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Message from the President

Dear Nevada Alumni,

Spring and summer are a very exciting time on the Nevada campus. During all three May Commencement ceremonies, I had the honor of speaking to our newest alumni, encouraging them to stay connected to their alma mater and the traditions that make Nevada such a special place. The Nevada Alumni Association is proud to welcome the more than 2,200 graduates into our family.

Over the past few months, the association has worked on many events, including recruitment receptions for prospective students, Graduation Celebration for our newest alumni and the Golden Reunion celebrating the Class of 1964’s return to campus. In addition, there have been many chapter events, including the Senior Scholar reception, where we honored the top scholar from each college. The association also hosted a reception for Sigma Nu during their 100-year anniversary celebration of Sigma Nu. I’d like to thank all of our alumni volunteers who gave their time at these events and helped make them a success.

Now that summer is in full swing, don’t forget to bring family and friends to campus for our Pack Picnics on the Quad. These free family-friendly activities run 6-8 p.m. each Wednesday from July 9 through Aug. 13. As always, there will be music, bounce houses, face painting, balloon animals and more. Also, we are already in the middle of planning fall activities for you to enjoy. The Nevada Alumni Association’s football pregame parties begin Saturday, Aug. 30 before Nevada takes on Southern Utah at Mackay Stadium. Join us two hours prior to kickoff before every home game in Legacy Hall. Nevada Alumni Association members enjoy discounted admission and lifetime members are admitted for free.

Finally, mark your calendars for Homecoming 2014, Oct. 2-4. Several traditional events are scheduled, including the Homecoming Gala and Awards Dinner, the football pregame party and many annual chapter events. This will be the second year for our newest tradition, March from the Arch, which will held Friday, Oct. 3. The event starts downtown under the Reno Arch and will follow the ASUN Homecoming Parade to the Quad, where a pep rally awaits. Last year, more than 4,000 students, alumni and friends joined us for the inaugural event, and we can’t wait to see how much it grows this year. Special thanks to Barrick Gold for their continued support as the presenting sponsor for a second year in a row.

For more information on upcoming events, please visit our website at www.unr.edu/alumni or call (888) NV ALUMS.

Sincerely,

Ty Windfeldt ’95
President, Nevada Alumni Council
50s
Beverley Lehman West ’50 (journalism) has written a memoir, Finding My Way Back to 1950s Paris, which she is self-publishing. After three-and-a-half years in Paris, she was hired as a reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle. She earned a master’s degree from San Francisco State University and taught ESL for 30 years at Seattle Central College. She lives with her partner, Bob Royce, on Bainbridge Island, Wash. Beverley was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

70s
Craig Trigueiro, M.D. ’72 (premedical) was elected chairman of the district board of trustees of the State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota.

Patti Doty ’77 (English), ’86M.A. (counseling and guidance and personal services), ’93Ed.D. (counseling and educational psychology) recently published her first book, Runaway, a love story set in Unionville, Nev.

80s
Mark Foree ’80 (civil engineering), general manager of Truckee Meadows Water Authority, was recently elected to the board of directors of the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada.

Donald A. Bernard II ’85 (speech communications) has qualified for the Stifel, Nicolaus & Company Inc., 2014 Chairman’s Council. Don is the senior vice president/investments for the firm. He attended an advanced investment seminar in Punta Mita, Mexico, where he was presented with his award. He manages more than $250 million in assets and ranks in the top 2 percent of the firm’s more than 2,000 financial advisers throughout the country.

Class of ’64 donates JFK plaque for Knowledge Center

The class of 1964 held their Golden Reunion during Commencement weekend, celebrating the occasion with several events, including the dedication of a new President John F. Kennedy memorial plaque May 15. When JFK was assassinated in 1963, the event had a deep impact on the student body, and the University’s student government leadership felt it important to memorialize the late president. The plaque, which includes quotes from Kennedy’s inaugural address, went missing in 2008 during the move from Getchell Library to the new Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.

Larry Struve ’64 (political science) spearheaded a campaign to purchase a replacement plaque, which now hangs in the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Rotunda Reading Room on the fourth floor of the Knowledge Center.

To learn more about supporting the University Libraries, please contact Millie Mitchell, director of development, (775) 682-5682.

—Deanna Hearn ’74
Jace Hider ’99 (marketing) and his wife, Michelle, welcomed their daughter Bristol Brynn Ashley on Sept. 18. She has two other siblings, brother Colton (6) and sister Kylie (4).

Kaylie (Young) Tucker ’03 (interior design) and Jeremy Tucker ’04 (computer science) announce the birth of their son, Preston Alexander, born Sept. 6. Go Wolf Pack!

