Foundations & Organizations

Foundations and organizations provide generous and invaluable financial support for the students, research and academic programs of the University of Nevada, Reno. We are pleased to recognize and thank the foundations and organizations whose gifts were received during 2014.
The late William N. Pennington.

William N. Pennington Foundation continues investment in scholarships

The William N. Pennington Foundation provided generous funding for the 2014-15 recipients of the Pennington Medical, Nursing and Foundation Scholarship at the University.

The Pennington Foundation has funded scholarships at the University since 1995, and has provided support for the School of Medicine’s speech-language pathology and audiology department for more than a decade.

Established by the late William Pennington ’08 (honorary degree), gaming pioneer and co-founder of Circus Circus Enterprises, the Pennington Foundation has made lead gifts to the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center, the Pennington Medical Education Building and the Pennington Health Sciences Building.

—Roseann Keegan

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New Foundation Endowments

New endowments: meaningful and forever

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.

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.

Michele Basta Memorial Scholarship Endowment in French
Gifts in memory of Michele Basta ’66 (French), ’86 M.A. (French) established this scholarship for students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in French. Michele was a faculty emerita who taught French language and culture at the University and later served as the director of public relations and development for the University Libraries.

Loretta W. Bell Scholarship Endowment
The University of Nevada School of Medicine received a gift of property from the Loretta W. Bell Trust. The property was subsequently sold and, per the wishes of Loretta Bell, the proceeds were used to establish this scholarship for students in the School of Medicine.

Paul and Judy Bible University Teaching Excellence Award
Paul Bible ’62 (economics) and the late Judy Bible ’65 (elementary education) value the education they received while at the University of Nevada, Reno and the efforts of their teachers. As long-time supporters and affiliates of the University, the Bibles established this endowment in recognition of outstanding faculty members.

Phyllis Birch Quasi Endowment
The University of Nevada, Reno received a gift from the Phyllis Birch Living Trust to support programs at the University for exceptional (gifted or talented) children.

George H. Bourget Scholarship Endowment for Medical Students
In appreciation for his daughter Judy Bourget’s ’85 (biology), ’90 M.D. education at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, the late George Bourget made provisions in his estate to establish this scholarship for future generations of UNSOM students.

Barbara Smith Campbell Distinguished Professor of Nevada Tax Policy
Established by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, a national philanthropic organization founded in 1954, this endowment in The College of Business will supplement and support a tenure/tenure track position in the discipline of economics and an expertise including tax policy. The professorship is in honor of Barbara Smith Campbell ’78 (economics). See story on page 29.

Robert Chaires Law and Justice Scholarship Endowment
The late Robert Chaires’ passion was teaching students about law and justice and encouraging them to believe in their own potential and to strive for excellence. The establishment of this scholarship in Chaires’ name is intended to carry on his legacy of commitment to equal justice and particularly to encourage Latino and other minority students to pursue careers in law.

Cyanco Scholarship Endowment in Minerals Processing/Metallurgy
Cyanco Holding Corporation, a partner to several mining companies in Nevada, originally established this scholarship in 2010, and it reached the endowment level in 2014. By assisting students in the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering, Cyanco is supporting mining and investing in the people who will help sustain this industry for the benefit of all Nevada citizens.

Di Grazia Family University Scholarship Endowment
Peter Di Grazia ’64 (predental), a dentist in Reno for many years, and his wife, Susan Di Grazia, established this scholarship to benefit undergraduate students in any discipline with preference given to those who graduated from Battle Mountain High School.
## New Foundation Endowments

### Ben and Beatrice Edwards Science Scholarship Quasi Endowment

The late Ben Edwards was a Reno realtor and developer and Beatrice Edwards served on the board of trustees of the Washoe Medical Center from 1954 to 1970. Following Ben’s passing in 1969, Beatrice moved to Europe. She passed away in Reno in 1997. The College of Science received a gift from the Ben A. Edwards Trust to support students in the college.

### Jacqueline and Caryn Elder Scholarship Endowment

After many years as a school psychologist and teacher, Jacqueline Elder ’45 established this scholarship for a Nevada high school graduate who is working at the graduate level in school psychology. The scholarship is intended to assist students so that they will not have to train out of state in order to qualify for Nevada certification.

