.unr.edu.

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—Trudy Larson, M.D., director of the School of Community Health Sciences.

Health Sciences alumna give back

Marena Works ‘95MSN, ‘07MPH, uses her degree from the School of Community Health Sciences to give back to her community of Carson City.

Works pursued her joint master’s degree in nursing and public health, not knowing what doors it would open for her in the future. Since graduation, she has put her interdisciplinary knowledge to use when she accepted the job of health director in Carson City for the newly expanded health department. She has spearheaded and overseen the accreditation process for Carson City Health and Human Services, which is no small undertaking.

Recently, she took on a new challenge as the deputy manager of Carson City. When she isn’t busy using her education to serve the citizens of Carson City, she gives back to the school by co-chairing the School of Community Health Sciences Advisory Board, which is tasked with providing support and advice to the leadership of the school as they work towards their goal of becoming an accredited School of Public Health.

In reminiscing about her experience as a student in the School of Community Health Sciences, she said: “I believe individuals succeed in higher education by allowing their minds to be transformed and their way of thinking expanded. As a master’s student in a dual program, I received the individual nurturing I needed for my transformation to take place from the faculty at the School of Community Health Sciences.”

To read more about alumni from the School of Community Health Sciences please visit http://chs.unr.edu/subpages/community/alumni.html.
At the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), rich and diverse perspectives informed by many lifetimes of learning combine with the enthusiasm of community and faculty volunteers to bring immeasurable benefits to the University of Nevada, Reno and beyond.

“OLLI fosters connections among the cultural and educational institutions in the Reno area,” says James Mardock, Crowley Distinguished Professor of the Humanities and associate professor of English. “OLLI members go to everything from drama to football to architecture tours, and often they’re the driving force behind or enthusiastic volunteers at these events. Strengthening their connection to the University makes the University a hub for the creation of communal identity.”

That connection has indeed strengthened, as OLLI at the University has grown from 300 members in 2007 to more than 1,450 members today with support from The Bernard Osher Foundation, a dedicated and engaged core membership and scores of University faculty who volunteer to teach at OLLI.

Crowley Distinguished Professor of the Humanities James Mardock takes a break from teaching “Remembering with Advantages: Henry V” with OLLI members Joyce Starling and Judith Cole.

“The life experiences of OLLI members lead to a different atmosphere in the classroom,” says Monica Grecu, English lecturer, emerita, who has taught at OLLI (formerly ElderCollege) since 1999. “The educational process gains the colors every instructor hopes to find in an amphitheater where ideas, truth and desire to share knowledge are truly appreciated.”

The mutual respect and exchange of ideas Grecu and Starling describe foster a stimulating learning environment for both teacher and student.

“Teaching at OLLI allows me to teach in a different way for a different audience, which helps me get a better grasp on the subjects,” says Grant Cramer, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology.

Just as OLLI members appreciate a vigorous intellectual exchange with University faculty inside and outside the classroom, faculty recognize the value of OLLI to themselves, to the University and to the community.

Founded in 1991 by a small group of lifelong learners dedicated to continuing education beyond retirement, the University’s ElderCollege was selected by The Bernard Osher Foundation to become an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in March 2007 in recognition of its exceptional success as a member-directed learning-in-retirement organization. Since 2007, OLLI at the University of Nevada, Reno has received three separate grants of $100,000 from the Osher Foundation, which have enabled the organization to increase membership, improve outreach and develop course offerings. In 2009, OLLI was awarded a $1 million endowment gift by The Bernard Osher Foundation for programming excellence and for demonstrating potential for long-term success and sustainability.

For more information, please visit www.olli.unr.edu or call (775) 784-8053. To learn more about supporting OLLI, please contact Donna Knotek ’12, (775) 682-5952 or dknotek@unr.edu.
Cooperative Extension teams up with USDA Risk Management Agency to help Nevada agriculture

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension is providing workshops for Nevada’s farmers and ranchers, with funding provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Risk Management Agency, helping producers manage their business risks through effective, market-based risk-management solutions. The workshops are aimed at preserving and strengthening the economic stability of Nevada’s agricultural producers. Cooperative Extension brings in experts from colleges across campus to help provide information on a variety of pertinent issues.

“There is great interest in assisting our agriculture industry,” says Staci Emm ’96 (journalism), Mineral County Extension educator, who has spearheaded many of these assistance programs in the state. “Nevadans know that our farmers and ranchers not only contribute to our economy, but can also provide us with a local, stable source for healthy, reliable foods.”

At an Aug. 20 workshop, presenters discussed the economic outlook for agricultural producers and provided information on financial assistance and how to mitigate risks during droughts and other challenges. An Aug. 12 workshop explained two new pieces of legislation that affect Nevada’s agricultural producers: AB206, the Cottage Foods legislation, clears the way for home cooks and farmers to make and sell up to $35,000 in products such as baked goods, jams, vinegars and more, without a commercial kitchen; while AB200, the Farm to Fork legislation, allows farmers to hold up to two dinners a month featuring their products without qualifying as food establishments.

Cooperative Extension continues to offer similar workshops throughout the state via videoconference. Call (775) 784-7070 or visit www.unce.unr.edu.

―Claudene Wharton ’86, ’99M.A.

KUNR celebrates 50 years on the air

On Oct. 7, 1963, students and staff heard the first-ever KUNR broadcast. Just 15 minutes long, this broadcast recognized the many individuals who had come together to bring the vision of a public radio station to life on the University campus.

A few minutes of classical music brought the broadcast to an end, but it was just the beginning for KUNR. For 50 years now, broadcasts on KUNR—Reno Public Radio—have informed and engaged audiences with timely, relevant and high-quality news, information and entertainment programming. Today, KUNR covers the issues of relevance for upwards of 45,000 listeners in 20 communities throughout northern Nevada and northeastern California.

As public radio stations emerged on college campuses, University President Charles Armstrong received approval from the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents in June 1962 for a 10-watt FM radio station. The first studio was located in Church Fine Arts, with the transmitter on the roof directly above. Mary Robins English, KUNR’s first station manager, commented on the station she literally helped build from boxes of radio equipment: “We had to climb a rope ladder just to access the station, which was in a loft.”

With a listening radius of just 13 miles, broadcast was limited from 3:45-11 p.m. each day, in part due to the station’s limited record collection. The Federal Communications Commission granted KUNR an increase in power to 1,000 watts in 1969, and with a new transmitter installed atop Nye Hall, the listening area greatly expanded. In 1981, KUNR became an affiliate of NPR and a full-service public radio station eligible for Corporation for Public Broadcasting funds. KUNR simultaneously became an outreach service of the University system, which holds KUNR’s license.

To learn more about supporting KUNR, please visit www.kunr.org.

―By Stefanie Givens, director of development, 88.7 Reno Public Radio
Kinross creates professorship at Mackay School

Kinross Gold U.S.A. Inc. has established a new three-year term professorship at the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering to support higher education in the academic areas critical to the mining industry, including the geological sciences, mining engineering and mineral processing, extractive metallurgy and geographic information systems. Founded in 1993, Kinross Gold has quickly grown to become one of the world’s leading gold mining companies. The company’s $300,000 gift will establish the Kinross Term Professorship and provide salary and benefit support for an assistant professor in mining engineering.

"Education is a major focus for Kinross and we are pleased to support the Mackay School to help develop future mining professionals," says James Fowler, Kinross Gold’s regional vice-president, North America. "Nevada is the nation’s preeminent mining state and the industry serves as one of its largest employers, placing a strategic importance in supporting mining education."

The Mackay School of Earth Sciences’ close ties with industry leaders provide students with opportunities for academic and career success. "Kinross’s investment will assist with program growth, both in depth and breadth, succession planning for the retirement of seasoned faculty and research distinction," says Jeff Thompson, dean of the College of Science.

The list of chairs and professorships at the Mackay School supported by the mining industry include the Goldcorp Endowed Chair, Goldcorp Term Professorship, the Newmont Endowed Professorship and the Barrick Gold of North America Term Professorship.

To learn more about supporting the professorships and chairs at the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering, please contact Char Hagemann, director of development, (775) 682-8791 or chagemann@unr.edu.

Alumni couple establishes endowment for aspiring teachers

Driven by their long-term commitment to education, retired educators Terence ‘63 (business administration), ’87 M.Ed. (secondary education) and Frances Breen Terras ’60 (elementary education), ’88 M.Ed. (elementary education) have established a scholarship endowment to benefit students at the College of Education.

The Terence E. and Frances Breen Terras Scholarship Endowment in Education will benefit a junior or senior undergraduate pursuing a degree in education and is preferably from central Nevada, like Fran and Terry.

"I can still name friends who weren’t able to attend college because of financial need," Terry says. "By establishing this scholarship endowment, we hope to give students the gift of higher education and help them achieve their dreams of becoming a teacher."

Fran grew up in Goldfield, while Terry was raised in Tonopah. The couple met while attending Tonopah High School and married in 1960 after graduating from the University of Nevada, Reno. They moved to California for several years while Fran pursued a career in teaching and Terry worked at Aerojet and Campbell Soup Company. Terry realized he preferred a career in education, so the couple returned to Nevada in 1967 and began teaching careers with the Washoe County School District. In the 1980s, they received master’s degrees from the College of Education.

Terry taught science and mathematics at the middle and high school levels, while Fran taught several grades and became a reading and writing specialist.

To learn more about supporting scholarships at Nevada, please contact Melanie Perish, director of development, (775) 682-1394 or mperish@unr.edu.
Planned gift honors Eisingers’ loyalty to Nevada and one another

The late John Eisinger ’60M.S. (geology) was devoted to his alma mater, the field of geology in Nevada, and most of all, his wife of almost 40 years, Sandra. When John passed away from leukemia in 2003, Sandra honored John and their devotion to one another by establishing a scholarship endowment in his name and making gifts to the endowment each year. She supported students at the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering through the scholarship endowment until her passing in 2012 at age 78.

Thanks to a planned gift from the couple’s estate, the V. John Eisinger Memorial Scholarship Endowment will provide the equivalent of 18 Nevada Silver and Blue scholarships each year for students in the Department of Geological Sciences and Engineering.

John received his bachelor’s in geology from the University of Idaho. He went on to receive his master’s from the Mackay School of Mines, now the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering. In 1962, he began working for Eagle-Picher Minerals, Inc. as a production planner, rising through the ranks over the next 38 years as plant manager, vice president-general works manager, vice president of production, vice president of operations and senior vice president of operations.

The couple met in Lovelock when John went to work for Eagle-Picher and Sandra was working as a cocktail waitress. After his retirement in 2000, the company established the Eagle-Picher Minerals Inc. V. John Eisinger Honorary Scholarship at the Mackay School to honor John’s four decades of professional service. After John’s passing in 2003, Sandra continued to contribute to the scholarship, eventually creating the V. John Eisinger Memorial Scholarship Endowment and establishing a planned gift to the scholarship so that Mackay Students could benefit from the couple’s generosity well into the future. Sandra was inducted into the University’s Honor Court in 2008.

For more information on planned giving opportunities, please contact Lisa M. Riley, Esq., director of the Office of Planned Giving (775) 682-6017 or lriley@unr.edu. To learn more about supporting the Mackay School and the College of Science, please contact Char Hagemann, director of development, (775) 682-8791 or chagemann@unr.edu.

Director of Development Char Hagemann and the late Sandra Eisinger.

Seeligers establish scholarship endowment to honor nurses

Kay Park Seeliger ’65 (nursing) and Tom Seeliger ’63 (economics) understand the importance of a compassionate and skilled nurse. Within a month of being diagnosed with breast cancer for a second time, the couple’s daughter, a single mother, learned that her own 15-year old daughter had non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma.

Thus began the Seeligers’ long journey of many days and nights spent in hospitals, including Renown Medical Center in Reno, the Children’s Hospital & Research Center in Oakland, Calif., and MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas—sometimes with Kay in one hospital and Tom in another, depending on when and where their daughter and granddaughter were being treated.

Through this journey, the Seeligers came to appreciate the caring and loving nurses who paid close attention to their daughter and granddaughter, and realized just how important good, well-trained nurses are. The Seeligers decided to establish the Kay Seeliger Nursing Scholarship Endowment for students at Nevada who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in nursing.

“The nurses were fantastic,” Kay says. “Their loving care was amazing. It was like they were taking care of their own children. When the nurses had a day off, they would come to visit my daughter and granddaughter.”

Both the Seeligers’ daughter, Sally, and granddaughter, Abbie, are in remission. Abbie is a senior at Reno High School and is the student-body vice president. She is looking forward to college and eventually becoming a surgeon.

