New Foundation Endowments

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Establishing an endowed fund at the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation transforms lives—those of the students who will become the leaders of tomorrow, the faculty who inspire them and the researchers who are finding solutions to society’s problems. An endowed fund also enhances our community, which is continuously engaged by the University’s many programs and activities. A gift today provides important and meaningful funds in perpetuity that help make the University known for its teaching, research and service.

The foundation manages the endowment funds with available earnings transferred to the respective University accounts for the purpose of supporting the donor’s passion, whether it be student scholarships, faculty research or unrestricted funds to meet the University’s most pressing needs. Gifts can be focused or wide-ranging.

The process for establishing an endowment is simple and requires only a completed agreement along with a gift or pledge of at least $10,000. If you are interested in supporting any of these new endowments, or creating one in memory or honor of another, through outright gifts using almost any type of asset—cash, securities, real estate or other property that can be liquidated—please contact Keiko Weil ’87, director of donor relations, (775) 784-1587 or kweil@unr.edu.

Neslihan Aybek Memorial Scholarship Endowment
The family of a late Nevada alumna has established the Neslihan Aybek Memorial Scholarship in honor of Neslihan Aybek ’04 (sociology), who passed away unexpectedly in 2011 at the age of 31. The scholarship will benefit undergraduate or graduate students, with preference given to students from Aybek’s native country of Turkey.

Baker Family Medical Student Scholarship Endowment
Dr. Theresa Baker ’78 (premedical), ’82M.D. has established this endowment for medical students with significant financial need, particularly those who are single parents. As a single mother, Baker was inspired by her two children to become a doctor. With the help of scholarship support, Baker completed her undergraduate degree at Nevada and received her medical degree from the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Today, she is a hospice medical director and palliative care consultant in Parker, Colo.

Judith S. Bible Teaching Excellence in Education Award Endowment
Paul ’62 (economics) and Judy Bible ’65 (elementary education) established an annual award to recognize outstanding faculty members in the College of Education. Judy has been a proponent of education throughout her life and was a teacher at Peavine and Marnie Towels elementary schools in Reno.

Class of 1958 & 1959 MSM Scholarship Endowment
Members of the Mackay School of Mines classes of 1958 and 1959 began building an endowed scholarship fund at Nevada in 2006. Led by Dale Fraser ’59 (geological engineering), the class members continued to make annual contributions to the fund, which has reached the endowment level.

Clemmons-Magee Chemistry Professorship Endowment
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Mackay School of Mines graduate Gary Clemmons ’81 (earth science) and his wife, Susan Magee Clemons, established two endowed professorships in chemistry and physics to recognize professors who spark students’ curiosity and creativity and motivate them to pursue careers in the fields of chemistry and physics.

Wayne A. Frediani Scholarship Endowment
Wayne Frediani ’72 (management) established this scholarship endowment to annually benefit a student-athlete pursuing a degree in the College of Business. Frediani was a founding steering committee member of Starting 5, the financial support committee for Nevada men’s basketball. He has been a Wolf Pack donor and season ticketholder for 36 years and developed the courtesy car program for the athletics department.