Amber (Goicoechea) Sosa ’04 (civil engineering) ’11MBA and Wes Sosa ’08 (construction technology) announce the birth of their son, Camden James, born May 9.

Cammi (Thomas) Carpenter ’05 (music) and Cheston Carpenter ’06 (biochemistry) announce the birth of their son, Carson Thomas, born July 27.

He joins big brother, Justin Dyer, 2 1/2 years old.

John Mortensen ’05 (chemistry) ’09M.D. and Jennifer (Reisig) Mortensen ’07 (early childhood education), ’09M.S. (human development and family studies) announce the birth of their daughter, Layla Rebecca, born Sept. 14.

Jennifer (Vincelette) Kelton ’08 (health ecology) and Jason Kelton ’09 (biochemistry) announce the birth of their son, Nolan Reed, born Jan. 14.

Prisilia (Maldonado) Masegian ’08 (criminal justice) and Brian Masegian announce the birth of their daughter, Madeleine Luz, born Jan. 29.

Ashley (Young) Smith ’11 (health ecology) and Lynn Smith announce the birth of their son, Braylen Owen, born Aug. 8.
Merritt W. Dunlap ’87 (biochemistry) ’93M.D. (medicine) has affiliated with MDVIP, the leader in personalized healthcare with nearly 700 affiliates nationwide. Prior to opening a private practice in 2013 in Carson City, Merritt practiced at a private multi-specialty group in Carson City for 14 years. He also served six years in the U.S. Navy.

Geoff Schumacher ’88 (journalism) is the director of content development for the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement (also known as the Mob Museum) in Las Vegas. Geoff worked in the newspaper business for 25 years, most recently as publisher of the Ames (Iowa) Tribune. He is the editor of Nevada: 150 Years in the Silver State, distributed by University of Nevada Press.

90s

Brian Lessinger ’94 (finance), has been presented with the RE/MAX Lifetime Achievement Award, which honors successful agents who have also completed seven years of service with the company. In March, Brian was also named a 2014 Catalyst Broker by RE/MAX International, making him one of only 100 brokers in the country to be part of this exclusive group. After graduating from the University, Brian earned his MBA from the University of Phoenix.

Mandy Shavinsky ’96 (political science) has been selected as a fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, the premier organization of U.S. real estate lawyers. Admission to the college is by invitation only. Mandy is a real estate partner at Snell & Wilmer in Las Vegas.

Lance Bowen ’97 (health science), ’01M.S. (cellular and molecular biology), ’06Ph.D. (environmental science and health) will move into a new position as dean of the Division of Sciences at Truckee Meadows Community College. He will transition out of his current position as the associate dean of assessment and planning and previous role as professor of biology. He lives in Sparks with his wife, Danielle (Daggett) Bowen ’00 (health ecology), and two children, Ella (9) and Austin (7).
Nevada Alumni Association honors Spring 2014 Senior Scholars

More than 100 family members, friends, college deans and others from the University of Nevada, Reno’s administration joined the Nevada Alumni Association in honoring the Spring Senior Scholars May 14. These top graduating seniors from each school or college at Nevada were recognized for their hard work and dedication throughout their collegiate journey. The faculty mentor who had the most impact on their academic career at the University was honored as well. BACK ROW: Alison Gaulden, Elena Pravosudova, Melissa Burnham, Ronald Pardini, Nora Constantino, Brooks Klein, Thomas Odegaard and Murat Yuksel. FRONT ROW: Jessica Fagundes, Frank Gonzalez, Breanna Hall, Erika Vicente, Linda Enwald and Dipto Moni. Not pictured: Nathan Tewalt and Katherine Fusco.

College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources

Erika Vicente
4.000
Mentor: Ronald Pardini

College of Business

Nathan Tewalt
3.983
Mentor: Thomas Odegaard

College of Engineering

Dipto Moni
4.000
Mentor: Murat Yuksel

College of Education

Breanna Hall
3.992
Mentor: Melissa Burnham

College of Liberal Arts

Linda Enwald
3.930
Mentor: Katherine Fusco

College of Science

Frank Gonzalez
3.990
Mentor: Elena Pravosudova

Division of Health Sciences

Brooks Klein
3.984
Mentor: Nora Constantino

Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism

Jessica Fagundes
3.992
Mentor: Alison Gaulden
00s

Josh Kenzer ’01 (journalism) was promoted to director of online marketing at the Scottsdale Convention and Visitors Bureau in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Jessica Muehlberg ’02 (geology) ’07M.S. (geology) ’13Ph.D. (educational leadership) is a senior business systems analyst for Student Information Systems at Harvard University.

Aaron Hinkley ’04 (philosophy) graduated with his masters of arts in philosophy from Rice University in Houston, Texas, May 17.