“Her strength and focus astounds us,” Kay says. “She never complains.”

To learn more about supporting the Orvis School of Nursing, please contact Christina Sarman ’00, ’11M.A., director of development, (775) 784-6009 or csarman@unr.edu. To learn more about planned giving opportunities, please contact Lisa M. Riley, Esq., director of the Office of Planned Giving, (775) 682-6017, or lriley@unr.edu.

Kay Park Seeliger ’65 and Tom Seeliger ’63
New College of Education dean sees partnerships as future hallmark

Much of Ken Coll’s career and research have focused on educational psychology and counseling, specialties that overlap with student development from pre-kindergarten through higher education. This broad perspective and an impressive breadth of research, service, teaching and administrative experience have prepared Coll for his role as dean of the University of Nevada, Reno’s College of Education.

Coll joined the University in July, coming from Boise State University, where he served as associate dean of the College of Education and director of Boise State’s Institute for the Study of Addiction, which was named the Distinguished Program of the Year in 2009 by the International Association of Addictions and Offender Counseling.

“Ken brings ideas, interests and research expertise that match well with our priorities,” said Kevin Carman, executive vice president and provost. “He is passionate about partnering with faculty to explore ways to even better prepare our future teachers, advance scholarship within the college and continue to develop our degree programs, notably our advanced-degree programs. He is eager to work with regional school districts, which is especially important to us.”

“As colleges of education look toward the future, it is critical that we have strong partnerships with Pre-K-12 school districts, promote outreach that will prepare globally minded educators and engage in meaningful multidisciplinary research,” Coll said.

Coll spent nearly a decade working as a counselor in higher education settings before joining the University of Wyoming, where he coordinated the Educational Psychology and Counseling Program and directed the Wyoming Chemical Abuse Resource Center. He next joined South Dakota State University as associate professor of counseling and human resource development. He was named the College of Education Researcher of the Year at both Boise State University and the University of Wyoming. In 2010, the Idaho Counseling Association presented him the 2010 Distinguished Service and Advocacy Award, and in 1996 he received the Wyoming Counseling Association Award for Service to the Profession.

Coll replaces Christine Cheney who retired in July. Cheney joined the University and its College of Education in 1984 and was named dean in 2010. Cheney is a past recipient of the F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Award, the University’s most prestigious teaching award, and she received the University’s Distinguished Faculty Award in 2013.

The College of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The college’s counseling and educational psychology programs are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs.

—Jane Tors ’82

College of Business graduates first Online EMBA cohort

Two years ago, 13 students decided to invest their time and effort into the University of Nevada, Reno’s College of Business first online Executive Master’s in Business Administration (EMBA) program. This first cohort received their EMBA degrees Aug. 24.

BACK ROW: Christine Casey, Nova Coffron, Matthew Gardner, Lilliana Camacho and Matthew Spaur.
Summer fun and learning: nearly 5,000 students enjoy University summer camps

Each summer the University of Nevada, Reno transforms as nearly 5,000 students under the age of 18 participate in more than 35 different camps at University facilities throughout northern Nevada.

A point of pride is the Dean’s Future Scholars summer program offered through the College of Education. This academic outreach program seeks to increase the number of underrepresented students graduating high school, better their access to higher education and assist them in entering the field of education. The day camp hosted 213 students.

“The University of Nevada campus provides the ideal backdrop for youth summer camps,” said Mariluz Garcia ’03 (elementary education), ’07 M.A. (counseling and educational psychology), program director for Dean’s Future Scholars. “Not only is it a beautiful place to be, but this setting expands students’ horizons by allowing them to step into the shoes of college students every single day. They get to experience what it’s like to learn in a college classroom and enjoy access to the superb technology on campus.”

The College of Engineering organized multiple camps, each focusing on a different aspect of engineering such as civil engineering, transportation and computer science. Additional camps included Girls in Engineering and the MESA program (mathematics, engineering, science achievement), which shows first-generation college students how fun engineering can be. These camps brought more than 100 young students to campus.

“Many students do not know what engineering is before coming to one of our camps,” said Elyse Bozsik ’07 (speech communications, ’10 M.Ed. (secondary education), College of Engineering K-12 outreach coordinator. “It is our hope to expose them to a number of engineering fields while they’re on campus and to inspire them to go on and choose engineering or science and technology as a future major and career.”

Other specialty camps welcome thousands more students to University settings, including: University of Nevada Cooperative Extension’s annual 4-H Camp at Lake Tahoe; Lake Tahoe Music Camp organized by the University’s Department of Music faculty members who are also professional musicians; Kids University which energizes nearly 1,900 students through a series of weeklong sessions on topics ranging from robotics and space science to music composition and history; Wolf Pack Sport Camps which help students starting as young as 6 develop skills in a variety of sports; University of Nevada School of Medicine Summer of Discovery program; Smallwood Multimedia Boot Camp where high school students receive hands-on experience in a wide-range of media and research; Girls Math and Technology Camp which encourages girls from varied backgrounds to increase their knowledge, skills and confidence in mathematics and the use of technology; Nevada Boys State, a seven-day leadership experience that draws together high school juniors to form a mock state with cities, elections, courts and government branches; NCLab Summer Camp which welcomes 50 kindergarten through 12th grade students to create 3D designs and/or computer programs; and Upward Bound Summer Academy, a campus residential program where high school students enjoy courses in multimedia production, music, drama, public speaking, fitness, test preparation and more.

—Abbie Walker ’11
Keeping an eye on climate and fires

The University of Nevada, Reno’s Seismological Laboratory is expanding its seismic monitoring network capabilities to include high-definition video and climate and environmental monitoring.

“This imagery represents an evolution as it incorporates multi-hazards and climate monitoring into our seismic monitoring network,” said Graham Kent, director of the Seismological Lab.

The cameras can tilt, pan 360 degrees and have a 20X optical zoom. The monitoring stations also include seismometers and other environmental and climate monitoring equipment to help emergency managers, researchers and others in their efforts.

When completed, the monitoring network will provide web-based access to real-time, time-lapse video, which will improve situational awareness for emergency managers and provide remote monitoring of research sites within range of the monitoring stations.

The Nevada Seismological Laboratory is a statewide public service department at the University. It operates a network of about 150 real-time seismograph stations throughout the region providing earthquake information to Nevada citizens, the USGS and local and state officials.

—Mike Wolterbeek ’02
Faces on the Quad

RJ BOYAJIAN has been elected president of the Graduate Student Association (GSA) for the 2013-14 academic year after representing the University’s College of Liberal Arts and School of Journalism in the organization for the past three years. Boyajian is pursuing a doctoral degree in political science and has master’s degrees in international business administration and global leadership from the University of California, San Diego. Prior to returning to school, Boyajian ran her own consulting company in marketing, strategy and program management.

ZIAD RASHDAN, an economics and finance major, has been elected president of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) for the 2013-14 academic year. The graduate of Edward C. Reed High School in Sparks, Nev. has been involved with ASUN for the past four years. Rashdan is actively involved in the University’s Greek community, was a founding member of the College of Business Peer Mentor Program and has been involved in other clubs and organizations including College Life 101 and the Business Student Council.

KATHLEEN “KATIE” HILL was one of 30 selected nationally to participate in the inaugural GEAR UP Alumni Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C. this summer and receive training on grassroots advocacy, social media advocacy and leadership. Hill has been active in GEAR UP—Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs—since the first Nevada State GEAR UP grant in 2001. She graduated as valedictorian from McDermitt High School in McDermitt, Nev., in 2007. She graduated magna cum laude from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, having majored in psychology, and earned a master’s in educational leadership from the University of Nevada, Reno in May 2013. This fall she continues her studies at the University, pursing a doctoral degree in educational leadership.

CHELSEA LEE, a political science major from Sacramento, cares deeply about human rights issues. Lee’s award-winning research paper on same-sex couple rights, which studied and evaluated same-sex marriage laws and legislation in more than 180 countries including the United States, was chosen by the Council on Undergraduate Research to be presented to members of Congress in April in Washington, D.C. The “Posters on the Hill” presentation is one of the most rigorously vetted and competitive undergraduate research competitions in the country. Of 800 applications, only 60 posters were selected. Lee, who will graduate in May 2014 and plans to attend graduate school, is interested in a career involved with international human rights.

SHAVON MOORE was one of eight medical students in the country to receive a Minority Scholars Award from the American Medical Association Foundation at its annual meeting in Chicago this summer. Shavon received the $10,000 scholarship in recognition of her academic achievement and commitment to the elimination of health care disparities. As an undergraduate at the University, Shavon was co-captain of the women’s basketball team and graduated with degrees in biology and psychology. A second-year student at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, Shavon volunteers as the women’s clinic manager at the Student Outreach Clinic. She is chapter co-president and associate regional director of the Student National Medical Association and serves on the Student Advisory Committee for the wellness program.

CHRIS SALLS, a dual computer science and engineering and math major minoring in physics, was co-vedictorian at Edward C. Reed High School in Sparks, Nev. and entered the University as a National Merit Scholar in 2009. Salls was already an accomplished scholar, having placed first in the state’s American Mathematics Competition. Salls joined the University’s math team, which helped prepare him for the rigorous nationwide math test, the Putnam Exam. This year, Salls placed in the top five percent of nearly 4,300 students who participated in the Putnam Exam. The University team placed in the top 20 percent of the 578 participating colleges and universities.

—Natalie Savidge ’04

Walker named interim dean of Cooperative Extension

The University of Nevada Cooperative Extension welcomed a new interim dean, Mark Walker, on July 1. He has served 23 years as extension specialist.

Most recently, Walker served as chair of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences for the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources.

“I am very pleased to be entering this position at this time,” Walker said. “I plan to visit everyone in the Extension system in the next three to six months and become acquainted with their work. It’s a different depth of experience to visit with people who live, work and serve in Nevada.”

Walker earned a bachelor’s in English and journalism from Binghamton University, and joined the Peace Corps following graduation. He obtained his master’s in water resources administration from the University of Arizona and a doctorate in soil and water engineering from Cornell University.

In 2010, Walker received the Project of Excellence award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture for his research testing unregulated water supplies in the Navajo Nation.

His appointment follows that of Jerry Buk who has 36 years of experience in Cooperative Extension and a variety of leadership roles in both rural and urban settings in three states.

—Natalie Savidge ’04
University researchers at forefront of preserving Lake Tahoe

It’s always been hard work, this collaborative business of uniting the vision of management agencies, research arms of institutions of higher learning and the will of the public regarding the future of Lake Tahoe.

A day before President Bill Clinton made an appearance at the Lake Tahoe Presidential Summit in 1997, Vice-President Al Gore hiked part of the trail to Mount Tallac on Tahoe’s south shore to get a better feel for the lake’s reputed beauty.

Gore could see this was a national treasure. Later that morning, during a three-hour open-air workshop, Gore spoke of a “consensus” of purpose that would include effort from all with a stake in Lake Tahoe’s future.

Sixteen years later, Gore returned to Lake Tahoe on Aug. 19 to deliver the keynote address for the annual Lake Tahoe Summit, hosted by U.S. Sen. Harry Reid at Sand Harbor State Park.

Since 1997, the work of University researchers, in collaboration with their partners at the Desert Research Institute and institutions such as UC-Davis, has been significant in the ongoing effort to preserve and sustain Lake Tahoe’s future.

Current projects by University researchers are evaluating the most effective mechanical methods to remove and manage non-native fish, supporting restoration of native fish in the lake and studying the 90 percent decline in bugs living in the muck at the lake’s deepest, darkest depths. University research has informed current forest, wildfire and soil management practices to reduce nutrients and sediment from going into the lake. Mountain-top environmental monitoring stations are being established by the University’s Nevada Seismological Laboratory and use remote sensing equipment to collect and transmit basin-wide climate and environmental and climate information.

Through his earthquake fault research at Fallen Leaf Lake in the Tahoe Basin, Graham Kent, director of the Seismological Laboratory, has confirmed evidence of 200-year-long megadroughts. Underwater stands of pre-Medieval trees in the lake suggest the region experienced severe drought at least every 650 to 1,150 years during the mid- and late-Holocene period. The last one ended 750 years ago.

“It is uncertain when the next megadrought will occur,” Kent said. “With climate change upon us, it will be interesting to see how carbon dioxide loading in the atmosphere will affect this cycle.”

