The Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering has a long and well-deserved international reputation for training engineers and scientists who excel in the natural resource extraction industries. In 2015, however, Mackay set an ambitious goal: to become one of the top three hard rock mining schools in North America.

Becoming a premier mining school starts with outstanding faculty, and the generosity of our industry partners has helped us to attract the best mining engineering educators in the nation. Kinross Gold U.S.A., Goldcorp, Inc., Newmont Mining Corporation and Barrick Gold Corporation all continued their support of professorships in 2015, allowing Mackay professors to focus on the excellent instruction and student success that keep the University on the leading edge of mining education.

Mining engineering is a constantly evolving field, so industry support of impactful research at the Mackay School is more important now than ever before. Coeur Mining, Inc., Summit Mining International, Inc., Kinsley Gold LLC, Midas Gold, Inc., the Au-Reka Gold Corporation and many others have contributed to the Ralph J. Roberts Center for Research in Economic Geology (CREG), which funds research that is directly applicable to the understanding and discovery of mineral deposits.

Finally, to attract the most talented and driven students to the school, Mackay has partnered with leaders like Newmont Mining Corporation and Barrick Gold Corporation to create and sustain student scholarships. Students who receive financial support are able to focus on their studies and internships so that they can graduate with the skills and expertise that the industry demands.

“The support of organizations making great strides in mining is what allows us to offer the most cutting-edge and directly applicable education to our students,” said Russ Fields, Director of the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering. “With gifts to everything from faculty research to scholarships to department-wide programs, our mining industry partners are driving us toward our goal of becoming one of the top three mining schools in North America. With their help, all of us may benefit from and preserve the outstanding natural resources our state has to offer.”
When Warren Lerude ’61 (journalism) first stepped onto the University Quad in 1955, he didn’t know what a journalist was. Six decades, two newspapers and one Pulitzer Prize later, Warren and his wife Janet (Lagomarsino) Lerude want to ensure that new generations of journalism students at the University of Nevada, Reno will not only learn the high standards in writing, editing and ethics of the profession but will be taught to think critically and courageously about the First Amendment.

The Lerudes, who met while students at the University, have made a provision in their estate to establish the Lerude Professorship and Public Forum for First Amendment Studies. Once established, the annual forum will engage students, faculty, staff and the general public in discussions of current or persisting conflicts related to free speech, freedom of the press and other First Amendment issues.

“Given the recent culture of threats against news and freedom of expression as well as direct attacks on journalists worldwide, we feel that public understanding through First Amendment education is needed more now than ever before,” said Warren.

Warren credits one of his first professors, the late A.L. Higginbotham, with exposing him to the rigorous standards of the First Amendment and their application to the journalism profession. After graduation, he rose from reporter to editor and publisher of the Reno Evening Gazette and Nevada State Journal newspapers. He eventually led a team of Reno editorial writers to win a Pulitzer Prize in 1977 and went on to serve as a professor of media law, management and professional internship for three decades in the Reynolds School of Journalism.

Established in 2001, the Lerudes have funded the Lerude First Amendment Scholarship and Award Endowment, which recognizes juniors, seniors and graduate students in the Reynolds School who most embody the spirit of assertiveness and truth-seeking contained in the First Amendment. This year and in the future, the scholarship will be replaced by a permanently endowed award.

“It is so fitting that this professorship and public forum will bear the Lerude name,” said Reynolds School of Journalism Dean Al Stavitsky. “Through Warren and Janet’s deep commitment to the First Amendment, public education and scholarly research on free expression issues will always be central in the Reynolds School.”

by JOANNA TRIEGER

To learn more about supporting the Reynolds School of Journalism, please contact Laurice Antoun-Becker, associate director of development, (775) 784-4184 or lantounbecker@unr.edu.
Fans Support Planned Lombardi Recreation Center Renovations

“Donations from loyal fans are what enable us to move forward with our ambitious plans for the future of Nevada Athletics. Renovations to Lombardi, along with the new fitness center, will improve our programs, attract the most promising student-athletes and ultimately make us better as a university.” – Athletics Director DOUG KNUTH

The Lombardi Recreation Center will benefit from major renovations in 2017 when many of its facilities will be relocated to the under-construction E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center, which is projected to open early that year. The planned renovations will include a new basketball practice facility, a weight room and multiple team locker rooms.