Fulton Family Scholarship Endowment in Hydrology
The late Helene Fulton Belz ’38 (biology), the daughter of the late John Allen Fulton, director of the Nevada School of Mines from 1924 to 1939, established this scholarship endowment through a gift annuity to honor the Fulton family engineering legacy at Nevada. The scholarship will benefit graduate students in hydrology/hydrological sciences.
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<td>The Fund for the Future of Journalism campaign was sparked by a grant awarded to the Reynolds School from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation in 2009 to provide ongoing support for capital maintenance needs and repairs following the school’s recent update and renovation. The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation raised an additional $1.6 million in matching funds toward the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation’s gift.</td>
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<td><strong>Louie A. and Hazel L. Gardella Memorial Scholarship Endowment</strong></td>
<td>The late professor emeritus Louie Gardella ’32 (agriculture) was a Cooperative Extension agent for Nevada. His late wife, Hazel, was active in politics and was northern Nevada office director for Sen. Paul Laxalt. The couple’s three sons, all Nevada alumni, established this memorial scholarship for students in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources or studying clinical gerontology or related fields in the Department of Psychology.</td>
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<td><strong>Greenfield Animal Hospital Internship and Research Scholarship Endowment</strong></td>
<td>Established by the Greenfield Animal Hospital in Yerington, Nev., this scholarship benefits Nevada students who are graduates of Yerington High School and participating in pre-veterinary/animal biotechnology research and internship activities at the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources.</td>
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<td><strong>Betty Y. Heaston Memorial Quasi Endowment</strong></td>
<td>The late Betty Heaston made a bequest to create a scholarship endowment for undergraduate and a quasi-endowment fund to benefit the programs, staff and operations of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. Betty graduated high school during the Great Depression and joined the workforce out of necessity, rather than attending college. In adulthood, Betty was a strong supporter of higher education and encouraged young people to pursue a college education.</td>
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<td><strong>Hopping Professorship in Entrepreneurship Endowment</strong></td>
<td>Established by the Charles and Ruth Hopping Foundation, this endowed professorship will have the primary role of enhancing the entrepreneurship program at the College of Business, including the Sontag Entrepreneurship Competition. The late Charles and Ruth Hopping were longtime supporters of the University and are members of the Honor Court.</td>
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<td><strong>Dr. Liang-chi Hsu Graduate Research Endowment</strong></td>
<td>The four children of faculty emeritus Liang-chi (“Li”) Hsu and their families have established this endowment to honor their father’s personal and professional accomplishments and his impact on student learning and research in mineralogy and geochemistry at the University. The endowment will support the scholarly activities of graduate students enrolled in the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering. Hsu served as a faculty member at the Mackay School of Mines and the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology from 1969 through 1996. In the late 1980s and early 90s, Hsu served as chair of the Honors study board and director of the University Honors Study Program.</td>
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<td><strong>Dorothy Howell Huffey and Paul Huffey Scholarship Endowment</strong></td>
<td>Faculty emerita Dorothy Huffey ’61 (secondary education) established this endowment to benefit Nevada high school graduates pursuing an undergraduate degree in secondary education. A member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority and Panhellenic president, Dorothy met her husband, Paul Huffey ’61 (education) while attending the University. In the early 1980s, Gov. Richard Bryan appointed Dorothy to chair the state personnel commission, and University President Joe Crowley invited her to serve on the Nevada Legislative Steering Committee for Higher Education. In 1993, Dorothy received the University’s President Medal.</td>
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<td><strong>Hydrologic Sciences Scholarship Endowment</strong></td>
<td>Laurel Saito, director of Graduate Program of Hydrologic Sciences (GPHS), created this scholarship for graduate students within the program. Established in 1962, the GPHS is a collaboration between the University of Nevada, Reno and the Desert Research Institute and has consistently ranked among the top 10 such programs in the United States by U.S. News &amp; World Report.</td>
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<td><strong>Don B. Jenkins Endowment</strong></td>
<td>Don Jenkins ’72 (marketing) established this endowment to provide resources to the College of Business to foster the study of all aspects of the lending business and its applications within other disciplines, as well as assist students seeking career opportunities in the lending field. Jenkins’ career spanned 36 years in the lending industry, specializing in commercial transportation, agricultural and construction machinery financing.</td>
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Bernard Kwok & Hera Siu Scholar Leader Scholarship Endowment

Bernard Kwok ’81 (electrical engineering), ’84MBA, and Hera Siu ’82 (managerial sciences), ’84MBA, have established this endowment to support the Scholar Leader program at the College of Business for students interested in international business and the Asia-Pacific region. Siu received the 2011 Nevada Alumni Association award for the College of Business. Kwok received the 2008 Scrugham Medal and the 2008 Nevada Alumni Association Professional Achievement Award.

Gene & Carla LeMay Scholars Research Endowment

In 2010, professor emeritus Gene LeMay and his wife, Carla, began a scholar research program that provides summer support for select graduate students. The couple, who also created the John H. Nelson Graduate Student Scholarship Endowment, established this endowment to assist students in perpetuity.

