Nevada Alumni Council

For 2014, the 27-member Nevada Alumni Council will be led by Ty Windfeldt ’95 (See Alumni Profile on page 56) and six executive committee officers. We also welcomed four new board members this year.
Wolf Mates

40s
Doris (Hanssen) Sinofsky ’49 (journalism), at the age of 86, has produced Never Forgotten, an award-winning documentary on the Holocaust. The film won a 2013 Telly Award, the premier award honoring the finest film and video productions, groundbreaking web commercials, videos and films, and outstanding local, regional and cable TV commercials and programs.

60s
Irene (Sprague) Aylworth Douglass ’61 wrote An American Woman in Pakistan . . . Memories of Mangla Dam. The book is a detailed and personal account of 1960s Pakistan where Irene writes about adventure, travel, purdah and more in this land before the Taliban. Irene served on the Nevada Alumni Council from 1990-95.

Ben Echeverria ’61 (chemistry), ’64M.A. (counseling and educational psychology) is a clinical professor at the Rouche Graduate Center of National American University and teaches in the Ed.D. program in community college leadership. Ben’s new book, Law Practice in Modern Educational Administration, is published by Fathom Publishing Co.

80s
Jean (Guisti) Carbon ’68 (home economics) recently received the Association of Fundraising Professionals NV, Sierra Chapter’s William H. Williams Lifetime Award during its 2013 National Philanthropy Day luncheon in Reno. Jean was recognized for lifetime commitment to the Reno-Sparks community’s nonprofit organizations and her achievements in fundraising, volunteerism and leadership in philanthropy. She has raised funds for more than 30 nonprofit organizations. Jean is the sixth recipient to receive this prestigious award since it was established in 1999. She had a 16-and-a-half year career as a development director with the University of Nevada, Reno. Jean is married to David Carbon ’72 (accounting). They have one child, Traci (Carbon) Mendoza ’93 (resource management), ’97 M.Ed. (elementary education), and one grandchild, Kiel Mendoza.

Paul Strickland ’80 (English) is a political columnist for The Prince George Free Press in northern British Columbia.

Richard Mitchell ’82Ph.D (English) is an English professor at Alfred State in New

Marysa (Falk) Stevens ’11 (journalism) and William “Alex” Stevens ’13M.D. were married in Reno Sept. 28, 2013. Alex is a family medicine resident at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash. He is also a captain in the U.S. Army. Marysa is the communications specialist for South Sound Radiology in Olympia, Wash.

Geraldine Anne Corey ’80 (political science), ’85M.A. (political science) was born in Palo Alto, Calif., and attended the University of Nevada, Reno in 1967. After raising her children, she returned to complete her degrees. Gerry worked for Joe Crowley as a teaching assistant in 1981 and 1982. Gerry worked on the John Anderson campaign in Nevada and after graduation was a key northern Nevada staff member of the first successful Harry Reid senate campaign in 1986. While in Reno, Gerry enjoyed running with the Silver State Striders and won several mother/son division awards at the Journal Jog. Gerry relocated to Scottsdale, Ariz., in 1989. Prior to her recent retirement, Gerry worked at Arizona State University for 24 years, including the last 18 years as a dean in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. At ASU, Gerry served under Provost Milt Glick, the late president of the University of Nevada. Gerry has been married to her husband, Bruce, for 44 years and they have two sons and two grandchildren. More than 100 friends and colleagues attended Gerry’s retirement breakfast at ASU.

Karl Bennison ’87 (criminal justice), ’96MBA was promoted to chief of the Enforcement Division for the Nevada Gaming Control Board. Karl has worked for the regulating body for more than 18 years, where he began his career as an agent in the Reno enforcement office and was most recently deputy chief for the Northern Nevada Enforcement offices. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and completed advanced course work offered by the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education Program. He is a member of the Nevada Sheriffs and Chiefs Association, FBI National Academy Associates and International Association of Chiefs of Police. He holds a Peace Officers Standards and Training Executive Certificate. From
1982 to 1996, he served in the Army Reserve and Nevada National Guard. He was a helicopter pilot, achieved the rank of captain, and was a company commander.