Leadership support for the project comes from Honor Court Silver Benefactors and longtime Nevada athletics fans Roxie and Jerry Enneking, who have been loyal supporters of Wolf Pack athletics programs and student-athlete scholarships for over 15 years.

“We are looking forward to this exciting new chapter for the Wolf Pack,” said Roxie Enneking. “With fitness facilities and athletics programs expanding, this is a great time to be a Nevada fan. We’re happy to support the teams that we love.”

Significant additional support for the renovations comes from Honor Court Silver Benefactors Walter and Mae Minato, as well as from Ronald Turek and University Foundation Trustee Emerita Ann Carlson ’59 (business), ’78 M.A. Carlson is also an Honor Court Patron and a recipient of the Nevada Alumni Association’s University Service Award.

by JOANNA TRIEGER

To learn more about supporting the Lombardi renovation, please contact Lynda Buhlig ’84, assistant vice president of development, (775) 682-6013 or lbuhlig@unr.edu.
In 2005, the Louis J. & Genevieve G. Capurro Family Foundation established a scholarship endowment in the University’s College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources. More than 10 years later, thanks to the foundation’s ongoing support, the scholarship continues to encourage students to pursue hands-on field work and to make active contributions to the field of rangeland ecology.

“I’m really working to make a difference in the northern Nevada and Lake Tahoe area,” wrote scholarship recipient Stacy A. Greenberg in a letter to Capurro Family Foundation trustees in 2015. Greenberg is working toward a Bachelor of Science in rangeland ecology and management with a minor in ecohydrology and plans to graduate in 2018. Since her scholarship requires a research component, she spent last summer working as a field technician in central and northern Nevada with a group led by Professor Tamzen Stringham, holder of the Donna Anderson Professorship in Grazing and Rangelands Management. The group is studying the effects of various land treatments on cattle grazing after wildfires. Motivated by her experience in field research, Greenberg hopes to attend graduate school and eventually plans to pursue a government career in riparian restoration and soil conservation.

“The experiences I’m getting from this work – spending long days in the field, working closely with a team – aren’t something I could get in a classroom. My training is preparing me for exactly what I want to do when I graduate,” said Greenberg.

The Capurro Family Foundation is named for the late Honor Court Silver Benefactor and Distinguished Nevadan Louis J. Capurro ’40 (economics) and his wife, the late Genevieve G. Capurro. Louis, a second-generation Reno native, worked locally in the insurance industry for over 60 years and served five terms in the Assembly of the Nevada State Legislature. He was also one of the original founders and board members of what is now Nevada State Bank. The foundation is now run by the Capurro’s surviving children and grandchildren.

“My parents believed in the transformative power of education, and they loved the natural beauty and vitality of northern Nevada,” said Louis and Genevieve Capurro’s daughter and foundation trustee Corinne Guio. “Combining those passions into a scholarship for the benefit of both students and Nevada rangeland was a natural choice, and I’m proud to continue that legacy.”

by JOANNA TRIEGER
The late Dale Placey ’67 (metallurgical engineering) had an excellent and academically rigorous experience during his time as a student in the Mackay School of Mines. Subsequently, both he and his wife Lala (DiPaolo) Placey became loyal supporters of Nevada. Since 1983, the Placeys have given generously to the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering, the College of Engineering, the Alice Kellames Memorial Scholarship (in memory of the Mackay School’s longtime assistant to the dean), the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, Professor Emeritus Esmail Zanjani’s research, the Discover Science Lecture Series and many other initiatives.

When Dale passed away after a long illness in February 2015, Lala made a gift in Dale’s memory to the University’s academic boot camp program.

“Dale truly valued the education he received at Nevada, and he was proud to support future engineers and scientists,” said Lala. “The ScienceFIT program offers practical tools to help College of Science students succeed in their studies and graduate into fulfilling careers.”

The ScienceFIT program is an academic boot camp modeled after the BioFIT program created in 2013 by University Provost Kevin Carman. The “FIT” stands for Freshman Intensive Transition and offers a glimpse into the University’s academic expectations and college life prior to the start of the semester.