“The University’s researchers have taken an expansive view of the lake, using science to better understand the entire basin and its surrounding environment,” said Mike Collopy, assistant vice president for research and director of the University’s Academy for the Environment. “We’ve made important progress. We have a responsibility to remain vigilant and work collaboratively with other research institutions and management agencies to preserve the Lake Tahoe Basin, and we’re committed to doing it.”

—John Trent ’85/’87, ’00M.A. and Mike Wolterbeek ’02

LOOK ONLINE
Learn more about University research at Lake Tahoe and read the 2013 Lake Tahoe Summit Report at http://tahoeblogs.unr.edu/

Researcher Christine Ngai, center, scoops warm-water invasive fish from the Lake Tahoe Keys in a pilot project to determine the effectiveness of mechanical removal methods for management of non-native fish and the restoration of native fish in Lake Tahoe. Her project, based in the University’s Aquatic Ecosystems Analysis Laboratory, received international attention this year when her team, including personnel from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, found a monster goldfish in the lake.

Photo by Mike Wolterbeek
100 years of samples could link plant size to climate change

Plants are shrinking in the Great Basin and warming climate could be the culprit, according to a paper published in the renowned science journal Global Change Biology based on research conducted by University of Nevada, Reno plant ecologist Beth Leger.

"I used the extensive plant collections in University’s herbarium to ask how plants are responding to climate change over the last century,” said Leger, associate professor of plant ecology in the department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. “I found that plants are shrinking over time—a result that has been seen in vertebrates, but almost not investigated at all in plants. This has implications for primary productivity and turns the old idea that ‘bigger is always better’ on its head.”

Of the thousands of specimens to choose from, Leger and four of her undergraduate students chose seven annual flowering plant species that had samples and records reaching back to the late 19th century. They examined, measured and analyzed more than 1,900 samples to determine if climate affected plant height, leaf size and flower number, and whether those changes in climate resulted in decreasing sizes. Leger took into account air temperature minimums and maximums, sea surface temperatures and precipitation beginning in the year each specimen was collected. She used climate data from PRISM, recognized worldwide as having the highest-quality spatial climate data sets available.

The University’s herbarium, part of the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station, was established in 1888 and now houses more than 90,000 samples from the Great Basin.

—Mike Wolterbeek ’02

Beth Leger shows specimens of Collinsia parviflora, Blue-eyed Mary, used in her research about climate effects on plant size in Nevada’s Great Basin.

Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station, was established in 1888 and now houses more than 90,000 samples from the Great Basin.

Join fellow alumni, friends, students and neighbors in a parade of support for the community and University of Nevada as we march from the Reno Arch to the University Quad.

Friday, October 25

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• 9 p.m. – Homecoming Pep Rally

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Menon joins University as director of the School of Social Work

Following a nationwide search, the University of Nevada, Reno is pleased to welcome Goutham M. Menon as its new director of the School of Social Work.

Menon, who comes to Nevada from the University of Texas at San Antonio, said Nevada’s social work program has been doing well, with a stable student population and faculty, and will offer him the opportunity to build on that base.

“We are looking to expand access to students across the state, so this move is a good fit for me,” Menon said. “Our faculty is positive and willing to explore and develop these opportunities.”

According to Menon, the social work workforce has historically been low in Nevada. Working in consultation with faculty, he intends to grow that pool of new professionals by reaching out to prospective students through traditional classroom settings for the School of Social Work’s undergraduate and graduate degree programs, and expanding its offerings of online and hybrid degrees.

The undergraduate social work degree currently offers an online program that entails students doing three years at a Nevada community college, followed by a one-year distance online course at the University. “We’d like to translate this program to our master’s degree because there is a need for people with a master’s degree in social work in the health and human services professional. And this will increase as our health care environment changes.”

As part of his recruitment process, Menon and his wife, Maureen Rubin, who also joins the faculty at the School of Social Work, visited agencies in Reno that provide social work services. “Those meetings, which were positive and welcoming, gave us the idea that we could strengthen our work by partnering with community partners.”

In addition to growing the student population within his school and reaching out to partner more with local agencies, Menon will immerse himself in his passion for research, which focuses on the use of technology in the field of health and human services. Distance education, or using technology to reach rural and underserved populations, will also be at the top of his list for projects to continue and further enhance while he is here. He will reach out to the University of Nevada School of Medicine to add his faculty’s social work expertise to its telemedicine and Project ECHO outreach services to rural patients and providers.

Menon has a passion for his students and has taken a special interest in mentoring non-traditional students, especially first-generation college students as they go through the process toward graduation and beyond.

“I want to help build collaborative relationships between our various programs across campus, especially within the Division of Health Sciences, and to help my faculty enhance their research. I want to be that catalyst to bridge across disciplines. The School of Social Work is a resource center for our community and we are planning to offer services like program development and evaluation, and we want to market that to our area and make them aware that we are here to serve.”

The School of Social Work is dedicated to educating students for competent, responsive and ethical social work practice. By teaching, conducting research and outreach, the school seeks to promote positive change and social justice for diverse communities, families and individuals. The School of Social Work’s baccalaureate program offers course work and field studies that prepare individuals committed to the elimination of poverty, oppression and injustice for entry-level generalist practice. The baccalaureate program also prepares individuals for entry into graduate-level education. The master’s level program prepares individuals for advanced generalist social work practice. Both the baccalaureate and master’s programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

—Anne McMillin, APR
Flying at the edge of the atmosphere

The University of Nevada, Reno Planetarium's associate director, Dan Ruby '02 (art), spends a lot of time studying space and its many wonders. This summer, he and teammate Matt Oates '03 (elementary education), '10M.A. (elementary education), from Washoe County School District's Dilworth STEM Academy, were closer to the stars than ever. They were among 26 educators from across the United States selected to be Airborne Astronomy Ambassadors and to work with research teams aboard SOFIA (Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy), NASA's flying observatory.

"This is an honor, and it's exciting to see the forefront of space science research," Ruby said. "This allowed us to bring a lot back to the kids who come to the Planetarium on field trips, in the classroom and to the community interested in astronomy."

The pair joined two flights to the edge of the atmosphere on the airborne observatory, a modified Boeing 747SP jetliner equipped with a 2.5 meter diameter telescope, slightly larger than the Hubble Space Telescope. The observatory enables the analysis of infrared light to study the formation of stars and planets, chemistry of interstellar gases, and super massive black holes at the center of galaxies.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

Planetarium Associate Director Dan Ruby, '02 boards NASA's flying observatory, SOFIA.

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Nevada inducts 8 into Athletics Hall of Fame

The University of Nevada has inducted its largest class since 1974 to the Athletics Hall of Fame. Golfer Michael Allen, football standouts John Dutton and Chris Lemon, baseball player Justin Martin, women’s basketball player Kate Smith, swimmer Terina Cook Dutton, skier Katerina Hanusova Nash and men’s basketball coach Trent Johnson made up the eight-member class that was inducted Sept. 20-21.

“This is an amazing class that represents so much of our great tradition and history at Nevada,” said Athletics Director Doug Knuth.

Including this year’s honorees, 173 individuals and two teams have been inducted to the Nevada Athletics Hall of Fame since 1973.

Plaques honoring each inductee can be found in the Hall of Fame Room at Legacy Hall.

Nevada Athletics Hall of Fame, Class of 2013

Michael Allen – Men’s Golf (1978-82)

Michael Allen earned honorable-mention All-America honors by the NCAA Coaches Selection Committee in 1982. A first-team All-Big Sky and All-NCAA Region 7 selection, he turned in a 74.2 stroke average and won individual medalist honors at the 1982 University of Nevada Spring Tournament at Edgewood.

Allen has gone on to have a distinguished professional career and is currently playing on the Champions Tour. He has won four times on the Champions Tour and became the first multiple event winner on the Champions Tour in 2012. He also won the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic in 2013.

John Dutton – Football (1996-97)

John Dutton ’00 (physical education) won Nevada’s Golden Helmet Team MVP award in 1997. He guided the Wolf Pack to Big West co-championships in 1996 and 1997 and the Las Vegas Bowl in 1996. A two-year starter at quarterback, he was named the 1996 and 1997 Big West Offensive Player of the Year and a two-time All-Big West first-team honoree.

Dutton racked up 2,750 yards passing and 22 touchdowns with only six interceptions in 1996 and added 3,526 yards and 20 touchdowns with only six interceptions in 1997. He ranks seventh in career passing yards (6,276) and eighth in career passing touchdowns (42) at Nevada despite playing just two seasons.

Dutton has gone on to have a successful career in the Arena Football League, leading the San Jose Sabercats to the Arena Bowl championship in 2002 and the Colorado Crush to the title in 2005. He and his wife, Terina Cook Dutton, a former Wolf Pack student-athlete and fellow 2013 Hall of Fame inductee, have founded the Dutton Foundation and Heavenly Hope Ministries.


Terina Cook Dutton ’02 (physical education) was a two-sport athlete in both swimming and track and field and qualified for the conference championships in both sports.

In swimming, she was an eight-time All-American, all as part of Nevada’s relay teams, and helped the Wolf Pack to four Big West team titles (1996, 1997, 1998, 2000). She swam on the school record-setting 200 and 400 medley relay teams and appears nine times in the Nevada record book. Dutton helped the Wolf Pack win nine Big West relay titles and won the Big West individual championship in the 50 free in 1996 and 1997, breaking the school record both years. She also qualified for and competed in the U.S. Olympic Trials for swimming.

Katerina Hanusova Nash – Skiing (2001-02)

Katerina Hanusova Nash ’04 (marketing) won three NCAA individual championships, capturing the 15k freestyle and the 5k classical national titles in 2001 and defending her 15k freestyle title in 2002. She became the second Wolf Pack skier to win a national title and the first since Nevada Hall of Fame inductee Pat Myers won the downhill title in 1952. She was a four-time All-American while at Nevada, earning the honors in both the 15k freestyle and 5k classical events in 2001 and 2002.

Nash is a four-time Olympian for the Czech Republic, competing in mountain biking in 1996 and 2012 and cross country skiing in 1998 and 2002.


Trent Johnson turned in a 79-74 record in five seasons at Nevada. He started Nevada’s string of nine consecutive winning seasons and eight straight postseason appearances. He guided Nevada to its first Western Athletic Conference regular-season and tournament championships in 2003-04, as well as its first appearance in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen. That year, Nevada turned in a 25-9 record, starting a string of four consecutive seasons with at least 25 victories.

Johnson coached guard Kirk Snyder to the 2004 WAC Player of the Year award and honorable-mention AP All-America honors. He left Nevada to become the head basketball coach at Stanford University and Louisiana State University, and he is currently the head basketball coach at Texas Christian University.
Six Nevada sports set or matched a record for Academic Progress Rate scores and 11 programs matched or bettered their scores from a year ago in the latest APR report released by the NCAA.

For the ninth straight year—every year of the history of the APR program—Nevada registered a penalty-free performance as all 16 programs exceeded the standard score of 925 in the report. Two Wolf Pack programs—men’s golf and rifle—received public recognition awards for ranking in the top 10 percent in the nation in their sports.

This year’s report measured eligibility and retention of student-athletes in the four years from 2008-09 to 2011-12. In addition to the men’s golf and rifle teams matching program highs with perfect multiyear scores of 1,000, four Wolf Pack programs had record scores for their programs: Men’s basketball (944); women’s tennis (991); soccer (985); and softball (989).

Eleven Wolf Pack programs either matched their scores from last year’s report or improved their score in this year’s report. In addition to the six programs above who set records, swimming and diving, cross country, men’s tennis, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field all posted higher marks in this year’s data compared to last year’s report.

The NCAA also released APR data for all of the head coaches in the nation, and eight Nevada coaches recorded scores above the national average. Six Wolf Pack coaches and teams registered perfect scores of 1,000 for 2011-12: men’s basketball and coach David Carter; women’s basketball and coach Jane Albright; men’s tennis and coach Erik Burton; rifle and coach Fred Harvey; and men’s golf and coach Jacob Wilner.

Last year’s swimming and diving team under former head coach Mike Richmond ‘04 (general studies) recorded a score of 988, which was above the national average. And Melissa Price’s soccer team had a score of 990, above the national average of 981.

