Chapter Updates

Black Alumni Chapter
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The Black Alumni Chapter joined fellow Nevada alumni Sept. 14 at Scooter’s Pub in Las Vegas to watch the Nevada vs. Florida State football game. Even though the Pack wasn’t victorious, alumni enjoyed cheering on the team in their silver and blue gear.

Black Alumni Chapter members, friends and family teamed up with Fanned Cale Café to raise money for scholarships during First Friday Las Vegas Oct. 4. Everyone enjoyed the tasty treats and great company.

In the spring, our chapter hopes to join forces with Nevada alumni from across the Las Vegas Valley to create the Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter. To learn more, please contact Tya Mathis, unrgurlie@aol.com.

Cheer, Stunt, Dance and Mascot Alumni Chapter
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More than three decades of alumni attended the Cheer, Stunt, Dance and Mascot Alumni Chapter’s third annual Homecoming reunion Oct. 25-26. Homecoming events included a Friday night social at the Wolf Den, tailgate party (complete with a visit from the current spirit team) and halftime field introduction. This year’s events were the most well attended ever.

Hussong’s Cantina, located inside the Silver Legacy, hosted our first Happy Hour fundraiser Oct. 2, allowing us to raise $1,200 toward replacing the cheer practice floor.

Many thanks to the generous sponsors who supported our 2013 events: Black Dot Vodka, Bud Light, Camelot Party Rentals, Creative Coverings, Famous Dave’s, Hussong’s Cantina, Silver and Blue Outfitters and the Wolf Den. To learn more, please visit alumni.unr.edu or contact Elliot E. Sparkman, eesparkman@gmail.com. GO PACK!

Fallon Alumni Chapter
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For the first home football game on September 7th we packed a bus to the game. It was a beautiful day to enjoy the excitement of the new season. The monthly meetings are always fun and any grad is welcome to participate. We meet at 6 PM the first Wednesday of each month at the Pizza Barn in Fallon.

The Fallon group is beginning a new focus for the next year by concentrating on student recruitment to UNR from Fallon and Fernley and sponsoring some local events like “tailgates” at the Pizza Barn where Alumni can gather, cheer for the Wolf Pack, support the group and just have fun.

Check out our Facebook page: University of Nevada Alumni Association, Fallon Chapter for more information if you’d like to join us.

Honors Alumni Chapter
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The Honors Program is conducting a survey of best practices in alumni relations to better serve our students while they are here and after they graduate. This process includes contacting various alumni associations, other honors programs and national organizations that pertain to alumni relations, including the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Honors Program assistant director, Daniel Villanueva, is spearheading the project, which will be shared with the Nevada Alumni Association when completed.

Native American Alumni Chapter
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The Native Alumni Chapter fundraises throughout the year to provide scholarships to a tribally enrolled student at Nevada. This year’s scholarships were awarded to Nabi Dann from the Western Shoshone Te-Moak Tribe of Battle Mountain and Carson Allen from Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe. Each was awarded $500 toward school fees and books.

Lifetime chapter memberships are now available at $300 for individuals or $500 per couple. To purchase a lifetime membership or an annual chapter membership, please visit alumni.unr.edu or call (775) NV ALUMS. To learn more, please contact Kari Emm, (775) 682-5928 or k Emm@unr.edu.

Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter
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This year’s Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter Homecoming event was a smashing success! More than 35 members gathered at the Lil’ Wolf Den Oct. 25 to enjoy festive blue beer, plenty of food and some good, old-fashioned karaoke.

Members continue to enjoy First Phriday, a social hour held the first Friday of each month. To learn more, visit University of Nevada Greek Alumni on Facebook.

Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter
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The Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter hosted its second annual Homecoming dinner Oct. 24 at the Santa Fe Basque Restaurant. More than 40 attendees ranged from former and current Sagebrushers to members of the journalism community from as far away as New York and Georgia. The chapter honored Guy Clifton, Nevada Sagebrush editor from 1985-86, with the first ever Sagebrush Achievement Award and a “deadline award clock.” Guy is currently a senior reporter and...
columnist for Reno Gazette-Journal.