**‘90s**

Lee Scarlett ’91 (history) was named 2013 Best Builder by the readers of *Celebrate Arkansas Magazine*. Lee’s company, Celtic Construction, which he founded in 1994, was also named Builder of the Year for the fourth consecutive year in *CitiScapes* magazine. In 2013 and 2012, Celtic Construction earned back-to-back wins in the Parade of Homes, America’s Top Ten, Talk of the Town, and Houzz.com design awards. Celtic was also named a 2012 Top Ten Builder for the State of Arkansas by *At Home in Arkansas* magazine. Lee is an Energy Star Building Partner, EPA Air Quality Builder, a member of the Home Builder Assoc., and the Better Business Bureau of Arkansas with an A+ rating. He lives in northwest Arkansas with his wife of 18 years and their three daughters.

Molly Rezac ’94 (psychology) has been elected to a two-year term as president of the board of directors for Step2, Inc. The news was announced by Gordon Silver Ltd. in September and Molly is a shareholder in the firm’s Reno office. Her practice focuses on all types of employment litigation matters including discrimination claims under Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act, in addition to retaliation claims, wrongful discharge claims, Family and Medical Leave Act claims, breach of contract claims and claims involving workplace torts. She practices before all federal and state agencies charged with enforcement of these statutes and represents clients in courtroom litigation. Molly received her J.D. from the University of Texas Law School and her bachelor’s, with distinction, from the University of Nevada, Reno.

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**Do you know someone who BLEEDS SILVER & BLUE?**

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

**DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2014** – The Alumni 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.

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Nevada Alumni Association honors Fall 2013 Senior Scholars

More than 100 family, friends, college deans and others from the University of Nevada, Reno’s administration joined the Nevada Alumni Association in honoring the Fall Senior Scholars Dec. 5. 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: Senior Scholar Mentors Tammy Abernathy, Sarah Cummings, Caesar Andrews, Victor Vasquez, Alexander van der Linden, Robert Harvey, Erik Schoen and Michael Ekedahl. FRONT ROW: Senior Scholars Megan Mareno, Andrea Pham, Nicholas Stack, David Graves, Dae Hahm, Carmel Papworth-Barnum, Sravya Challa and Meckel Christiansen.

College of Business
Meckel Christiansen
Mentor: Michael Ekedahl
GPA 3.988

College of Education
Megan Mareno
Mentor: Tammy Abernathy
GPA 4.0

College of Engineering
David Graves
Mentor: Victor Vasquez
GPA 3.985

College of Liberal Arts
Carmel Papworth-Barnum
Mentor: Erik Schoen
GPA 4.0

Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism
Nicholas Stack
Mentor: Caesar Andrews
GPA 3.951

College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources
Dae Hahm
Mentor: Robert Harvey
GPA 4.0

Division of Health Sciences
Andrea Pham
Mentor: Sarah Cummings
GPA 3.96

College of Science
Sravya Challa
Mentor: Alexander van der Linden
GPA 3.953
Trina Magoon ’94 (civil engineering) has been appointed president of the American Society of Civil Engineers’ (ASCE) Truckee Meadows Branch for the 2013/2014 year. She is a senior water resources engineer for Stantec and has been on the board since 2008. Working with fellow board members, Trina will be responsible for continuing the organization’s mission to educate the public about the impact of civil engineering while promoting best practices within the industry. She is also a member of the American Public Works Association, the Nevada Water Resources Association and the Floodplain Management Association. As a practitioner, she has contributed to hundreds of water resource-related projects throughout Nevada and California. Trina has won several

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**Know Your Heckler**

All comedians have to deal with hecklers. Done correctly, the results can be amazing and hilarious. By contrast, a wrong move can ruin the mood of the entire show. I’ve outlined the different types of hecklers to demonstrate what a comic might be up against:

**THE “I’M SO PRETTY I’LL MAKE LOTS OF NOISE SO THAT PEOPLE NOTICE I’M SITTING HERE” HECKLER**

*Why she’s tough:* Because it’s hard to rationalize with someone who doesn’t have a brain. She can’t stand the idea of entering a dark room and watching someone else while sitting quietly for a whole hour. She can’t control her outbursts because the thought of no one paying attention to her is like a threat to her whole existence. While one of these is bad enough, it becomes even worse when they join evil forces in a group known as a “bachelorette party.”

*How to deal with it:* Give her a little attention in small doses and keep complimenting her looks.

**THE “I’M SO DRUNK I CAN BE AS LOUD AND RUDE AS I WANT” HECKLER**

*Why they’re tough:* For one, they are drunk, loud and rude. Secondly, they usually come in a pack. Once a small pocket of people is distracted it can send a damaging ripple through your whole crowd if you don’t address it correctly.

*How to deal with it:* Joke with them a bit but if it becomes unbearable, ask the staff: “Can we get this guy a ‘cup of coffee?’” That’s comedy code for “kick them out.”

**THE “SUPER-SUPPORTIVE SOCCER MOM” HECKLER**

*Why she’s tough:* She is being loud and nice at the same time. She is clapping it up while others in the crowd are silent. She is shouting words of encouragement like “Ohhh, come on you guys. That was good!” “Keep going!” “You are doing so great!” She’ll even fake laugh for you at the wrong time to help get your show going (whether you need it or not). If you tell her to “SHUT UP,” you look like the jerk. But you also can’t concentrate because she’s being ... well, too loud and too nice.

*How to deal with it:* Announce, “Ladies and gentleman, I want to thank my mom for coming tonight.” Then look at her and say, “Quit protecting me from all these bullies; I’m a big boy now.”

**THE “I’M GOING TO HECKLE WHILE HE’S TALKING, BUT CLAM UP WHEN HE ADDRESSES ME” HECKLER**

*Why he’s tough:* He is too loud to talk over, but becomes completely silent when you ask “Who is talking?” We all know you can’t fight an enemy you can’t see. This guy is like Nightcrawler from the “X-Men” movie. Right when you go to take a swing——poof!——he disappears, leaving you floundering mid-air, looking foolish.

*How to deal with it:* Steamroll him. You have the microphone and the speaker system … Use it!

**THE “I FEEL BAD FOR THE RACE/GENDER/SPECIES/ OR CELEBRITY YOU JUST MADE FUN OF” HECKLER**

*Why they’re tough:* These people are overly sensitive and didn’t get the memo that they’re at a comedy show. They don’t understand the basic concept that jokes aren’t to be taken seriously. Make fun of something and they say “awwwwwwhhhh” — that ouchie sound that people curiously also make when they’ve just seen a puppy. Comedians hate this because too many “awwwhhhhhh’s” and the audience will start feeling bad instead of just laughing.

*How to deal with it:* Tell them that the “Organization of Political Correctness” meets at comedy clubs on Monday nights only.

**THE “I WILL STAND UP IN FRONT OF ALL THESE PEOPLE AND SAY ‘YOU SUCK!’” HECKLER**

*Why he’s tough:* Because he’s obviously not afraid of you and can likely beat you up.

*How to deal with it:* Run.

industry awards during her 20-year career as an engineer, including five project accolades from ASCE and a designation as 2002 Young Engineer of the Year from the National Society of Professional Engineers.

**Erhardt H.L. Preitauer ’96 (finance)** has been named senior vice president, government programs for Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. He will manage Horizon BCBSNJ’s Medicare and Medigap businesses and also serve as chief executive officer of Horizon NJ Health, the state’s largest Medicaid plan. Before joining Horizon BCBSNJ, Erhardt served as central region head of Aetna Medicaid, where he held responsibility for institutional and community-based long-term care, behavioral health and integrated Medicaid and Medicare programs. Prior to that, he served as president of ‘Ohana Health Plan, providing Medicaid and Medicare plans in Hawaii.