“Through their time at the University and with the Nevada Wolf Pack athletics program, our student-athletes are preparing to serve society through careers, citizenship and future leadership roles,” said University President Marc Johnson. “Just as we help our student-athletes achieve success in their field of competition, it remains our equally high priority to help them find success in the classroom and stay on the path to earn their college degrees. I extend my appreciation to our student-athletes and to the coaches, faculty and staff who support them for this continued commitment to academic performance.”
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**OCTOBER 21**
Asian American & Pacific Islander Alumni Chapter Homecoming Sushi Social
6 p.m., Reef Sushi & Sake

"Hidden Cave" Documentary
7 p.m., Wells Fargo Auditorium, Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center

**OCTOBER 22**
Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism Saxait Distinguished Writer Award
7 p.m., Joe Crowley Student Union Theater

**OCTOBER 23**
Nevada Alumni Association 2013 Homecoming Gala
Co-Sponsored by GEICO, Hometown Health & Sierra Nevada Corporation
6 p.m. No Host Reception, 7 p.m. Dinner & Program, Milt Glick Ballroom, Joe Crowley Student Union

**OCTOBER 24**
Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter Annual Dinner
6 p.m., Santa Fe Basque Restaurant

**OCTOBER 25**
University of Nevada School of Medicine Alumni Tours
9 - 10 a.m., William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building Foyer

University of Nevada School of Medicine Alumni Reception
5:30 p.m., Center for Molecular Medicine Foyer

Young Alumni Chapter Old Guys’ Night
5 p.m., Harrah’s Reno Plaza

Homecoming Carnival
7 p.m., University Quad

Cheer, Stunt, Dance and Mascot Alumni Chapter Homecoming Social
7 p.m., The Wolf Den

Homecoming Parade of Lights & Wolf Pack March from the Arch
7:30 p.m., From the Reno Arch to the University Quad

Lighting of the Wolf
9 p.m., University Quad

Homecoming Pep Rally
9:30 p.m., University Quad

Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter Homecoming Karaoke Social
10 p.m., Lil’ Waldorf

**OCTOBER 26**
Wolf Trot 5K
6:30 a.m. Registration, 8 a.m. Race
Joe Crowley Student Union

Nevada Pride (LGBTQIA) Alumni Chapter Homecoming Tailgate
Four hours prior to kickoff, Mackay Stadium North Parking Lot

Cheer, Stunt, Dance and Mascot Alumni Chapter Homecoming Tailgate
Three hours prior to kickoff, Mackay Stadium North Parking Lot

Sacramento Alumni Chapter Homecoming Tailgate
Three hours prior to kickoff, Mackay Stadium North Parking Lot

Native American Alumni Chapter Homecoming Tailgate
Three hours prior to kickoff, Peccole Park

Nevada Alumni Association Homecoming Tailgate Party
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Two hours prior to kickoff, Legacy Hall

Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism Homecoming Tailgate
Two hours prior to kickoff, Linn Reading Room & Scripps Plaza

Dean Thomas L. Schwenk & UNSOM Alumni Chapter Tailgate Party
Two hours prior to kickoff, Health Sciences Quadrangle

Nevada Football Alumni Association Homecoming Tailgate
Prior to and during the Homecoming football game, Alumni Corner in Mackay Stadium

For a complete Homecoming schedule, including pricing and RSVP details, please visit alumni.unr.edu or call (888) NV ALUMS.
“Lead by example and be an inspiring leader.”

Those words of advice given by Maj. Gen. Mark W. Yenter, a 1981 graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno, to 12 senior cadets earlier this summer at a commissioning ceremony could sum up his decorated history as a commander and engineer officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

As a fourth generation Nevadan and fourth generation graduate of the University, Yenter has motivated others throughout his esteemed career, earning numerous military decorations while serving in the United States, Italy, the Netherlands, Bosnia, Afghanistan, Iraq and Korea. His awards include the Army Distinguished Service Medal; Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Armed Force Expeditionary Medal; Afghan Campaign Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; NATO Medal; Master Parachutist Badge; Ranger Tab; Sapper Tab; and Belgian, Canadian, French, Australian and German Airborne Badges.

Along the way, he has taken on many command and staff challenges, from overseeing engineering design, construction and real estate management of countless military projects to engaging in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. With each challenge, he has grown as a leader. “Commanding soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Department of the Army civilians for 24 months in combat is by far the greatest challenge I have faced,” he said of his distinguished career. “I am most proud of their professionalism, courage and compassion...the best I have seen in 32 years of service.”

As much as Yenter has done for his country, he has been equally impactful on his alma mater. Whether it is inspiring a group of newly minted lieutenants, spending time with members of the Wolf Pack Battalion (the University’s ROTC program), or extolling the virtues of Nevada’s engineering program to prospective students during one of his many recruiting efforts on the University’s behalf, Yenter has been a lifelong supporter of the University.

Yenter credits several aspects of his experience as a student at Nevada as contributing to his success. He notes the quality of the curriculum in the civil engineering and ROTC departments, both of which established a solid professional foundation. The mentorship of engineering professors and Army officers helped him to understand personal and professional growth. And his involvement in the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, where he served as president, and the ROTC Department, where he served as battalion commander, developed leadership skills and lifelong friendships.

Throughout his life, he has shared his expertise and insight with countless others, including this sage advice: “Follow your heart; do what you are passionate about.” Taking his own advice, Yenter served for 23 years as a paratrooper, parachuting out of ‘perfectly good airplanes’ with the 82nd Airborne Division, the XVIII Airborne Corps and the U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

We need only look at Maj. Gen. Yenter’s distinguished career to understand just how far following your heart can take you.

—Steven Aramini ’96 (journalism)
2013 Nevada Alumni Association Award Recipients

Professional Achievement

Kris P. Hackbusch ’98 (history) ’00 M.Ed. (educational leadership)

Kris Hackbusch graduated from Reed High School in 1993. He was a first team all-state basketball player in high school and a walk-on for the University of Nevada men’s basketball team from 1994-98. Following graduation, he was hired as a graduate assistant coach for Pat Foster and Trent Johnson. While helping coach the Wolf Pack on the court, he earned a master’s degree in educational leadership. Kris worked at Reed High School for 10 years as a teacher, basketball coach, dean of students and assistant principal. During that time, he developed a youth basketball program, “Hoops with Hack,” where he taught fundamental basketball skills to young children. In 2009, he transferred to Reno High School as an assistant principal. He was promoted to principal of Reno High School in 2012.

Lauralyn L. McCarthy ’92 (journalism)

At age 11, Lauralyn McCarthy was introduced to tennis and won the first tournament she entered. Inspired, she paid for her own lessons and clinics by cleaning tennis courts and doing accounting work for the tennis clinic.

Attending the University on a tennis scholarship, Lauralyn participated in Pi Beta Phi sorority, the Student Ambassadors, SAGENS service organization and held the ASUN arts chairman office. She was named one of the University’s Top 10 Senior Women.

After graduating, Lauralyn worked for five years at Reno-based gaming equipment manufacturer IGT. With investment partners’ funds and an IGT distributorship, she founded NMG, LLC at age 28. Lauralyn also provided outside gaming consulting services and later founded Gaming Solutions. In early 2012, she joined Scientific Games, a global lottery and gaming company, as vice president of strategic projects. That same year, Casino Enterprise Management magazine named Lauralyn one of its Great Women of Gaming.

Lauralyn is involved in the American Cancer Society and Home of Guiding Hands, among other organizations. She credits her successes to the love and support of her family and friends.

James E. Murphy ’87 (premedical), ’91 M.D.

James E. Murphy, M.D., is board certified in plastic and reconstructive surgery. He has more than 14 years of experience practicing in the Reno-Tahoe area. After graduating from Reno High School, James chose University of Nevada, Reno for his undergraduate education and continued at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. He served as a U.S. Naval Reservist and spent two years as a medical corpsman during Operation Desert Storm.

He completed five years of general surgery residency at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, followed by two years of plastic surgery residency at Wake Forest University School of Medicine/Bowman Gray in North Carolina. He studied under Louis Argenta, M.D., a specialist in craniofacial deformity microsurgery. Following his extensive training, James returned to Reno to build a plastic surgery practice as well as starting a family of his own. James strives to give back to the community he was raised in by giving his time, training and expertise to the Northern Nevada Cleft Palate Clinic and repairing the cranial facial abnormalities of infants. He says the time and attention he pays to these tiny patients is one of the biggest joys of his practice.

George S. Ross ’46 (journalism)

Born and raised in Oakland, Calif., George took journalism courses in high school and worked on school newspapers, so it was a homecoming for him to join the Oakland Tribune staff early in the 1950s. This position came after he had worked five years editing the Placerville Moun-

tain Democrat, a weekly newspaper. George was hired as a reporter and was soon asked to fill in for vacation relief as city editor.

He was then appointed special city editor of a crew reporting a major months-long murder trial. George continued at the Oakland Tribune as a feature columnist and reporter until he was promoted to sports editor in 1960.

In 1973, George rose to assistant managing editor, and two years later was appointed managing editor. He later returned to writing a feature column, which he continued until his retirement in 1980.

George received a Sigma Delta Chi sports-writer award for a five-part series on flying gliders in Minden, Nev.

Marena Works ’95 (nursing), ’07 M.S.N., M.P.H. (nursing and public health)

Marena Works is the deputy city manager for Carson City where she lives with her husband of 31 years, Roger. She received her associate’s degree in 1993 from Western Nevada College, followed by her bachelor’s in nursing in 1995 and her master’s in nursing and public health in 2007 from the University of Nevada, Reno. After 18 years in public health, most recently as the director of Carson City Health and Human Services, Marena accepted the position as deputy city manager in May. In addition to her professional career, Marena and Roger have four grown children and have been actively involved as Carson City’s 4-H livestock leaders for the past 17 years, assisting youth up to age 19 raise and show beef, sheep, swine and, Marena’s personal favorite, dairy cattle.

University Service

Marvin “Dick” Gilbert ’49 (economics)

Dick Gilbert attended the University and graduated in 1949 with a degree in economics, which served him well in his career as an accountant.

After college, Dick served in the Korean War,
and upon his return he married Kathleen McCormack. He graduated from Stanford University with an MBA in 1955 and went on to establish his own accounting firm. The firm was later bought by Ernst & Young, where he remained as managing partner.

Dick is now retired and serves on the board of the Bretzloff Foundation. Dick has established five University endowments honoring his family, including the Dick and Hank Gilbert Memorial Scholarship, the Vivian L. Gilbert Memorial Scholarship in Nursing, the Kathleen M. Gilbert Accounting Scholarship, the Karen Jane Gilbert Memorial Scholarship and the Jim Gilbert Memorial Scholarship.

**Warren L. Lerude ’61 (journalism)**

Warren Lerude served as Sagebrush editor in 1960. After college, Warren worked for The Associated Press in San Diego, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Reno bureaus. He joined the staff of Reno Newspapers in 1963, where he worked as reporter, editor, publisher and president over the span of 20 years. At 43, Warren joined the faculty at the University, where he helped develop the Reynolds School of Journalism into a nationally recognized school.

Warren led a team of three journalists at Reno Newspapers to win the Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Writing and served on seven Pulitzer Prize juries at Columbia University, where he appeared many times as a discussion leader on writing, editing and ethics at the American Press Institute. He was a consultant for newspapers in Europe and Latin America and was on the launch team in the development of USA TODAY and the Newsuem in Washington, D.C.

Warren co-authored American Commander in Spain, a best seller about 1932 Nevada graduate Robert Hale Merriman, a prototype for Ernest Hemingway’s Robert Jordan in For Whom The Bell Tolls; the text for another best seller, acclaimed photographer Robert Cameron’s Above Tahoe and Reno, and the biography of iconic Nevada writer Robert Laxalt: The Story of a Storyteller.

**Ron R. Zideck ’59 (accounting)**

Ronald R. Zideck is a third-generation Neva- dan who proudly attended local schools, including the University of Nevada, Reno. He had a 35-year career in public accounting, retiring as the managing partner from Reno’s Grant Thornton LLP in 1997. Following his retirement from accounting, he served as director of planned giving for the University. Since 2006, Ron has been the vice president of business development for the Whittier Trust Company.

Throughout his career, Ron has remained committed to community involvement and economic diversification in northern Nevada. His belief in strong relationships between Nevada business, education and government leads his active involvement and support of the University and many other community organizations and businesses, including the arts, banking, college preparatory education, economic development, gaming and health care.

Ron served on the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board of Trustees and its executive committee. He was also a member of the Foundation’s Planned Giving Advisory Council and the President’s Strategic Advisory Committee.

**Outstanding Young Alumnus**

**Brita Muller ’09 (journalism)**

Brita was born and raised in Southern California and made her way up north to attend the University of Nevada, Reno in 2005. She studied public relations and was actively involved in student government, serving on the ASUN events and programming board and as the director of Homecoming.