### Caroline Graham-Lamberts, M.D. Memorial Scholarship Endowment

This memorial scholarship endowment has been established through gifts from family, friends and colleagues of the late Caroline Graham-Lamberts ’05 (Spanish, biology), ’11 M.D. Caroline lost her battle to breast cancer in 2012. The scholarship will support students in the School of Medicine who excel in pediatrics and community outreach beyond the classroom.

### Helaine Greenberg SOS Assistance Endowment

Helaine Greenberg established this endowment to provide assistance to the Senior Outreach Services (SOS) program at the University’s Sanford Center for Aging by reimbursing auto mileage incurred by SOS volunteers. The SOS Program is a volunteer program that helps vulnerable seniors in the community lead safe, independent and dignified lives.

### Mick Hitchcock, Ph.D. Endowed Chair in Medical Biochemistry

Michael (Mick) J.M. Hitchcock, Ph.D. has worked for more than 30 years in the bio-pharmaceutical industry and became passionate about the field of research as a graduate student researcher. Hitchcock established this fund to support a tenure-track faculty position that will focus on medical biochemistry.

### Bruce D. Hoffman Scholarship Endowment

University of Nevada, Reno alumnus Bruce Hoffman ’82 (managerial sciences) had a great experience at Nevada and would like to help other local students do the same. Hoffman has established this endowment to benefit University students, especially those who graduated from Washoe County high schools.

### Roxie & Azad Joseph Foundation Trust Scholar Leader Scholarship Endowment

The Scholar Leader scholarship program at the University of Nevada, Reno College of Business provides exceptional student leaders with the opportunity to earn a four-year renewable scholarship and to further develop their leadership skills. A gift from the Roxie & Azad Joseph Foundation Trust will benefit students in the program.

### Larsen Scholarship Endowment for Economic Excellence

The family of Faculty Emeritus Larry Larsen has established this scholarship to honor his legacy at Nevada. Recipients of the Larsen Scholarship Endowment will be a junior or senior student pursuing an undergraduate degree in economics.

### Library Student Employee Endowment

This endowment was originally established in 2001 and reached the endowment level in 2014. The fund will benefit students who work for the University Libraries and will serve to motivate and reward outstanding employees.

### Marvin G. Linson and Della Linson Scholarship Endowment

A gift from the Della Linson Trust established the Dr. Marvin G. Linson and Della Linson Scholarship Endowment. Marvin “Pete” Linson ’42 (agricultural education) came to Nevada on an athletic scholarship in 1936 and was a member of Sigma Phi Sigma fraternity. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, went on to receive his master’s and doctoral degrees and enjoyed a distinguished career in education. A native of Ely, Nev., Della Olaechea Linson also attended Nevada. Both Mr. and Mrs. Linson were grateful for the scholarships they received while attending Nevada.

### Fred and Katherine Lymberry Memorial Scholarship Endowment

This endowment has been established by Fred ‘67 (music education) and Cheryl Olson ‘68 (biology) to honor the memory of Cheryl’s parents, Fred and Katherine Lymberry. The scholarship will benefit a Nevada high school graduate who wants to pursue a degree but would be unable to attend the University of Nevada, Reno without financial assistance.
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Peter and Linda Mandas Scholarship Endowment
Linda '65 (elementary education) and Peter Mandas, both native Nevadans, have established this endowment to support incoming freshmen and continuing sophomores in any major or discipline.

Edda K. Houghton Morrison Concert Endowment
Monica (Niki) Houghton has established this endowment in memory of her mother, Edda K. Houghton Morrison. Her intent is to bring artists and ensembles of international renown to Reno, with the aim of building a future audience that values high artistic standards in the community, while at the same time encouraging the pursuit of excellence among students who pursue degrees in music at the University.

MSESE Marigold Royalty Quasi-Endowment
Established to administer income from the University’s Marigold Mine royalties for educational purposes in support of exploration and production of mineral resources in the State of Nevada.

Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants Scholarship Endowment
The Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants, founded in 1947, has long supported the accounting program at the University of Nevada, Reno, and has maintained close ties with The College of Business. As a continuation of this support, the society established this endowment to assist students in the program.

OLLI Sustainability Endowment
The OLLI Sustainability Endowment was established with the intent of being a member-supported endowment to ensure that operating funds are available for OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) in perpetuity.

Fred and Cheryl Olson Scholarship Endowment
As alumni of the University of Nevada, Reno and longtime Nevadans, Fred '67 (music education) and Cheryl Olson '68 (biology) have established this endowment to support and assist Nevada high school graduates in pursuing a degree at the University.

Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship Endowment
Fatih ‘81 M.S. (electrical engineering) and Eren Ozmen ‘85 MBA have established this fund to support the Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship in The College of Business. The center will support and enhance programs at the University of Nevada, Reno that develop student entrepreneurial capacities and support the creation of new business ventures, providing an economic development engine for northern Nevada.

Karen Harvey Petroni Scholarship Endowments in Education, Medicine and Nursing
Karen Harvey Petroni '59 (business) established these funds because both of her parents received degrees from the University of Nevada, Reno as she did. She wants to help those students in the fields of education, nursing and medicine, which she believes to be necessary for the state's health and welfare.

Indra & Yudh Vir Rajput Graduate Student Scholarship Endowment in Electrical Engineering
Yudh Vir Rajput '65 (electrical engineering) and his wife, Indra, established this scholarship in 2011 and it reached the endowment level in 2014. In recognition of support Rajput received during his time at Nevada, this fund will assist the University’s efforts in recruiting diverse electrical engineering graduate students.

Ann Ronald Endowment for Special Collections
In recognition of the value of Special Collections to the University and the role it has played in her own scholarly endeavors, Ann Ronald established this endowment to provide flexible funding to support the growth and success of Special Collections now and in the future. Ronald is a University of Nevada, Reno professor emerita and Distinguished Faculty Award winner.

Dr. Charles Ross Pre-Medical Student Scholarship Endowment
This scholarship, which reached the endowment level in 2014, was created by George Kaiser '73 (zoology), '77 (AAMD) in 2011 to honor the late Charles Ross '73 (zoology). Ross was an advocate for the homeless and uninsured in Carson City, where he started a free medical clinic in 1997.

Mary A. & Wilbur R. Wallace Scholarship Endowment
A scholarship endowment for students in any major or discipline has been established through a bequest gift from the late Wilbur Wallace ’50 (electrical engineering) and Mary Wallace. Wilbur had a distinguished career as an engineer with Pacific Gas & Electric in California, and Mary worked as a registered nurse.
New Foundation Endowments

To learn more about supporting professorships and The College of Business, please contact Mitch Klaich, director of development, (775) 784-6914 or mklaich@unr.edu.

Nevada Tax Policy professor named in honor of Barbara Smith Campbell

The College of Business has named Mehmet Tosun, associate professor and chair of the Economics Department, as the Barbara Smith Campbell Distinguished Professor of Nevada Tax Policy. The four-year professorship is designed to assist in tax policy research at the state and local level, with a primary focus in Nevada.

As both an undergraduate and graduate instructor and researcher, Tosun believes the professorship is another way to bring tax policy research into the classroom.

“Students will not only have the opportunity to participate in this research, but they will also get the chance to see how it applies to our state and local government,” Tosun says. “I look forward to starting a tax policy research program in which students will be involved.”

Tosun will organize a local and state industry advisory board comprised of members active and familiar with tax policy, both in government and in the private sector. The board will meet periodically and function as a source of information and up-to-date practices.

The research created by this professorship will be used in a variety of ways.

“Government is clearly a starting point,” he says. “However, the academic component is very important as well. In order to help the private sector better understand Nevada tax policy we will be writing white papers, offering short fiscal policy briefs and making important projects, journal articles and policy reports available to the public as well.”

In September 2014, the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation made a $1 million gift to the University to establish the professorship in honor of Barbara Smith Campbell ’78 (economics) and her many years of dedication and service to the Reynolds Foundation, the University and the state of Nevada.

