Alumni

Thank you alumni for your generous and active support of your alma mater. Alumni chose to make gifts to their class fund (please see Class Challenge on page 43) and to scholarships and programs throughout campus. This philanthropy is an important and vital source of funding, and alumni giving makes a difference. *U.S. News & World Report* uses yearly alumni participation as a measure of alumni involvement for its annual rankings. Nevada was again ranked in the top tier of “best national universities,” up 10 spots from last year. We are grateful to these former students who made a gift to their alma mater during 2012.
McCurdys create endowment to benefit College of Education students

Marshal McCurdy ’70 (journalism) ’80M.Ed. (educational administration/higher education) and his wife, Carole, have established the Marshal, Carole and Kay Edward Francis Scholarship Endowment with a bequest from their estate to benefit future teachers studying at the College of Education.

Marshal worked for the Washoe County School District for 31 years and volunteered on the Friends of the College of Education Advisory Board, assisting the college in raising money for scholarships through various activities, including golf tournaments. The board also helped College of Education Dean Emeritus Bill Sparkman establish the Dean’s Future Scholars Program, which mentors diverse, low-income and first-generation students through high school and into college. Through this experience, Marshal discovered the important relationship between scholarships and student success.

“Carole and I both feel very strongly about the importance of education and supporting future teachers,” Marshal says.

—Roseann Keegan

To learn more about supporting the College of Education, please contact Mitch Klaich ’02, director of development, (775) 784-6914 or mklaiach@unr.edu.
The Nevada Alumni Association is proud to recognize their lifetime members. Thanks to the generous support of these alumni and friends of the University of Nevada, the Association is able to continue providing quality programs and events. If you’d like to join the Nevada Alumni Association, please visit alumni.unr.edu or call (888) NV-ALUMS for more information.
Nevada alumnae create scholarship to honor former dean Cecelia St. John Pearce

A group of Nevada alumnae have created a scholarship for female students in honor of former assistant dean of students Cecelia St. John Pearce ’63 (speech pathology). The Cecelia St. John Pearce Women in Leadership Scholarship will benefit women who are juniors and seniors at the University and hold leadership roles in campus-wide organizations.

Pearce, affectionately known as Dean St. John or Cece, hosted a luncheon in June 2011 to honor female leaders who were University students from 1967 to 1992. During her speech to the group, Pearce admitted that the luncheon was a gift to herself in celebration of her 70th birthday, and that she viewed all of the women in the room as “her legacy.”

During a break, several attendees discussed giving Pearce a birthday present in return, and announced the creation of a new scholarship fund in her name to honor future female student leaders and continue Cecelia’s legacy at the University.

Pearce held many positions during her tenure at the University of Nevada, Reno. She began as the assistant dean of women in 1967, served as Nevada’s first formal student recruiter and concluded her distinctive 25-year career as director of Alumni Relations in 1992.

—Roseann Keegan

To learn more about supporting student success at Nevada, please contact Keiko Weil, ’87, director of donor relations, (775) 682-5964 or kweil@unr.edu.
Do you know someone who
BLEEDS SILVER & BLUE?

The Nevada Alumni Association is now accepting Alumni Council member nominations

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2013 – The council meets throughout the year and is the governing body of the Nevada Alumni Association. Contact 888.NV ALUMS or nvalumni@unr.edu for more information.

Name ___________________________ Class year __________________

Address __________________________

City ___________________________ State ___________ Zip Code ________

Business/Occupation __________________________

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Please use a separate sheet for additional nominations.
Alumni, are you up to the challenge? 10 good reasons to give to your class fund:

1. Nevada alumni are loyal and supportive of their alma mater. Nearly 4,700 alumni made a gift to Nevada in 2012. Their names can be found starting on page 40.

2. Your class fund becomes a permanent endowment when class gifts total $10,000.

3. Alumni support is becoming more critical and helped Nevada become a Tier 1 university in U.S. News & World Report.

4. No gift is too small and every gift makes a difference. You may think that your $25 gift couldn’t possibly have an impact, but it all adds up.

5. Your gift demonstrates confidence in your education and enhances the prestige of the University of Nevada, Reno, upholding a proud 139-year history.

6. Your participation matters. U.S. News & World Report uses yearly alumni participation as a measure of alumni involvement for its annual rankings. Nevada was again ranked in the top tier of “best national universities.” Nevada was also ranked among the top public schools in the country, had 16 graduate programs listed among the nation’s best, and both the College of Engineering and College of Business were ranked as “best undergraduate programs.”

7. Higher national rankings increase the value of your degree. Rankings also affect the University’s ability to recruit and retain the best and brightest students.

8. Your gift might be doubled—or tripled. If your employer or your spouse’s employer has a matching gift program, your gift can be matched 1:1 or more. To find matching gift companies, please visit http://matchinggifts.com/unr.

9. Your gift is tax-deductible and you will promptly receive an acknowledgement of your gift.

10. Making a gift to your class fund is easy. Visit our secure online site at http://giving.unr.edu, choose “Class Challenge” under designation and indicate your class year under comments.