Brita graduated from the Reynolds School of Journalism in 2009 and has continued to be involved in University events and extracurricular activities, including terms as president and vice president of membership for the Young Alumni Chapter. Currently, she works in San Francisco as the senior social media manager at TOBI.

**Claire Vaye Watkins ’07 (English)**

Claire Vaye Watkins was born in Bishop, Calif. A graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno, Claire earned her MFA from The Ohio State University, where she was a Presidential Fellow. Her stories and essays have appeared in Granta, One Story, The Paris Review, Ploughshares, Glimmer Train, Best of the West 2011, New Stories from the Southwest 2013, the New York Times and elsewhere. Claire has received fellowships from the Writers’ Conferences at Sewanee and Bread Loaf.

Claire’s collection of short stories, Battleborn, won the Story Prize, the New York Public Library Young Lions Fiction Award, the Rosenthal Family Foundation Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and a Silver Pen Award from the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame. Battleborn was named a best book of 2012 by the San Francisco Chronicle, Boston Globe, Time Out New York, Flavorwire, and NPR.org. In 2012, Claire was selected as one of the National Book Foundation’s “5 Under 35.”

Currently a visiting assistant professor at Princeton University, Claire, along with Derek Palacio, is co-director of the Mojave School, a free creative writing workshop for teenagers in rural Nevada.

**Matthew R. Wolden ’03 (health ecology), ’05 M.P.H. (public health)**

Matthew Wolden is the administrative director for the Center for Quality and Clinical Effectiveness at Stanford University’s Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital. Matthew is responsible for overseeing the divisions of quality improvement, patient safety, infection prevention and control, analytics and clinical effectiveness, accreditation and regulatory compliance, physician peer review, research and trauma. Prior to joining Stanford, Matthew was the administrative director for the women’s health service line at New York-Presbyterian, the University Hospital of Columbia and Cornell.
At the University of Nevada, Reno, Matthew was active in student politics, serving as senator, justice and eventually, president of ASUN. Matthew is also a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Alumni Association Service

Tracey L. Delaplain ’83 (premedical), ’87M.D.
Tracey Lane Delaplain, M.D., is a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a practicing gynecologist. She is a first-generation college graduate from the University, where she was a member of Tri Delta Sorority, an ASUN Senator, and an officer in the American Medical Women’s Association. She married Tom Delaplain ’85 (geophysics) in 1982. Tracey graduated in 1983 with a bachelor’s degree in health sciences.

She attended the University of Nevada School of Medicine from 1983-87. Tracey continued her residency education in obstetrics and gynecology at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland. She returned to practice in Reno, where she owns the Center for Women’s Health. Tracey has published essays addressing teaching humanized healthcare to medical students and advocating for compassionate care for the elderly. She has written about her experience practicing medicine in rural Nevada in Doctoring in Nevada. Tracey is on the clinical faculty of the University of Nevada School of Medicine and is currently serving as president of the UNSOM Alumni Chapter.

Julie K. Rowe ’94 (journalism)
Julie Rowe is a principal at The Impetus Agency, an award-winning marketing firm specializing in public relations and social media. Under her direction, clients have been featured in media in northern Nevada and around the globe including USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, US News & World Report, The Today Show, Good Morning America, HGTV and Entrepreneur Magazine.

Prior to joining the agency, Julie served as public relations manager for the Eldorado Hotel/Casino and as a PR specialist at a local advertising agency.

While a student at Nevada, Julie was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority and served as vice president. She earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism with a minor in French. Since graduating, she has kept her ties to the institution strong, attending sporting and alumni events, and serving on the Nevada Alumni Council for the past six years. Julie served as president of the Alumni Council in 2011 and also served as vice president of marketing and membership.

Julie is a board member of the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, where she chairs the marketing committee. She also serves on the board of the Aaron E. Arnoldsen Memorial Golf Tournament, which has raised more than $200,000 in scholarships for students at Nevada and is a board member of the Missy Eason Memorial Scholarship, established to assist students from Tonopah High School wishing to attend Nevada. In 2009, she was named among the “Top 20 under 40” by the Reno Gazette-Journal.

Derek S. Zielinski ’05 (mechanical engineering)
Derek Zielinski is a native Nevadan who was raised in Gardnerville and graduated from Douglas High School. He received a bachelor’s in mechanical engineering from the University with a minor in business administration in 2005. Derek has been employed at International Gaming Technology for the past nine years as a mechanical engineer.

He joined the Nevada Young Alumni Chapter in 2009 and has been involved ever since. He has been president of the chapter for the past two years, helping the chapter achieve three of its most successful fundraisers in chapter history.

Chapter of the Year

Nevada Football Alumni
The Nevada Football Alumni Association chapter serves alumni of the Nevada Wolf Pack football team. The chapter was proud to honor the legacy of Chris Ault ’69, ’73M.Ed. April 7 at the Eldorado Hotel Casino. More than 500 alumni and community members joined us to celebrate the career of the man who made remarkable contributions to the University and had such an impact on us all. Guest speakers recalled memorable moments and paid tribute to the inventor of the Pistol Offense.

College and Unit Distinguished Alumni

Business

Eren F. Ozmen ’85 MBA
Eren Ozmen is chairman and president of Sierra Nevada Corporation (SNC), the No. 1 Top Women-Owned Federal Government Contractors in the U.S. Eren joined SNC in 1988, shortly after receiving her MBA from the University of Nevada, Reno. Eren and her husband, Fatih Ozmen ’81M.S. (electrical engineering) acquired SNC in 1994. As a direct result of their strategic planning efforts, including the successful acquisition of 10 electronics firms and their strong financial and technical management, SNC has expanded to six business areas in 10 locations in 16 states employing more than 2,500 people.

Eren is actively involved in all aspects of SNC’s business management. SNC and the Ozmens have received numerous major awards, including the No. 2 Fastest Growing Women-Owned Company in North America by the International Women Presidents’ Organization, and U.S. Top 10 among the nation’s Fastest Growing Private Companies by Inc. Magazine for Gross Dollars in Growth (2010) and No. 6
Revenue Growth for Billion Dollar Companies (2011).

SNC was recognized as one of the Best Places to Work in Northern Nevada in 2009, 2011 and 2012.

**Division of Health Sciences**

**Mary Ann Lambert ’71, ’82M.S. (nursing)**

Following graduation, Mary Ann Lambert worked at Washoe Medical Center and taught at Truckee Meadows Community College for five years. After stops at the University of Utah Hospital and the University of Minnesota Hospital as a neuro-clinical nurse specialist, she returned to Orvis School of Nursing and spent 18 years teaching nursing until she retired in June. She also worked part-time at Renown Regional Medical Center as a house supervisor.

Mary Ann was on the founding committee of the Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association and has contributed for the last 25 years to a scholarship for registered nurses to return to school to receive their nursing degrees while working full time.

At Orvis, Mary Ann and a colleague transformed the RN/BSN program to an all-online program, enabling more nurses to return to school. Mary Ann was appointed by governors Bob Miller and Kenny Guinn to the Nevada State Board of Nursing, Nevada’s nursing regulatory board for licensure. She served as vice president for four years. She also served seven years on the National Council for State Boards of Nursing Item Review Committee.

**Education**

**Jaculine Chiatovich Jones ’64 (education), ’70M.Ed. (counseling and guidance)**

At the University of Nevada, Reno, Jaculine Chiatovich Jones majored in English and social studies with the goal of becoming a secondary teacher. After graduating in 1964, she was hired as an English teacher at Wooster High School. Jaculine taught for four years before becoming the first dean of students in Washoe County. Following a master’s in counseling and guidance, Jaculine became the first woman in Washoe County to lead a secondary school. She was principal at Wooster and Sparks high schools, and she opened Galena High School before retiring in 1994.

During her 30-year career, she was president or chair of many school and community boards. After she retired, Jaculine was appointed to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners for eight years. She also conducted special education mediations for the state and supervised student teachers for the University of Nevada, Reno and Sierra Nevada College. Jaculine now volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Room.

**Engineering**

**Joyce Holtzclaw ’87 (mechanical engineering), ’90MBA**

Joyce Holtzclaw started her education in Colorado while working as an engineering technician in Denver. She transferred to the University of Nevada, Reno, graduating with a bachelor’s in mechanical engineering in 1987 and an MBA in 1990. She worked for a year at Sierra Pacific Resources before moving to Bakersfield, Calif., returning to the oil and gas industry. For more than 30 years, she has worked for large and small companies including Chevron, Vintage, Berry and Nations Petroleum. Joyce is currently the western division vice president of E&B Natural Resources.

Her experience at the different companies includes positions in drilling, production and reservoir engineering, operations, and management. Joyce is a distinguished member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, a past SPE board member and has been recipient of several international SPE awards. She is active in the community and is currently president of the Kern Adult Literacy Council. She and her husband, Mark, live in the Hart Flat Mountain area east of Bakersfield.

**Liberal Arts**

**Lois M. Mikawa ’80M.Ed. (education), ’87 Ed.D. (counseling and guidance)**

Lois Merritt Mikawa earned her master’s degree in counseling, an educational specialist certificate in school psychology, and a doctorate in counseling and school psychology from the University of Nevada, Reno.

In 1987, Lois married Jim Mikawa, a clinical psychologist and University professor. Following his death in 1993, Lois established the Jim Mikawa Graduate Assistantship in Psychology to provide financial assistance to ethnic minority doctoral students in the University’s clinical psychology program.

Lois has been well recognized in the counseling field, including Nevada’s School Psychologist of the Year and the Paul McReynolds Psychological Services Award. She has taught and mentored both students and colleagues for more than 20 years.

Since retirement, Lois has engaged in volunteer work, including singing in many local groups and doing pet therapy with her standard poodles, Lilly and Soda. She has been involved with cancer patients at Renown for 12 years, and recently received President Barack Obama’s Volunteer Service Award for her work. Her most recent challenge is dealing with cancer herself. As part of her estate plan, Lois has established the James K. and Lois Merritt Mikawa Distinguished Professorship.

**Libraries**

**Robert B. Morrill ’59 (mining engineering)**

After graduating from the Mackay School of Mines in 1959, Robert Morrill spent a year with Kennecott Copper in the Ely, Nev. area. He later attended Harvard Law School, graduating in 1963. He was a trial lawyer in the San Francisco Bay Area, spending 26 years with Skjerven Morrill LLP, an intellectual property law boutique, trying patent and other intellectual property infringement cases.

Robert and his wife, Mia, are part owners of 5 Springs Ranch near Gerlach. Robert has his sights on climbing all of Nevada’s 58 peaks.
Ryan Dotson '02
Graduate Alumnus
Outstanding
Ryan Dotson's early interests ranged from chemistry to electronics and finally computer programming. He spent many hours after school tinkering with various projects such as a home-built Tesla coil (which never worked) and a home-built laser (which did). While in high school, Ryan discovered a passion and a talent for computer programming, and at the age of 17, he started his own software development company to serve small businesses in Reno.

He studied applied mathematics at the University, graduating with his master's in 2005. During this time, Ryan co-founded Fireball Information Technologies, a small company dedicated to providing real-time fire mapping services to the US Forest Service. Most recently, Fireball has been involved in data processing and engineering services for several NASA programs.

School of Medicine
Paul B. Roth '74
A.A.M.D. (medicine)
Paul Roth arrived in Reno in 1972 as a member of the University of Nevada School of Medicine's second class. At the time, the University offered a two-year program, at the end of which the students transferred to four-year medical schools.

Paul grew up on the East Coast and attended college in New Jersey. After attending the University, he transferred to the George Washington University School of Medicine. He now lives in New Mexico and works at the UNM Health Sciences Center at the University of New Mexico.

Science
Gary R. Clemens '81
earth science
Gary Clemens is a general partner and one of only seven portfolio managers and analysts at Mercator Asset Management, L.P. Gary is responsible for Hong Kong, Russia and Eastern Europe.

Prior to joining Mercator in 2003, he served as deputy director of research and executive vice president at Templeton Investment Counsel. From 1990 to 1993 he served as a research analyst and portfolio manager at Templeton Quantitative Advisors. Gary holds an MBA from the University of Wisconsin and a bachelors degree from the University of Nevada, Reno. In addition, he served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps from 1981 to 1985. He is a member of the CFA Society of South Florida.

Gary is married to Susan Magee Clemons, a Reno native with several family ties to the University. Gary and Susan recently created two endowed professorships at Nevada with the vision of recognizing professors who spark students' curiosity and creativity, demonstrate a love of learning and a passion for sharing their knowledge with students, and who motivate students to pursue careers in the fields of chemistry and physics.

The Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism and Center for Advanced Media Studies
Karole R. Morgan-Prager '84 (journalism)
Karole Morgan-Prager is the vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of the McClatchy Company.

In May 2012, Karole was given responsibility for McClatchy's corporate development efforts as well as oversight of the company's internal audit department and real estate assets.

Karole sits on the board of directors of Career Builder, Classified Ventures (which operates cars.com and apartments.com) and The Seattle Times Company. She is also a member of the national advisory council of the National Center for Courts and Media and a member of the board of directors of the Media Law Resource Center.

Prior to joining McClatchy in 1995, she was associate general counsel at The Times Mirror Company, publisher of the Los Angeles Times, from 1993 to 1995. While at Times Mirror, she represented the company on a variety of corporate transactions and advised The Times on its advertising policies. From 1987 to 1993 she was an associate at the Morrison & Foerster law firm in Los Angeles. Karole attended law school at UCLA, graduating in 1987. She attended the University of Nevada, Reno and received her bachelor's, with high honor, in journalism and political science in 1984.
Message from the President

Dear Nevada Alumni,

I love the University of Nevada, Reno. There, I’ve said it. For those of you who know me, this should come as no surprise. Thinking of the reasons I feel such a bond with the University, it usually boils down to one thing: the students. I have had the unique experience of not only graduating from Nevada, but also working at my alma mater where most of my responsibilities included direct service to students. Through this work, I had the opportunity to interact with thousands of talented students who made coming to campus each day such a pleasure. These former students are now alumni and it is my privilege to continue to serve them as president of the Alumni Council.

For those I know personally and those I haven’t yet met, I hope you are proud of the campus you see today, because each of you contributed to its development. An outstanding institution doesn’t just happen overnight. It is built upon the successes of all who have gone before—that is you, the alumni. You can continue to assist in the progress of the University through financial support and through participation in campus activities. One way to ensure that you stay involved is to join the Nevada Alumni Association. If you are already a member, thank you. If not, I urge you to join by visiting http://alumni.unr.edu/membership.

Fall is such an exciting time on campus and I hope you have the opportunity to join us for the many activities we have planned, including tailgate parties in Legacy Hall prior to each home football game. The event you don’t want to miss is Homecoming (Oct. 21-26). Why, you ask? First of all, we host the Rebels of UNLV. Secondly, it’s a three-day weekend. What better way to spend it than supporting your Wolf Pack? In addition to the game, don’t miss the inaugural Wolf Pack March from the Arch on Friday evening, where current students, alumni and community members will meet at the Reno Arch and march as one to the Homecoming carnival on the Quad. I hope to see you there.

I can’t believe my term as president is coming to an end. What an honor it has been to serve in this capacity. I’d like to thank all Alumni Council members and the Nevada Alumni Association team who have worked diligently this year to make a difference for our great University.

Sincerely,

Rita (Mann) Laden ’96Ed.D.
President, Nevada Alumni Council
Frank Y. Jackson ’70 (political science) has retired after more than 23 years as a judicial officer, most recently as a justice with the California Court of Appeal in Los Angeles. Frank has also retired after teaching part time for 40 years at several colleges and universities.

Ronald D. Digesti ’71 (zoology), ’73M.S. (zoology) has recently retired from his law firm in order to pursue his mediation practice full time. Ron and his wife, Yolanda, live in San Jose, Calif., and enjoy an active lifestyle including hiking, fishing, bicycling, travel and sporting events. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Chris Ober ’78 (managerial sciences) left the Hampton Inn in October 2012 and was hired by Staybridge Suites as the director of sales. He won his first motocross race last summer at the age of 56 and has been flown to San Diego to play drums with a band for private parties which has been far more satisfying than anything he’s ever done in business. Chris is engaged to former Nevada Tri Delta Melissa (Sharp) Sewell ’82 (elementary education) and he has three children, two grandchildren, one dirt bike, four pairs of skis and one set of drums.

Susan D. Desmond-Hellman ’78 (premedical), ’82M.D., the University of California, San Francisco Chancellor, is joining Facebook’s board of directors. Susan

Frank Y. Jackson ’70

Ronald D. Digesti ’71

Chris Ober ’78

Susan D. Desmond-Hellman ’78
also sits on the board of directors for Procter & Gamble and serves as a trustee for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, a non-profit biomedical research organization.

Rick Mitchell ’82Ph.D. resides in western New York and is a professor in the State University of New York system. Before Every Other Fall, his second book of poetry, is published by Aldrich Press, Hemet, California. His poems “prompt a feeling of immediacy, intimacy and sensory richness” that moves readers “from the vulnerability of innocence to the strength of graceful experience.”

Dale A.R. Erquiaga ’85 (political science) was appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction Aug. 26 by Governor Brian Sandoval ’86 (foreign affairs).

Troy L. Dillard ’88 (criminal justice) was appointed director of the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles by Governor Brian Sandoval. Troy is a former administrator of the Department of Motor Vehicles’ Compliance Enforcement Division and has been serving as interim director since November 2012.

‘90s

Wade B. Gochnour ’92 (accounting) was named to the 2013 Mountain States Super Lawyers list. Selection for this list requires a statewide survey of lawyers, independent evaluation of candidates by an attorney-led research staff, a peer review of the candidates by practice area and a good-standing disciplinary check.

Michael A. Drinkwater ’93 (biology), ’01 (civil engineering) was named manager of the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility in January. Michael lives in Reno with his wife, Bonnie, and their two children, Kate and Tom.

Forey Duckett ’93 (criminal justice) enjoyed a family hike with his wife, Janie Vermeere-Duckett, and children, Camille, 11; Lila, 9; and Quincy, 2; at Hood Canal, Wash., while showing Nevada Wolf Pack pride.
William A. Creekbaum ‘95MBA has been appointed as a corporate retirement director by Morgan Stanley. William earned this designation after advanced training and examination, focusing exclusively on the corporate retirement plan marketplace. In addition, financial advisors must have $50 million in retirement assets, five years of industry experience and a clean compliance record. He is among 230 individuals at Morgan Stanley who have qualified for this prestigious designation.

Leonard R. Wohletz ’98 (economics) recently celebrated 15 years with Morgan Stanley Wealth Management. Leonard is a first vice president/financial advisor in the Reno office where he helps clients locally and in 17 states across the country plan for their financial goals and manage their assets. He and his wife, Lori, have two daughters and live in Reno.

‘00s

Jeffrey M. Bean ’01 (civil engineering), ’08MBA was recently promoted to senior engineering department vice president at Q & D Engineering. Jeff will be responsible for continuing to evaluate current and existing projects for areas of improvement and efficiencies, along with leading the strategic planning for business development in the engineering department.

Gordon S. Magnin ’01 (civil engineering) recently returned to Reno after living in Los Angeles for school and work. Gordon acquired his professional engineer and architectural licenses prior to his return to Reno and has joined Hawkins Associates Architects as a project architect, designer and building information modeling manager. Gordon also has an art practice, which includes illustrations for the New York Times and Bloomberg Business Week. His work was recently published in New American Paintings #102 West and Gestalten out of Berlin, Germany. His personal art and design work can be found at gordonmagnin.com and magnindesign.com.

Las Vegas Alumni Poolside Mixer
October 11, 2013 at 6:30 PM
Breathe Pool
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
$35 Per Person
Includes heavy appetizers and hosted beer and wine for the first hour.
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Michael E. Bewley ’02M.A. (educational leadership) is the Georgia Institute of Technology strength and conditioning coach. Mike recently launched his own website, nutracarina.com, and has designed an app that makes it easier to design a nutrition program to help enhance an athlete’s productivity or help anyone lead a healthier life. The app is interactive, and while it allows a coach to administer a system and keep track of multiple athletes, it is also designed for a solo user.

Brooke L. Santina-Keast ’04 (speech communications) celebrates the release of her first novel, Dishrags to Dirtbags (Lucky Bat Books), about a meek housewife who struggles through the police academy then lands an unlikely job working with inmates in jail. A deputy sheriff, Brooke writes with a colorful insider’s flair and is already working on a Dishrags sequel for release in the fall of 2014.

Katie M. (Monson) Tramonte ’04 (elementary education) has published her first book, Gospel-Centered Womanhood. This book shakes up culturally held notions of what it means to be a Christian woman and challenges women to seek real heart transformation instead of just external behavior modification.

Katie M. Cavender ’05 (journalism) has been promoted to assistant commissioner for strategic communications at Mountain West. Now entering her seventh year with Mountain West, Katie has sole managerial oversight of all aspects of the conference website and social media outlets. She plays an integral role in the Mountain West Digital Network and continues to serve as a secondary media contact for Mountain West football, as well as manage the league’s publications.

Paul Bogard ’07Ph.D. has authored his new book The End of Night: Searching for Natural Darkness in an Age of Artificial Light.

‘10s
Sarah A. Hinckley ’10 (English, speech communications) has joined K. Sutherland PR as

Alfredo A. Carrasco ’94 (marketing) and his wife, Robin, would like to announce the birth of their son and future University of Nevada, Reno student-athlete, Cruz Alfredo Michael Carrasco. He was born Feb. 20, 2013.

Ty Windfeldt ’95 (health science) and his wife, Lori, welcomed their daughter, Madison Capri Windfeldt, on April 4, 2013. Madison joins her sister Katie Windfeldt and brother Cole Landaburu.

Kara (Katzmann) Keyes ’00 (elementary education), ’02M.Ed. (elementary education) and Jeff L. Keyes ’00 (secondary education) proudly announce the birth of their children, Korynn Anna Keyes, born Sept. 27, 2010, and Klayt Davin Keyes, born Feb. 12, 2013.

Renee L. (Zweigle) Gates ’06 (secondary education) and John W. Gates ’07 (mining engineering) are ecstatic to announce the birth of their son, William Joseph Gates, born March 4, 2013. William cheers on the Nevada Wolf Pack and 49ers.

Sophia C. (Raphael) Cardinal ’10 (accounting) and Andrew P. Cardinal ’09 (criminal justice) proudly announce the birth of their baby girl, Evaline Belle, on April 20, 2013.
an assistant account manager for the firm’s Reno office. In her new role, Sarah will provide account management support to senior team members to execute all public relations, media relations, content development and social media efforts. Sara is deeply rooted in the Reno community and regularly volunteers for the Reno Rodeo, Northern Nevada Military Alliance, and Runway for Life. She is a member of the University of Nevada, Reno Young Alumni Chapter.

Kim Palchikoff ’10M.A. (TESOL) is working in Washington, D.C. for the Voice of Russia, American edition, as a producer/reporter. Kim covers breaking international and national news for the Russian government’s national radio, American Bureau. In 2010, Kim was the recipient of a grant from Nevada Humanities to study Nevada’s Russian circus population.

Kickin’ it with K-von | Vegas Private School

One of the great aspects of being a kid is that you aren’t really aware of your family’s financial situation, however, by junior high it starts to dawn on you. It became apparent to me as private school classmates made comments I simply couldn’t comprehend. Towards the end of 8th grade one leaned over and said: “Pssst! Hey Kevan, my parents are leaving town for a month for my dad’s work so we’re gonna throw some parties!” What seems like a simple sentence blew my young mind for several reasons. I had to say it to myself a few times to internalize such a foreign idea. Still hard to digest, I broke it down into segments and put each element into question form.

**QUESTION 1: YOUR PARENTS ARE LEAVING TOWN?**
Okay, my parents never left anywhere. A change of scenery for Dad meant he’d sleep facing a different wall.

**QUESTION 2: FOR A MONTH?**
What an amazing span of time to go without supervision. School was the only place I could get away from my parents. Ditch class and head home? What’s the point? Mom was there. She was ALWAYS there. To this day I’m not allowed to bring a female to her house, day or night. And I couldn’t sneak out either. For you rich kids out there, nobody ever knew what you were doing in your “wing” of the house. Come and go as you please, build an arsenal, whatever you want! Homes like mine were perfectly constructed for surveillance. Everyone can hear exactly what the other is doing in any part of the house. Plus all hallways lead past my parent’s bedroom . . . which had no door.

**QUESTION #3: SO YOU ARE THROWING SOME PARTIES?**
I’d never heard such blasphemy. Your parents shall be absent and you are taking this as an opportunity to invite every moron in our school to come demolish your place of residence. Furthermore, you truly believe you’ll somehow get this mansion of yours back to normal without a trace, prior to their return? Rich people sure are a different breed. You’d think if you had antiques and priceless art delicately displayed, throwing a party would be out of the question. How can you kick back and enjoy a shindig under such pressure? We had nothing of value in my home, but if Mom noticed so much as one Rubbermaid lid unaccounted for, she’d hit the roof, and that would be it for me. A huge “rager” at my house with the whole place destroyed would result in a total of $12.75 worth of actual damage, but would cost me my freedom.