The dinner raised nearly $1,600, which will be used to start digitizing Sagebrush archives. Through a drawing, we determined that the first digitized decade will be the ’60s. We plan to create an online database, where the archives will be stored in a comprehensive search engine to benefit the entire state of Nevada. To learn more, visit the Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter on Facebook.

**Nile Valley Alumni Chapter**

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The Nile Valley Alumni Chapter, serving University of Nevada alumni in Lovelock, Nev., collaborated with the Pershing County High School volleyball team to raise money for the Emmett Cook, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. With the help of their coach, Shauna (Montrose) Bake ’92 (biology), players “rallied” for the cause by securing sponsorships for kills, digs, aces and assists recorded during an Oct. 12 match against Incline High School. The event raised $725 for the scholarship, which will be awarded to a local senior who plans to attend the University of Nevada in the fall.

**Northeast Alumni Chapter**

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The University of Nevada Northeast Alumni Chapter attended the Mountain West Conference Happy Hour and Trivia Dec. 6 at the Laughing Man in Washington D.C. Fun was had by all, and prizes were awarded to those who best knew the MWC.

The Nevada Northeast Alumni Chapter is open to all alumni living in the greater Boston, New York City and Washington D.C. areas. To learn more, please contact Sarah (Ragsdale) Mahoney ’08, NevadaNorthEaz@gmail.com.

**Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association**

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OSNAA held a “speed meeting” event Nov. 18 for Level IV Orvis nursing students who graduated in December. Each student spent five minutes with an Orvis alumnus before rotating to the next. It was great fun and a wonderful opportunity for students to ask for advice as they transition into their roles as newly graduated nurses.

During our September steering committee meeting, the committee voted to purchase an industrial-strength microwave for the nursing student lounge, which was delivered Oct. 2.

Watch for information about our upcoming spring event.

Congratulations to the Level IV nursing students who graduated in December.

**Rugby Alumni Chapter**

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It was another great year for the Rugby Alumni Chapter. Male and female rugby alumni played a great game against the student team. Both teams showed solid effort, but it was the alumni team that pulled away with the victory (and more than a few aching muscles). Thank you to everyone who helped. We’re looking for people to help with next year’s event. We would also greatly appreciate donations to support the Rugby Alumni Chapter Scholarship. If you can help with fundraising or event planning, please email Kevin McCarthy ’06, mccarthyk2@gmail.com.

**Sacramento Alumni Chapter**

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The Sacramento Alumni Chapter hosted an inaugural Homecoming tailgate Oct. 26. We’re already looking forward to next year. Our annual mystery bus trip will be held on Jan. 25. We’ll board the bus for an undisclosed dinner location, stopping at a favorite watering hole to rehydrate and grab a bite or two.

We meet monthly for lunch or happy hour. To learn more, visit Nevada Alumni Association–Sacramento Chapter on Facebook or contact Steve Park ’99, (916) 367-6345 or spark@careynkf.com.

**UNSO Alumni Chapter**

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The University of Nevada School of Medicine Alumni Chapter celebrated Homecoming Oct. 23-26.

School of Medicine alumni were honored during the Nevada Alumni Association Homecoming Gala Oct. 23. Paul Roth ’74A.A.M.D., School of Medicine Distinguished Alumnus; Tracey Delaplaine ’83, ’87M.D., Alumni Association Service; and James Murphy ’77, ’91M.D., Professional Achievement. School of Medicine tours were available Oct. 25, followed by the School of Medicine Alumni Reception that evening. The School of Medicine Homecoming tailgate was Oct. 26 at the new Health Sciences Quadrangle prior to the Nevada vs. UNLV game.

Please join us next year during our annual School of Medicine Alumni Reception during Homecoming weekend, honoring the classes of 1974, 1989, 1994 and 2004.

**USAC Alumni Chapter**

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The USAC Alumni Chapter continues to provide Nevada students with valuable information about promoting study abroad experience and standing out in the job market. Earlier this fall, several USAC alumni participated in our Fall Study Abroad Fair and attended a resume building workshop.

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