David M. Lupan School of Medicine Student Research Endowment

The family of the late David Lupan, senior associate dean for basic science and research at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, established this endowment in his memory to support medical and graduate student research at the School of Medicine. Lupan, 66, passed away June 2012 following a 15-week battle with non-Hodgkin’s B-cell lymphoma.

Raul Madrid Endowment in Economic Geology

Victoria Gold Corp. established the Raul Madrid Endowment in Economic Geology in honor of the late Raul J. Madrid, who served as vice president of exploration for the company. The endowment will help support student wages, travel, supplies and other needs for graduate students in economic geology at the Ralph Roberts Center for Research in Economic Geology.

Charles N. Mathewson Endowed Professorship in Entrepreneurship

Charles Mathewson, former president, CEO and board chairman of IGT, has established this professorship at the College of Business in an effort to expand the curriculum and provide long-term resources to facilitate student engagement in entrepreneurial and start-up ventures. The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center is named in recognition of a combined $10 million gift from Mathewson and IGT.

Carol Elaine Halley Mitchell Memorial Scholarship Endowment in Nursing

As a single mother, Carol Mitchell ’80 (nursing) put herself through nursing school while raising her daughter, Jenifer Christman ’92 (resource management). When Mitchell passed away in December 2011, Christman established the scholarship endowment in honor of her mother.

Cathren Roselyn Muse Scholarship Endowment

The Cathren Roselyn Muse Scholarship Endowment is a memorial to Cathren by her son, College of Science Dean Jeff Thompson and family and friends in recognition of her efforts to provide opportunities for women to earn university degrees. The endowment will continue to be used to support and promote the undergraduate education of women pursuing a degree in physics.

Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment

The Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association created an annual scholarship in 2009 to support a nursing student in their senior year. Under the leadership of scholarship committee chair Linda Clift ’74 (nursing), the association endowed the scholarship to ensure support for current and future generations of nursing students.

Walter A. and Genevieve M. Paroni Mackay School Endowment

The late Genevieve (Swick) Paroni ’48 (chemistry) and her husband, the late Walter Paroni, included gifts to the University Libraries and the Mackay School of Mines in their estate plans. Gen, a teacher in Eureka, Nev., and Wallace, Idaho, was the first woman to serve on the Wallace City Council. Walter was a mining engineer in Nevada and Idaho.

Elizabeth S. Ray Library Endowment

Alumna Elizabeth Ray ’78M.Ed. (education) established the Elizabeth S. Ray Library Endowment to enhance the University Libraries’ ability to provide quality information resources to students, faculty and community members in the areas of music, visual arts, and history. Ray was an elementary school teacher in the Washoe County School district for 24 years.

Sandorf Family Endowment for the Arts

John ’53 (business administration) and Mona Sandorf ’52 (elementary education) were inspired by their grandchildren’s creative endeavors to establish this new endowment to support departments and programs in the School of the Arts.
Memorial endowment established in memory of longtime medicine faculty David Lupan

The family of the late David Lupan, M.D., senior associate dean for basic science and research at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, has established an endowment in his memory to support medical and graduate student research at the School of Medicine.

The David M. Lupan School of Medicine Student Research Endowment is funded through memorial gifts from family, friends and colleagues to honor Lupan’s strong advocacy for expanded student research opportunities. Lupan, 66, passed away June 23, 2012, following a 15-week battle with non-Hodgkin’s B-cell lymphoma. He was a member of the School of Medicine faculty for nearly 40 years.

Thomas L. Schwenk, M.D., dean of the medical school, said that early after his arrival in 2011, he learned to trust Lupan’s wisdom and judgment on a number of complex issues.

“His background knowledge about many complex problems was astonishing,” Schwenk says. “History is an important place to start in understanding the complexities of the medical school, and Dr. Lupan was an authoritative source for both the critical and the mundane aspects of such history.”

Although Dr. Lupan was a noted researcher and a capable administrator, he loved working with students above all else. He taught microbiology to every University of Nevada School of Medicine class since 1973.

Microbiologist Thomas Kozel, Ph.D., remembered his colleague as having uncommon wisdom and grace when dealing with his administrative duties. Kozel said Lupan’s students cited their professor as being “utterly cool,” giving him “two thumbs up” and praising his ability to relate the course material instead of “feeding” it to them.

—Roseann Keegan

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