Campbell is principal of The Ferraro Group, a regional public relations and public affairs firm. She has a total of 28 years of state and local government tax expertise. She was a University of Nevada, Reno Foundation board trustee for three terms, 2000-01, 2005-06 and 2007-08, and was the board’s vice chair for finance. She is former principal of Consensus LLC, and board chair of the Nevada Tax Commission.

“Tax policy is an important issue for our state,” Campbell says. “It is my hope this professorship will be viewed as the ‘go to’ research arm for the executive and legislative branches of the state of Nevada. Developing sound tax policy requires the consideration of many components and should be a thoughtful, deliberative process. You cannot commence such a process during a 120-day legislative session. It needs to begin long before.”

Tosun’s main research interests and expertise include public finance, particularly state and local public finance, and taxation. He has worked as consultant for the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the United Cities and Local Governments, and two United Nations agencies. In 2013, Tosun received the Dean’s Research Professorship Award from The College of Business. He was recognized as the Best Researcher of the Year in 2009 by Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society for business studies. Tosun will be the local organizer of the International Institute of Public Finance Congress in summer 2016 which will be held in Lake Tahoe. “Mehmet is an incredible asset to The College of Business and the community,” says Greg Mosier, dean of The College of Business. “I’m confident that in this role, he will continue to assist the College in its ongoing effort to become an influential driver in economic development for the state and the region.”

—Nicole Shearer

Mehmet Tosun was named the Barbara Smith Campbell Distinguished Professor of Nevada Tax Policy at the University of Nevada, Reno.
Foundation Endowments

Alumni, faculty, parents and friends of Nevada who make endowment gifts are attracted to the opportunity to ensure that the institution, or a particular program or activity, will exist in perpetuity. Behind each endowment gift is a personal motivation—to repay a debt of gratitude for the donor’s own education, to honor a loved one, and/or to make a positive impact. Endowments may be established through outright gifts that are available for immediate investment by the University. Life income gifts, in which the University receives money immediately while providing the donor or a designee with an income for life, or bequests that the University receives after the donor’s passing. We are grateful to the many individuals and organizations for establishing these permanent endowment funds at Nevada.

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Susanne and Gloria Young Foundation champions DFS program

Dean’s Future Scholar graduate assistant Alexander Segura ’14 (psychology) recalls meeting Susanne Pennington, president of the Susanne and Gloria Young Foundation, while mentoring students at Wooster High School.

When Segura learned the Susanne and Gloria Young Foundation had made two generous donations over the past year to the Dean’s Future Scholar Program (DFS), he was compelled to write a letter of thanks to Pennington.

“I hope you still remember me,” Segura writes. “You shadowed me at Wooster High School two years ago. Yesterday I received word that you donated to our program again. I personally wanted to say thank you for your generosity! I am honored that you shadowed me while I was mentoring my students. You are such an amazing person, and I applaud all of the great work you do for our community. I am now enrolled in a dual master’s program with the goal of becoming an elementary school teacher. I hope that one day I can do big things like you.”

The DFS program is housed in the College of Education and aims to increase the numbers of low-income, first-generation students graduating from high school and gaining access to higher education. Each year, students are identified in sixth grade from selected Title I schools throughout the Washoe County School District for participation in DFS.

The program was established in 2000 by William Sparkman, dean of the College of Education from 1998-2010, who brought the program concept from Texas Tech University. Today, Dean Kenneth Coll is committed to supporting the program’s mission.

Since its inception in 2000, more than 931 students have participated in the program. To assist students in graduating from high school and college, DFS provides long-term mentoring, opportunities for students to earn high school and college credits, academic tutoring, employment opportunities on the University campus, assistance with college entrance requirements and financial aid.

Pennington says it’s important for all students to receive equal access to higher education, regardless of their cultural, socio-economic, or academic background.

“Fostering long-term relationships and providing early interventions starting in the sixth grade is critical in building a strong pipeline to college,” says Pennington, widow of the late gaming pioneer William N. Pennington, for whom several buildings on campus are named in recognition of his generosity. “Every student is unique and has the potential to succeed given proper support and guidance.”

—Roseann Keegan

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