After graduating from the University in 1967, Dale started his professional career as a trainee at General Motors. Soon after, he joined Bell Aerosystems in Niagara Falls, New York, where he worked as a welding engineer for the Lunar Ascent Engine. Following reductions in government funding at Bell, he went to work for Anaconda American Brass, where he spent 33 years in the metallurgical department specializing in product development and quality control.

Lala understands the value of education, having spent her career in secondary education as an English teacher until retiring in 2000. Although she is a life-long New Yorker, Lala has proven herself to be a steadfast friend of the University of Nevada, Reno. The Placeys were married for 45 years.

College of Science Dean Jeff Thompson says that the Placeys’ generosity has made a tangible impact in the college. “From ScienceFIT, which helps our freshmen hit the ground running, to vital research to accessible lectures for the benefit of the whole community, the Placeys’ ongoing support helps to elevate scientific understanding and education at Nevada.”

To further honor Dale’s memory, Lala has also updated her estate plan to include a planned gift to the University of Nevada, Reno on her passing. Lala’s foresight means that the Placeys can continue to support the University and the projects they hold dear for generations to come. According to Lala, “I am happy to be able to honor Dale’s memory by leaving this legacy at Nevada.”

by JOANNA TRIEGER

To learn more about supporting the ScienceFIT program, please contact Donna Knotek, director of development, (775) 682-5952 or dknotek@unr.edu.
Memorial gifts from family and friends have established a scholarship endowment in memory of Patrick A. Pilling ’97 Ph.D. (civil engineering), a local leader in engineering and a founding partner of the geotechnical engineering firm Black Eagle Consulting, Inc.

The Patrick A. Pilling, Ph.D. Memorial Scholarship Endowment will benefit students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in civil and environmental engineering with a preference for students with a demonstrated interest in geotechnical engineering, Pilling’s chosen specialty.

“Scholarships like this one make a real difference in our ability to attract exceptional students to the study of engineering and give them the opportunity to dive into their studies,” said College of Engineering Dean Manos Maragakis. “Dr. Pilling was a great engineer and this scholarship in his memory will foster future great engineers.”

Pilling was a native of Palo Alto, Calif. and studied at the University of Santa Clara and San Jose State University before beginning his doctorate at Nevada. He was the recipient of the National Society of Professional Engineers’ Young Engineer of the Year award in 1996 and was named the University’s Outstanding Graduate Alumnus in 2010. The American Society of Civil Engineers selected Pilling as the 2014 Engineer of the Year in honor of his life’s work.

Pilling and his wife, KayAnn Pilling ’89 M.A., ’96 Ed.Sp., raised their three sons in Reno. Patrick Pilling was an avid sportsman and enjoyed coaching little league and eventually football at Bishop Manogue High School, where his sons attended.

“Pat was an outstanding engineer and a great friend and colleague who truly loved his family and his work,” said Pilling’s partner and Black Eagle Consulting, Inc. Secretary-Treasurer Remo Osmetti, who founded the scholarship in his honor. “He was a pillar in the civil and geotechnical engineering community, and it’s only fitting that we honor him by continuing to educate deserving students in the field he loved.”

by JOANNA TRIEGER
Following his death, Aaron’s Sigma Nu fraternity brothers, Ty Windfeldt ’95 (health science) and Mike Dillon, Jr. ’94 (political science), came up with the idea for the event in collaboration with Aaron’s family as a way to honor his generous and vibrant personality and his love of team sports and the outdoors. The proceeds from each year’s event are added to a scholarship endowment in Aaron’s name.

“For some time after Aaron’s passing, Mike Dillon and I would continue to discuss ways that we could honor and remember Aaron,” says Windfeldt. “Our goal was to do something permanent and everlasting. All of us were proud to call him our friend, and using the tournament to create a scholarship was a way for friends and family to participate in celebrating his life.”