To top it all off, this guy wasn’t gonna throw “one,” he was planning on throwing “some” parties! And with that, in the middle of class on a Friday afternoon, I fainted.

K-von ’03 (marketing) is a Nevada alum and comedian. He recently finished taping the one-hour comedy special TANX GOD! Order the hard-copy or digital download on www.K-vonComedy.com.
Brady L. Rimington ’10 (English) was recently promoted to the role of marketing specialist at Silver Oak Cellars in Napa Valley, Calif. Since joining Silver Oak in March, 2011, Brady has overseen print and digital marketing campaigns for Silver Oak winery and its sister brand, Twomey Cellars. A Reno native and proud Nevada grad, Brady gained valuable experience working for Skagen Designs, The Elizabeth Younger Agency, Greg Mason Advertising Arts and the Silver Peak Restaurant and Brewery.

Sara M. Robbins ’10 (journalism) is working at The Bauserman Group as a public relations and social media manager, handling clients such as the Reno-Tahoe Open and the Michael Bolton Charities, Inc. Previously, Sara was a public relations and community affairs manager for the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino.

Chelsey G. Farnworth ’12 (journalism) has joined The Impetus Agency as an account coordinator. Chelsey’s responsibilities include press release development, media relations, and the strategic implementation of traditional and social media initiatives. She is a volunteer for the Advocates to End Domestic Violence organization.

Brittany G. Bell ’13 (community health sciences) has received Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women’s prestigious Jean Wirths Scott Leadership Award for Outstanding Change Leadership. The award recognizes a member who has served on her chapter’s executive council in an exemplary manner and, in the performance of her duties, has implemented changes and improvements in her chapter or local panhellenic community.
Once ambassadors. Always ambassadors.

They may not be undergrads anymore, but these Nevada alums are still a big part of campus life. As students, they served as university ambassadors through campus tours and one-on-one interaction with prospective students and their families. And as members of the Student Ambassador Alumni Chapter, they’re staying connected to their alma mater in even more ways, including networking opportunities for Student Ambassador Alumni, mentoring current Student Ambassadors and providing student recruitment support for the Office for Prospective Students. When it comes to Nevada pride, nobody puts their best paw forward like they do.

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Chapter Updates

Alumni Band
Kiara (Donohue) Wolf, ’92, ’97M.Ed., unrbandalum@hotmail.com

Please join us for the 17th annual Alumni Band celebration during Homecoming 2013! We will meet, greet and, oh yes, play too. If you are interested in participating, receiving more information, updating your information, ordering an Alumni Band polo shirt or a Future Band Member shirt, or helping with this event, please contact the Alumni Band at unrbandalum@hotmail.com.

P.S. The Wolf Pack Band has new uniforms this season. They’re very cool, with just enough fussy details to give the wearers something to complain about when they attend Alumni Band in the future.

Asian American Pacific Islander Alumni Chapter
Jennifer Lau ’08, ’10MSW, jlau@unr.edu

The Asian American and Pacific Islander Alumni Chapter will host a Homecoming Sushi Social at Reef Sushi & Sake Monday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. Check out this new gem on the Truckee River, meet some great alumni and kick off Homecoming week. Save your spot now! Just $15 takes care of your all-you-can-eat needs. Contact Jen Lau, jlau@unr.edu, for more information or to reserve your spot. Go Pack!

Black Alumni Chapter
Tya Mathis ’04, unrgurlie@aol.com

The Black Alumni Chapter met Aug. 13 to discuss plans for the upcoming fall semester. We also gathered at Scooter’s Pub Sept. 14 for a Nevada @ Florida State game watching party. Don’t miss our Saturday, Sept. 28 fundraiser at Tropical Smoothie’s Boca Park location, with proceeds benefitting our Black Alumni scholarship. Also on the calendar is a funnel cake fundraiser Friday, Oct. 4 during First Friday in downtown Las Vegas. Finally, we’re planning a community service project in conjunction with Three Square Food Bank during November. More details to come. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. at the University of Nevada Office for Prospective Students, 8050 S. Paradise Road, Suite 110, Las Vegas.

Cheer, Stunt, Dance and Mascot Alumni Chapter
Elliot E. Sparkman ’04, eesparkman@gmail.com

The Cheer, Stunt, Dance and Mascot Alumni Chapter invites you to join us for Homecoming 2013 events! We’ll host our Homecoming Social at the Wolf Den on Friday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. Then join us for our Homecoming Tailgate three hours before kickoff in the north parking lot of Mackay Stadium. We will have a section of tickets to cheer on the Pack during the game, along with our annual on-field introduction.

If you need game tickets or additional event information, contact chapter president Elliot E. Sparkman, eesparkman@gmail.com. To join the chapter, please visit alumni.unr.edu/chapters. Follow us on Facebook: University of Nevada, Reno Cheer, Dance, Stunt and Mascot Alumni. GO PACK!

Fallon Alumni Chapter
Tina (Luke) Dakin ’71, ’84M.Ed., jtdakin@sbcglobal.net

The Fallon Alumni Chapter has already had a busy fall. We held a viewing party Saturday, Aug. 31 at Pizza Barn for the Nevada at UCLA game at the Rose Bowl, complete with drawings and pizza specials. It was a great time to visit with friends and watch the game on TV.

We packed a bus Saturday, Sept. 7 to celebrate the first game of the season, Nevada vs. UC Davis. The game was officially “Chris Ault Appreciation Night.” We were thrilled to honor Coach Ault, whose coaching career began in Fallon with the Greenwave football program.

Check out our Facebook page: University of Nevada Alumni Association, Fallon Chapter, or email FallonUNRalumni@yahoo.com.

Honors Program Alumni Chapter
Tamara Valentine, tvalenti@unr.edu

The Honors Program Alumni Chapter once again sponsored an evening of the Pack Picnic on the Quad summer concert series. Several recent alumni and current Honors Program Student Ambassadors helped serve popcorn and lemonade, along with treats the Honors Program brought to celebrate recent graduates.

Native American Alumni Chapter
Sherry Rupert ’05, srupert@nic.nv.gov

The Native American Alumni Chapter fundraises throughout the year to provide scholarships to a tribally enrolled student from Nevada. This year, Nidi Darn from the Western Shoshone Te-Moak Tribe of Battle Mountain and Carson Allen from the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe were each awarded $500 toward fees and books.

The annual Homecoming tailgate will be Saturday, Oct. 26 prior to the game against UNLV. The infamous Halloween Mystery Bus Trip is also scheduled in October. To learn more, visit alumni.unr.edu/chapters.
A lifetime chapter membership has just been established. Pricing is $500 per couple or $300 per individual. To join or learn more, please contact Kari Emm ’01, (775) 682-9333 or kremm@unr.edu, or Sherry Rupert ’05, (775) 687-8333 or srupert@mci.net.

Nevada Football Alumni Association
Jim Farley ’99, jfarley47@verizon.net

After a great summer, including some much-needed time on the golf course, the Nevada Football Alumni Association is excited to head back to Mackay to celebrate Nevada Football. During each home game, we’ve once again manning the grill in Alumni Corner. We are excited to invite former players, family and friends to join us as our future members write a new chapter in Nevada Football.

The cost to attend a Nevada Football Alumni tailgate is $10 per person. The first tailgate is free to you and your guests when you pay your annual membership dues of $20. All 2012 football graduates are invited to attend free of charge as our guests. It’s going to be a great season with some thrilling home games. Go Pack!

Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter
Shenea (Stephenson) Strader ’05, ’07MBA, shenea.strader@gmail.com

The Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter has begun hosting First Fridays, a social event where members are invited to join fellow Greek alumni for hors d’oeuvres and cocktails on the first Friday of every month. Also on the horizon is the Greek Career Fair, as well as Homecoming festivities. Reconnect with your Nevada Greek roots and join us for our next event.

Membership is just $20 a year. Like University of Nevada Greek Alumni on Facebook to find out more about our upcoming events!

Nevada Pride (LGBTIQA) Alumni Chapter
Nicholas Blevins ’11, blevinsk@unr.edu

Around and around we go. Where we stop, nobody knows. Please join us for our Mystery Bus Crawl Saturday, Oct. 19 at 5:30 p.m.

We’d give you more details, but then it wouldn’t be a mystery, would it? The cost is $35 for chapter members and $50 for nonmembers. Contact Nicholas Blevins, blevinsk@unr.edu, or visit our chapter page at alumni.unr.edu/chapters for online registration.

Stop by our Homecoming tailgate in the north lot of Mackay Stadium Saturday, Oct. 26. The fun begins four hours prior to kickoff with hotdogs and cold beverages. Let’s rally and show off our Pack Pride before the Homecoming/UNLV football game.

To become a member today for only $10, visit the Nevada Pride Alumni Chapter’s webpage at alumni.unr.edu/chapters.

Sacramento Alumni Chapter
Steve Park ’99, spark@careynkf.com

The Sacramento Alumni Chapter and a group of Bay Area alumni have planned a wine tasting tour of Sonoma Wine Country Saturday, Nov. 9. This will be a benefit for future University of Nevada students, not to mention a wonderful opportunity for alumni in both areas to get together! If you are interested, please contact Steve Park, spark@careynkf.com.

We meet the second Tuesday of every month for lunch. For more information, visit us on Facebook: Nevada Alumni Association Sacramento Chapter, or contact chapter president Steve Park, (916) 367-6345 or spark@careynkf.com. Go Pack!

University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM) Alumni Chapter
Joseph Hollen ’74, 76AAMD, joe@hollenfinancialplanning.com

The University of Nevada School of Medicine Alumni Chapter is excited to honor School of Medicine Distinguished Alumns Paul Roth ’77M.D. and Alumni Association Service Award recipient Tracey Delaplaine ’83, ’87M.D. during the Nevada Alumni Association’s Homecoming Gala Wednesday, Oct. 23. Alumni and friends are invited to celebrate. Contact the Nevada Alumni Association for more information, (888) NV ALUMS or nvalumni@unr.edu.

The chapter will host an evening reception, along with tours of the medical school, on Friday, Oct. 25. The dean and alumni chapter will host a tailgate for faculty, students and alumni Saturday, Oct. 26 two hours prior to the Nevada vs. UNLV game at the Health Sciences quadrangle. For more information regarding events or reunion specific information for the classes of 1973, 1988, 1993 and 2003, please visit www.medicine.nevada.edu/alumni/events.html or call (775) 682-7341.

Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association
Jan (Pritchard) Brady ’63, ’88MBA, lvcswrds@aol.com

OSNAA sponsored the Aug. 7 Pack Picnic on the Quad. Orvis alumni served goodies to Nevada alumni and their families. Children enjoyed face painting and bounce houses, while their parents listened to music by Tim Snider & Sound Society.

The OSNAA Steering Committee, chaired by Jen Richards ’99, ’05MSN and Katy Grimm ’99, has three new members: Amy Pang ’12, Roberta (Porterfield) Williams ’66 (nursing) and Elizabeth Krayk ’07, bringing the committee to 16 members.

Congratulations to Orvis’ own Mary Ann Lambert ’82M.S., Division of Health Sciences Distinguished Alumna, who will be celebrated Oct. 23 during the Homecoming Gala.

If you want to have fun, keep in touch with other alumni and stay up-to-date with what’s happening “up on the hill,” consider getting involved with your alumni association. Our spring event is in the planning stages. Look for more information next issue.
Pack Picnics

More than 3,000 alumni, friends and family attended a six-concert series held on the Quad throughout July and August. The annual event is co-sponsored by the University’s Summer Session, Nevada Alumni Association and several Alumni Chapters.

(1) Carter, Richard ’02, ’09M.A., Kristin ’03 and Avery Clark; Mike ’00, Crystal ’04, ’05M.Ed. and Kane Edwards; Jill ’07 and Brian Karlin ’06.

(2) Luna Qiu, Sanny Nu and Ting Lei.


(4) Avrey Ballard (13), Chalyce Forshey (12) and Jake Jerome (5).


WIN Breakfast

The WIN breakfast, Aug. 23, was sponsored by the Nevada Alumni Association and supported by members of the Nevada Alumni Council. Nevada Alumni Association member Kristin Remington addressed the crowd with news about the University’s growth and positive economic impact. The new homecoming event, “The Wolf Pack March from the Arch,” was also announced.