Dennis Anderson-Villaluz ’07 (dietetics) has been recognized as a fellow of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for distinguished service as a dietetic professional.

Jackie (Nourse) Laulainen ’07 (Spanish) published her first book in September, The Aspiring Traveler’s Handbook: A preparation guide to international travel. She studied abroad twice during college and hasn’t stopped traveling since. Last May, Jackie launched thebudget-mindedtraveler.com and also hosts a podcast.

Sarah (Ragsdale) Mahoney ’08 (health ecology) was promoted to vice president of Weber Shandwick, a global public relations firm. Sarah and her team represent hospital and pharmaceutical companies.

Maria Urbina ’08 (political science and journalism) was promoted to senior policy adviser for Hispanic and Asian affairs for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. Maria has worked for Senator Reid since 2008.

10s

Samantha Baldock ’10 (economics and international business) received a position as an Excelsior Service Fellow after earning a master’s in public administration from the State University of New York at Albany. The fellowship is designed to nurture and cultivate the next generation of leaders in New York State government.

Jasper Allen Jacobs ’12 (business administration/marketing) has recently partnered to

Kickin’ it with K-von | ‘That one guy’ at work

“Office Romeo” He’s always hitting on the new girl at work. Be careful ladies, I knew a guy like this. He’d always volunteer to “train” the new hire then tell her that the office meets at El Torito for happy hour on Wednesdays. But guess what? The office does not do that. The poor girl would end up sitting there with him alone wondering when the rest of us were coming as he bought her drink after drink.

“HR” We love when human resources helps us with our medical insurance and our retirement plan, but the “sensitivity trainings” are the worst. They basically are there to remind you that just about every human interaction you have with anyone at work will probably get you fired.

“Exotic Lunch Guy” We get that you are very proud of your palate. Can you not reheat the smelliest food in the break room? Lunch — a sandwich, and back to work.

“The Office Drummer” Metallica won’t be looking for their next drummer in accounts receivable. Take out your earbuds and please quit bangin’ on your desk, stapler and three-hole puncher.

“Miss Bossy Pants” Her attitude, “I’m dating the boss, so now I’m the boss too.” No, you are not.

“Loud Phone Talker” We don’t need to hear you 10 cubicles over. The person on the other end of the phone has their ear right up to the speaker. Start out with whispering into it and then get gradually louder as needed.

“Office Kiss-Up” This annoying dweeb is now dressing like the boss, sitting at the front of the conference room, and laughing a little too hard at all of his jokes, and the worst part ... it actually works.

“Blender Boy” As a healthy alternative to coffee, I brought a blender, fresh orange juice and mixed berries to the office and started blending each morning. Nothing irritated my coworkers more than when they were filling up a mug of disgusting dirty brown liquid and I was in the corner whipping up a colorful storm. Remember: Sometimes that annoying person at work ... just might be you!

Was there someone I left off this list? Write me at info@K-vonComedy.com or post on twitter.com/KvonComedy and let me know.

Jasper Allen Jacobs ’12 and Aaron Benedetti ’12 reopen his family business, A1 Glass, in Lake Almanor, Calif. Jasper is a lifetime member of the Nevada Alumni Association as well as the College of Business Alumni Association, where he has served on the board of directors since graduation.

Aaron Benedetti ’12 (political science and English) recently completed his master’s degree in English at the University of Sussex in Brighton, UK. He will begin his Ph.D. in English at UC Davis in the fall.

Submissions are due July 28 and can be sent to: chatter@unr.edu. We edit all submissions for style, clarity and length.

Wolf Mates

Jon Vanhoose ’03 (information systems) and Marissa Gioglio ’04 (journalism), ’06MBA, were married in August at Montreaux in Reno and honeymooned in Bora Bora. Many Nevada alumni were in attendance. Marissa is currently the sales and marketing manager for Selco Products and Jon is a regional sales manager for Server Technology. Both continue to enjoy cheering for the Wolf Pack from their home in Reno.

Amanda Hawkins-Erwin ’05 (journalism) and Philip Erwin ’06 (economics) were married in February. The couple currently resides in Las Vegas. She works for a gaming testing company, Gaming Labs International, and he works as an attorney at Campbell & Williams.

Save the original University Bell!

Join University alumni and friends in northeastern Nevada who are working to build a new monument structure for the bell from the original University of Nevada building in Elko. The bell moved to Reno, along with the institution in 1885, but was donated to the Northeastern Historical Society in 1974 during the University of Nevada’s Centennial celebration.

If you are interested in supporting this project, please call the Nevada Alumni Association at 888-NV ALUMS or send your donation to: Nevada Alumni Association, Morrill Hall Alumni Center-0164, Reno, NV, 89557. Please make checks payable to: University of Nevada Foundation – Bell Restoration Project.
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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.

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