Since the tournament’s inception in 1994, its board of directors, which includes Aaron’s younger sister Alisa Armon ’96 (management), her husband, Brian Armon ’93 (management), and other family and friends, has raised more than $300,000 for the Aaron E. Arnoldsen Memorial Scholarship endowment. To date, 104 students have benefitted from the scholarship, including...
Jennifer Emkjer `12 (communication studies), who received the award during her senior year. “Receiving this scholarship was one of the most motivating things that has ever happened to me,” says Emkjer. “As a senior, I had been feeling burnt out and a little lost as to what I wanted to do. After I found out I’d be selected for the scholarship, I was able to focus more on school, my GPA dramatically improved, and I pursued an internship at Microsoft. But the mental impact of people believing in me is what impacted me the most. The feeling that people who did not know me had chosen to give me assistance was indescribable.”

Emkjer is now a program manager at Microsoft. Last year, she was one of seven employees chosen to devote four months away from their usual roles to help run the company’s annual Employee Giving Campaign. “The Aaron Arnoldsen Memorial Scholarship opened my eyes to the endless opportunities to get involved and give, everywhere we turn. It unquestionably influenced how much I’m involved in corporate giving now. I feel that it’s important to find something you care about and do something about it.”

Since the scholarship is endowed, it will continue to be awarded to students in perpetuity, even though the tournament has run its course. “By creating this endowed scholarship, Aaron’s friends and family are giving the gift of education and reduced financial burden to Nevada students for generations to come,” says John Carothers, vice president for development and alumni relations. “Their hard work and generosity serves as a true testament to Aaron’s giving spirit.”

Cody Mates, a senior studying mining engineering and a current Aaron E. Arnoldsen Memorial Scholarship recipient, says, “I rely on scholarships, grants, loans and part-time work to support myself. This scholarship will enable me to focus more on school, decrease the amount I have to work and overall lessen my financial burden. I went from working 40 hours a week to 20, and I couldn’t have gotten by without scholarships like this one.”

Darrio Arriaga, a senior studying civil engineering, is a current Aaron E. Arnoldsen Memorial Scholarship recipient. “As a small town kid from Fernley, I knew that I wanted to go to college to become an engineer in hopes of traveling all over the states,” he says. “Due to the scholarships I have received, I am able to live my dream of attending a university.”

To learn more about supporting student scholarships, please contact Keiko Weil `87, director of donor relations, (775) 682-5964 or kweil@unr.edu.
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Foundation Trustee Emeritus and Honor Court Silver Benefactor Ronald Zideck ’59 (accounting) has more than four decades of public accounting experience and is currently a Vice President and Business Development Officer for the Whittier Trust Company of Nevada. He helped to establish the Planned Giving Advisory Council in 2003 while working for the University and has served as a member since 2006. In 2015, Ron and his wife Mary Liz made a gift to establish the Ronald Zideck Dean’s Endowment Fund in The College of Business. The fund will be used, among other things, to provide student membership in the Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants for junior and senior students majoring in accounting or accounting and information systems. The Zidecks plan to add to the endowment with an estate gift.

“Including the University in our estate plans is a natural choice for us as we think about the legacy we’d like to leave for future generations,” said Ron. “As a financial professional and a member of the Planned Giving Advisory Council, I really enjoy connecting my contacts with projects at the University that truly represent their own values and interests.”

by JOANNA TRIEGER
Nevada Legacy Society

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Bible Awards Recognize Excellence in Instruction

2015 Judith S. Bible Teaching Excellence in Education Award:

Special Education Professor Tammy Abernathy Vineyard ’81, ’86 M.Ed. received the 2015 Judith S. Bible Teaching Excellence in Education Award.

To Tammy Abernathy Vineyard ’81, ’86 M.Ed., teaching has never been just a job, but rather a dream come true. With a Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Barbara, Abernathy Vineyard returned home to Nevada where she is currently a professor in the College of Education. She is committed to children with disabilities and passionate about preparing quality special education teachers. Based on her exceptional teaching, Abernathy Vineyard’s students nominated her for the 2015 Judith S. Bible Teaching Excellence in Education Award, which she received in a ceremony that spring.