To join your fellow classmates in supporting the Class Endowment Challenge, contact Bruce Mack, associate vice president of Development and Alumni Relations, (775) 784-1352 or bmack@unr.edu.
Yasmine Mohamednur is a registered nurse and first-year graduate student pursuing her master’s in public health. She is the first recipient of the new Community Health Sciences Advisory Board Annual Scholarship.

Community Health Sciences Advisory Board creates graduate student scholarship

The School of Community Health Sciences Advisory Board has established an annual scholarship to support graduate students with financial need who are pursuing a master’s degree in public health.

The first Community Health Sciences Advisory Board Annual Scholarship was awarded last fall to Yasmine Mohamednur, a registered nurse and first-year graduate student pursuing her master’s in public health in the social-behavioral track. The scholarship provided financial assistance for her tuition and books.

“I am very excited when I think of what my future will be in public health, and I want to thank the Community Health Sciences Advisory Board for providing me with support to attain my future aspirations,” Mohamednur says. “Being awarded this scholarship is a big step toward helping me achieve my goals.”

The advisory board was established in 2011 and serves as a bridge between the school and the community, offering advice, collaboration and support to enhance the mission of the school. Advisory board members include community members and public health professionals from Carson City, Reno and Elko.

—Roseann Keegan

To learn more about supporting the School of Community Health Sciences, please contact Christina Sarman, ’00, ’11M.A., director of development, (775) 784-6009 or christinas@unr.edu.
Join the Pack & see the world!

Our 2013 Pack Tracks travel program offers Oceania Cruises to exciting destinations worldwide—and the fun part is traveling with fellow Nevada alumni!

**European Mosaic:** June 5 - 13  
**Taste of Europe:** Aug. 26 - Sept. 6  
**Ancient Mysteries of the Americas:**  
Jan. 16 - Feb. 03, 2014

For more information, visit alumni.unr.edu or call GO Next travel at 800-842-9023.
Robert E. Dickenson Scholarship Endowment to benefit agricultural science students

Reno rancher and entrepreneur Robert Dickenson has established a scholarship endowment to support Nevada students who share his vision for the productive, economical and responsible management of livestock and land.

The Robert E. Dickenson Scholarship Endowment will benefit undergraduate and graduate students at Nevada who have demonstrated financial need and are pursuing a degree in the areas of livestock use and management in ranching operations, farming, forest and rangeland management, mining or natural resource management. The scholarship will also be offered to students in disciplines that develop the skills and knowledge required for conducting business in ranching and farming as well as managing forests and rangelands.

“I wanted to create this scholarship endowment to ease the financial burden of students who wish to carry forward the deep tradition of responsible farming and ranching in Nevada,” says Dickenson, who has also established a planned gift to benefit the scholarship.

Both of Dickenson’s sons graduated from Nevada. Paul Dickenson graduated in 1986 with a degree in managerial sciences, while the late Eric Dickenson graduated in 1972 with a degree in agriculture.

—Roseann Keegan

To learn more about supporting student success at Nevada, please contact Keiko Weil, ‘87, director of donor relations, (775) 682-5964 or kweil@unr.edu.
Alumni

Larry and Diana Haberland ’94, ’95M.S. have established an estate plan to create a memorial endowment in athletics in honor of Larry’s late niece, April Schultz (pictured).

Longtime Wolf Pack supporters create endowment in memory of late niece

Recognizing the importance of sports in the continuing education of youth, Larry and Diana Haberland ’94 (social work), ’95M.S. (social work) have established an estate plan to create the April Schultz Memorial Endowment in Athletics in memory of Larry’s niece, April, who passed away from an inoperable brain tumor in 1997 at age 14. The endowment will provide general support for University of Nevada Athletics.

April graduated from Carson Middle School in Carson City, Nev., and enjoyed all sports activities and dance. She won numerous awards for her endeavors, including a scholarship to a Los Angeles dance academy.

“April’s life was cut short by an inoperable brain tumor, but her heart, spirit and love of sports will remain with us forever,” Larry Haberland says.

—Roseann Keegan

To learn more about supporting athletics at Nevada, please contact Robyn Sharp, director of development, (775) 682-6983 or robyns@unr.edu. To learn more about making a planned gift at Nevada, please contact Lisa M. Riley, Esq., director of the Office of Planned Giving, (775) 682-6017 or lriley@unr.edu.
Who do you think should win?

2013 Nevada Alumni Association Award Nominations

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

Suggested Award (check one):

☐ Professional Achievement Award
☐ Alumni Association Service Award
☐ Outstanding Young Alumnus Award
☐ University Service Award
☐ Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award
☐ Alumnus of the Year Award

Your Name_________________________________________________________
Address___________________________________________________________
City _____________________________________ State____________________
Telephone_________________________________________________________
Email _____________________________________________________________

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

Please fill out the nomination form, along with 1-4 pages of supporting material, by May 15, 2013. Please mail to:

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Aspiring to be the living room of the University, the Joe Crowley Student Union hosts a large Starbucks location as well as lounge space on all of its four floors. Visitors are free to relax near one of the building’s five fireplaces or attend some of the many lectures, student discussions or other daily events.