(1) President Marc Johnson, Nevada Alumni Council Vice-President for Student Outreach, Brian Saeman ’98 and new Wolf Pack baseball coach Jay Johnson.

(2) Kristin Remington, Nevada Alumni Association spokesperson and KTVN news anchor.

(3) Foundation Board of Trustees Chair Felicia O’Carroll ’76 with her son T.J. ’10, ’11MACC, Courtney Joeger ’12 and Richard Corn.
UCLA Alumni Tailgate

Seven hundred Wolf Pack fans attended the Nevada vs. UCLA Tailgate Party Aug. 31 at Brookside Golf Club. The crowd enjoyed a delicious meal, live DJ, surprise visit from the Nevada Wolf Pack Cheerleaders and an air conditioned break from the humidity. The sold-out event was co-sponsored by the Nevada Alumni Association and GEICO.

(1) This well-coordinated crew is ready to howl!

(2) Wolf Pack cheerleaders Mary Ross, Kristen Munson, Michaela Cano, Alexis Goree and Grace Whited pose with a future Nevada grad.

(3) BFFs (Blue Fans Forever)!

(4) Wally Herkal, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers, Dale Herkal, University Foundation trustee Bill Pennell and Rebecca Pennell.

(5) Joan Ackley ’98, Ruth Ackley, Stephanie Nishikida, David Nishikida ’81, Tom Pfoh ’96MBA and Jeannie Pfoh.

Emeriti Faculty Reception

University President Marc Johnson and the Nevada Alumni Association welcomed emeriti faculty back to campus Aug. 13 for an annual reception in their honor. More than 100 attended the event and enjoyed a summer evening on campus while catching up.

(1) College of Business Dean Greg Mosier and 2013 Faculty Emeritus Jane Bessett ’86, ’03M.S.


(3) Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers and Faculty Emeritus Cecelia Pearce ’83.
Friends

J. Robert Anderson
July 20, 2013—Incline Village, Nev.

William A. Kaa

Robert J. Richardson

Clinton E. Wooster

Faculty

Earlene Absher, office administrator

Bernice C. McCuan, account clerk

Robert J. Pascoe, business professor

Alumni

Mary A. (Maloney) Depaoli ’31 (arts & science)

Harvey O. Kolhoss ’38 (mining engineering)
June 17, 2013—Fallon, Nev.

Rose I. (Boggio) Day ’39 (Spanish)
June 3, 2013—Winnemucca, Nev.

Genevieve C. (Wines) Segerblom ’40 (mathematics)
Jan. 4, 2013—Boulder City, Nev.

Mary Lou (Hovenden) Noel ’47 (economics and history)
July 18, 2013—Carson City, Nev.

Edward C. Reed ’49 (arts & science)
June 1, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Kenneth Cusick ’50 (business administration)

Charles V. Capell ’52 (civil engineering)

Costandinos A. Flangas ’54 (mining engineering)
June 8, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Mike Evasovic ’55 (mining engineering)

John Middlebrook ’58 (mining engineering), ’59M.S. (geological engineering)
March 9, 2011—Chico, Calif.

John S. Spencer ’60 (wildlife management)
July 1, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Ronald A. Fleming ’63 (English)
July 13, 2013—Armagansett, N.Y.

John Sankovich ’63 (accounting)

Vartan Markarian ’65 (history)

Benjamin J. Blinn ’67 (elementary education)

Betty A. Burton ’67 (health education)
June 20, 2013—Minden, Nev.

Louis C. Paley attended 1967
May 24, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Edmund H. Tribble ’67 (biological sciences), ’78M.Ed. (educational administration/higher education)
June 27, 2013—Sparks, Nev.

Elenor (Candee) Frey Fort ’70 (home economics)
June 27, 2013—Fallon, Nev.

Barbara J. Simons ’70 (physical education)
June 19, 2013—Sparks, Nev.

Alec I. Maclean ’77 (managerial sciences)
June 14, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Katherine A. Stangland ’77 (office administration)
May 23, 2013—Sparks, Nev.

Michael R. Cartwright ’79 (geology), ’92MBA
June 20, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Caesar J. Caviglia ’82 (honorary degree)
July 26, 2013—Ely, Nev.

Patricia A. (Pazzagli) Papez, attended 1984-1985
May 21, 2013—Salt Lake City, Utah

Stacey L. (Smeath) Berry ’88 (psychology)

Brian K. Maldonado ’89 (marketing)
June 7, 2013—Sparks, Nev.

Louis J. Zamboni ’95 (general studies)
July 11, 2013—Sparks, Nev.

Joseph A. Cap ’99 (health education)
Nov. 7, 2012—Las Vegas, Nev.

Casey O. Mulgrew ’99 (metallurgical engineering)
June 14, 2013—Carson City, Nev.

Carl R. Young ’04M.S. (atmospheric science)
May 31, 2013—South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

LOOK ONLINE
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Generation after generation of Nevada pride.

In his time, Charles H. Russell was a congressman and the governor of Nevada. But before all of that, he was a Nevada graduate. In fact, Charles was the very first member of his family to seek a college education when he enrolled in the fall of 1921. All five of his children enrolled, too, as well as several grandchildren. Today, with the present generation of 20 great grandkids, there are sure to be many more Russells walking in their great grandfather’s footsteps.

How many University of Nevada, Reno alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in an upcoming issue of Nevada Silver & Blue. For details, visit alumni.unr.edu or call 888.NV ALUMS.
Alumni Profile: Nita Spangler ’44 (journalism)
Age: 90
Occupation: Environmental activist/community advocate

What has your life been like since graduation?

It’s been very rewarding. I’ve done most of the things that I’ve wanted to do. I’ve been excited by the things that have happened to me that I didn’t anticipate.

I worked for Reno Newspapers, Inc. in circulation, manned the office after closing time and worked the switchboard. I got a regular job as a proofreader at the Nevada State Journal on Sunday nights.

Every girl wanted to be a San Francisco girl. A girlfriend and I went to San Francisco after graduation and I put in my application at the California Newspaper Publishers Association meeting at the end of June.

One Sunday morning, a man called and asked if I was interested in coming to Redwood City to work for the Redwood City Tribune. He was looking for a general assignment reporter for $30 a week. Later, he happened to be the guy I married.

Redwood City’s train station was right across the street from the Redwood City Tribune. So I took the train, walked over and started my job. I loved the job.

I took over some of the beats in the county. The staff was very small; there were only two general assignment reporters. One covered the courthouse and I covered the city. Everyone loved the Redwood City Tribune. Four out of five families paid to get the Tribune.

I arrived in Redwood City in July of 1944 and got married in September of 1946. After getting married, I lost my job, since I was now married to the publisher, Ray Spangler.

Ray’s family had a friend who had just put together a plan for San Francisco’s redevelopment, and it was the beginning of my environment work. San Francisco was looking for someone from San Mateo County to serve on the committee.

During my work in San Francisco and Sonoma, I learned a lot of lessons on why we should preserve our hills and be concerned about water. Then, San Mateo County asked me to come back to Redwood City and be involved with the environment there. My work consisted of working with planning departments and getting people involved and motivated.

What are your fondest memories from Nevada?

My fondest memories are filled with the friendships and the opportunities that we had. Remember, I was in school during wartime. We were limited in many ways. I lost 15 friends during the war at one time. I met lots of nice people and they are the people I remember now. The country was united (at least where I lived) during the war. I knew all of the people on the short street I lived on.

I enjoyed Higgy (Journalism Professor Alfred Higginbotham); he seemed a little odd at times, but he was a very good and caring professor. I think he gave his best. We had Mary Benton Smith as an assistant professor, and she later became a very good friend of mine.

I enjoyed all of my sorority sisters at Kappa Alpha Theta. They elected me president and I was very flattered by that. I recently attended the 90th birthday party for my sorority sister Clara Beth Green.

What have you done that you are most proud of?

I ended up spending more than 50 years as an activist and played a pivotal role in such projects as the designation of the Portola Discovery site in Pacifica (Sweeney Ridge) as a national landmark, the restoration of the Woodside Store living museum and the creation of the Edgewood Natural Preserve in Redwood City.

I am most proud of the site at Sweeney Ridge, which is preserved today.

What advice would you give someone who is just starting out after college?

I don’t think journalism is dead. The best and highest thing you can aim for is to be a good reporter and writer. You can improve your writing. Everyone does better with an editor. Even Will Shakespeare is better with an editor.

There are so many opportunities. My daughter-in-law got her master’s in journalism and just got a great job working as a technical writer.

Go to the University of Nevada, Reno for journalism. Profuse writing never gets anyone anywhere. Good writing is very simple, but that is hard. N

From a conversation with Kristin Burgarello ’97 in August at Nita Spangler’s home in Redwood City, Calif.
The William N. Pennington Foundation makes lead gift to the Student Achievement Center

The William N. Pennington Foundation has made a $6 million lead gift to name the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center at the University of Nevada, Reno, representing half of the $12 million in philanthropic support the University is seeking for the center. The final naming of the center was approved by the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents in early September.

The new Student Achievement Center, to be located near the site of the former Getchell Library, will be a 77,064 square-foot, multi-winged facility that will allow the University to bring under one roof a myriad of student success services now scattered across campus, including the Writing Center, Math Center, Tutoring Center, Service Learning and Civic Engagement Center, Career Studio, Advising Center, Student Veterans Lounge, Disability Resource Center, Counseling Services, Student Cultural Diversity Center, Interfaith Space and the TRiO and McNair scholar programs.

The University, recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a national Tier 1 university, has had several student-centered capital improvement projects built on the Nevada campus in recent years: the Joe Crowley Student Union, the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building, the Marguerite Wattis Petersen Academic Center and the Nevada Living Learning Community.

“Not only do these buildings, and the programs they house, assist with academic excellence and recruitment, they also provide opportunities to engage, and retain, students at the University,” said University President Marc Johnson.

“The William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center will allow the University to continue to attract top students and reach the goal to increase enrollment from 18,000 to 22,000 students over the next 10 years,” Johnson added. “Once the enrollment goal of 22,000 students is reached, an increased economic impact of more than $145 million annually is projected to benefit the northern Nevada economy and will make the Reno-Sparks region an increasingly vibrant college community.”

Pennington, a philanthropist and gaming pioneer, acquired Circus Circus in 1974 and soon turned the business into Nevada’s leading employer and one of the most successful gaming companies in the world.

He established the William N. Pennington Foundation in 1989 to provide grants to Nevada-based organizations in the areas of education, community services, health care and medical research.

The William N. Pennington Foundation has given significantly to the University, including lead gifts to the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building and the Pennington Medical Education Building, and has generously supported general and medical student scholarships at the University for nearly 20 years.

Pennington was honored with the Distinguished Nevadan award by the Nevada Board of Regents in 1997 and awarded the University’s President’s Medal in 2007. He received an honorary degree from the University in 2008.

Pennington led a remarkable life, passing away at 88, one month before the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building opened. In his honor, the William N. Pennington Foundation is continuing Mr. Pennington’s legacy at the University.

—Roseann Keegan

To learn more about supporting student success, please contact John Carothers, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, (775) 784-1352 or jcarothers@unr.edu, or Lynda Buhlig '84, executive director of development, (775) 682-6013 or lbuhlig@unr.edu.
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JEN ‘’PACK ATTACK’’ LAU

Graduated '08
20MOW

Position: BBQ Ninja Warrior
Skill: "Triple Threat" (3 Alumni Chapters)
Recruited: Member Since 2010

Armed with her spatula and tongs, Jen is always ready to display her tailgating prowess. Using her fierce competitiveness as her weapon of choice, she strikes fear into the heart of any opponent who dares to defy the way of the Pack.

HOME FOOTBALL TAILGATES

Sat., Sept. 7  Nevada vs. UC Davis
Sat., Sept. 21 Nevada vs. Hawai’i
Sat., Sept. 28 Nevada vs. Air Force
Sat., Oct. 26 Nevada vs. UNLV
Sat., Nov. 16 Nevada vs. San Jose St.
Sat., Nov. 30 Nevada vs. BYU

Lifetime Members  Annual Members  Non-Members  Children under 13
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All home tailgate parties begin two hours prior to kickoff, located in Legacy Hall on the SW side of Mackay Stadium.

For more information, visit alumni.unr.edu or call 775.784.6620 or BBR.NV ALUMS. Special thanks to Battle Born Beer, Camolet Party Rentals, GEICO, Sierra-Pacific Federal Credit Union and Total Wine.