The award was established by Foundation Trustee Emeritus and Distinguished Nevadan Paul Bible ’62 (economics), ’09 (honorary degree) and his late wife Judy Bible ’65 (elementary education), who passed away in early 2015. The first in her family to attend college, Judy greatly valued the education she received at Nevada and went on to teach fifth and sixth grades in local elementary schools. The couple created the award, which is granted each year to an outstanding faculty member in the College of Education based on student nominations, to build morale and enthusiasm among faculty.

Through continued gifts from the Bibles, the award became endowed in 2012. Since Judy’s passing, friends and family have contributed to the endowment in her memory. The couple also established the endowed Paul and Judy Bible University Teaching Excellence Award, which recognizes outstanding faculty throughout the University, and the Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award Endowment, which was created for faculty in liberal arts and sciences in honor of Paul’s father, Nevada Senator and Distinguished Nevadan Alan Bible ’30 (economics), ’70 (honorary degree).

“The Bible family is committed to honoring education as a profession and providing encouragement and recognition for educators who are pushing the field forward,” says Abernathy Vineyard. “I am honored to have my name associated with a family and a woman who understood the essential role of teaching and teachers.”

College of Education Dean Kenneth Coll added, “Paul and Judy have been making a significant impact at Nevada for decades, and the awards they have created will continue to bring out the best in our educators for generations to come. The generosity of the Bibles has simply made us a better university.”

by JOANNA TRIEGER

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Every spring, the Nevada Alumni Association welcomes a very special group of alumni back to campus to celebrate their Golden Reunion. In May of 2015, the Class of 1965 gathered to reminisce about their experience at the University, and to share their experiences over the past fifty years. And in coming together to celebrate its past, the Class of 1965 also made a commitment to the students who are following in their footsteps.

In the months leading up to the 1965 Golden Reunion, Student Body President and northern Nevada community leader Keith Lee ’65 (physics) came forward to help rally the Class of 1965 to accomplish a very important goal – to fully fund the Class of 1965 Scholarship Endowment.

Nevada’s tradition of creating a fund for each graduating class provides alumni with an opportunity to make a gift that embodies their pride in the University of Nevada, Reno. Once a class fund reaches $10,000, it becomes a permanent endowment with the promise of helping current and future students for generations to come.

When Keith took it upon himself to lead his classmates and friends to this important objective, the 1965 Class Scholarship Fund was only halfway to its initial goal. Within weeks, the fund doubled in size, and the Class of 1965’s legacy at the University was solidified. Starting in 2017-2018 and continuing on in perpetuity, the students at the University of Nevada will benefit from the Class of 1965’s generosity.

by CURTIS VICKERS ’07 M.A.
The vast holdings of the University Library’s Special Collections received a boost of support in 2015 thanks to significant gifts from individuals, corporations and foundations.

University Professor Emerita, Foundation Trustee and Honor Court Silver Benefactor Ann Ronald added to her endowment for Special Collections, which was established in 2014. Ronald, who was formerly the Dean of the College of Arts and Science, created the endowment in recognition of the role Special Collections played in her own scholarly endeavors, which include books and essay collections centered on literature in the American West.

Some have created Special Collections endowments as a way to memorialize their loved ones. Marian LaVoy ’71 (English) established the Colonel John and Marian Hennen LaVoy Endowment for Special Collections in memory of her husband of 69 years, the late Col. John H. LaVoy, USMC, and as her own legacy to the libraries. The endowment will provide flexible funding to support the growth and success of Special Collections now and in the future.

Dale Lazzarone and his wife Bobbi ’96 (human development and family studies) pledged to establish the Dorothy Lazzarone Endowment for Special Collections in honor of Dale’s late mother, Dorothy. Memorial gifts from family and friends also contributed to the endowment. Dorothy was a lifelong lover of libraries, having met her husband, Albert Lazzarone ’47 (economics) while working in a naval base library in Rhode Island during World War II. In her later years, Dorothy was enthralled by the University’s Book Arts Collection, which the endowment in her honor will be used to support.

Local businesses and foundations value Special Collections, too. Honor Court Philanthropist and President’s Medalist IGT, a steadfast supporter of Nevada students and programs, has provided essential support for exhibitions throughout the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, including Special Collections. In September, a collection funded by the Orchard House Foundation opened to showcase the papers of activist, philanthropist and women’s rights champion Maya Miller.