**Greg Newman** (attended 1990-98) produced the 1000th episode of The House Detective in November. The program was created by Nevada Broadcasting Hall of Famer Cy Newman in the early ’50s. Starting in 1994, Cy’s son Dave Newman brought the show to Reno. Dave hosted the program until 2009, at which time his son Greg, the third generation “House Detective” took over the program. Dave and Greg’s company, Bubba Newman Productions, has produced many other programs over the past 20 years. The programs primarily cover real estate, from Reno to Sacramento and even a Mexico edition. Along with producing the House Detective each week he produces two network programs, Wild Fish Wild Places, an international travel and fishing program seen on WFN and The Birdmen, a waterfowl-hunting program on The Sportsman Channel. Greg and his wife, Amy (Caudill) Newman ’93 (journalism), live in Reno with their son and daughter.

**’00s**

**Paul Thomsen ’01 (political science), ’10MPA (public administration and policy)** has been appointed as director of the Nevada Office of Energy. He has served as director at Ormat Technologies since 2005, and was previously a legislative assistant at Lionel Sawyer & Collins. Paul has served as a regional representative for U. S. Sen. Harry Reid and

Julie Kelly ’00 (speech pathology) and her husband, Gabe, would like to welcome their second future Nevada grad, Arthur John Kelly. Born on March 15, 2013, he joins his sister Ilya in the Wolf Pack family.

**Amber (McKenzie) Kellner ’02 (social studies)** and Dean Kellner welcomed Deegan Kade Kellner on Aug. 8, 2013. He was 7lbs, 12oz and was 21” long.

**James L. Mann ’03 (biology) and Crista Jacobe-Mann ’03 (biology)** proudly announce the birth of their baby girl, Ellie Lynne Mann, born July 27, 2013.

JW Lazzari ’05 (management), ’09M.A. (counseling and educational psychology) and Cassandra Lazzari ’06 (English writing) proudly announce the birth of their baby girl, Audrey Lee Lazzari, who joined their lives on June 18, 2013.

**Christina (Pasquetti) Potter ’05 (nursing) and Michael Potter** would like to announce the birth of their son, Sebastian Matthew Potter, on September 4, 2013.

**Cortney Maddock Webb ’08 (journalism) and Lars Webb ’09 (history), ’13 M.D.** are overjoyed to announce the birth of their son, Rowan Michael Webb, born July 7, 2013.
was a legislative correspondent for U. S. Sen. Richard H. Bryan. As director at Ormat, he directs the company’s federal, state and local legislative, regulatory and strategic public relations programs and geothermal project development in the U.S. While serving as Ormat’s principal liaison with legislators, organizations, advocacy groups and media, Paul also creates, coordinates and implements policy objectives among national associations to expand market opportunities.

Kristen Haberthur ’06 (biochemistry) recently defended her Ph.D. dissertation at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Ore., and has subsequently accepted a post-doctoral fellowship position at Seattle Children’s Research Institute in the laboratory of Courtney Crane, M.D.

Allan J. Stockinger ’07M.S. (environmental science & health) is working at Brescia University in Owensboro, Ky., as the laboratory coordinator and instructor, acting as the chemical hygiene officer, serving on the safety committee and preparing the chemistry labs every week. In addition, his instructional duties include general chemistry laboratories and environmental science lectures. Allan is in the process of starting a Knights of Columbus council on campus, as well as earning a second master’s degree in management.

Megan Duggan ’10 (journalism) accepted a position with Noble Studios as strategy coordinator. Megan works closely with internal teams to develop and implement forward-thinking digital marketing campaigns.

Submissions are due Feb. 21, 2014 and can be sent to: chatter@unr.edu. We edit all submissions for style, clarity and length.