“Special Collections is a leading resource for students, faculty and community members studying the culture and history of Nevada and the Great Basin,” said Dean of Libraries Kathy Ray. “The generosity of our donors allows Special Collections to maintain and build the unique and varied collection of historic materials which chronicle the rich story of Nevada’s heritage.”

by JOANNA TRIEGER

To learn more about supporting Special Collections, please contact Millie Mitchell, director of development, (775) 682-5682 or mimitchell@unr.edu.
As the four-day Mountain West Swimming and Diving Championships neared its end, an upstart Nevada team with hopes of its first conference title found itself trailing by more than 40 points with just four events left to go.

The scenario looked grim, especially after a controversial disqualification in a relay event had cost the Wolf Pack as many as 28 points. But Head Coach Neil Harper was confident, because he knew exactly what Nevada had left in the tank – the best depth and the best divers in the conference.

“I told the girls, ‘We might be down, but our best events are to come,’ because I knew we still had a chance,” said Coach Harper.

“Our girls still had to perform, and they did exactly what needed to be done. They were phenomenal.”

Nevada took three of the top five spots in the 200-yard breaststroke, with senior Yawen Li winning, Arantxa Medina-Alegria placing third and Riley Hilbrant taking fifth. Then, junior Sita Kusserow swam the third-fastest time in school history to bring home the title in the 200-yard butterfly, and teammate Erin Fuss took fourth place, setting the stage for a furious comeback.

The penultimate event was the platform dive finals, and Nevada simply dominated the event. Senior Krysta Palmer won the event going away. Nevada then claimed three of the top four spots in the event as Zoe Lei took second and fellow freshman Sharae Zhang took fourth.

The diving result gave Nevada a tentative lead over Boise State, but one event remained and Nevada needed a strong finish to complete the comeback. The Wolf Pack’s 400-yard freestyle relay team gave just that with a school-record time to finish second and claim the championship. The Wolf Pack climbed atop the podium with the first Mountain West Championship in program history and its second conference title.

“These ladies have worked their tails off to reach this goal, and on top of that, they’ve worked hard in the classroom and in the community,” Harper said. “This is a well-earned title and I couldn’t be prouder of the team. I think they’re the best ambassadors you can find of the athletic department and our University.”

During the course of the meet, 20 Nevada swimmers and divers scored points, and 16 of those team members – an astonishing 80 percent and a program record – earned All-Conference accolades. Diving Coach Jian Li You won an unprecedented fourth-straight Diving Coach of the Year award for Nevada to cap another sensational Pack diving performance.

Champions! swimming and diving wins conference title

First-year coach Neil Harper led the Wolf Pack to the school’s first Mountain West Conference championship in February with a dramatic comeback on the final day of competition.

by CHAD HARTLEY ’03
Athletics

MESSAGE FROM THE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Wolf Pack athletics created a new position held by Tina Ruff to serve and support alumni athletes with regular news and updates about their teams, reunion planning for each team, and a concierge service for any former athlete who has questions about Wolf Pack athletics or the University. Tina created a former athlete alumni council with at least two alumni from each team who will help organize and plan new events and activities for each team.

If you are a former athlete and want to learn more about alumni activities for your team or how you can help your team, please call Tina (775-682-6940) and get involved.

Wolf Pack athletics is conducting the inaugural This Is Still Your Team fundraising challenge this spring. Each Wolf Pack team is contacting alumni athletes to ask for their support with a donation of any amount until April 30th. The team with the highest percentage of former athletes giving back during this challenge will receive a $5,000 grant provided by former Wolf Pack football player John Shepanek ’86 (management). Second- and third-place teams will receive $2,000, and $1,000, respectively. Also, the team with the highest percentage of new alumni athlete donors in this campaign will receive a $2,000 grant to support their program. All funds raised will be used to support the teams and be used at the discretion of the head coach.

“The Wolf Pack generosity and commitment to helping the community that gives so much to us overwhelms and humbles me.”

- Senior Associate Athletics Director and Senior Woman Administrator RHONDA BENNETT

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Mountain West Community Service Challenge

Nevada won the 2014-2015 Mountain West Community Service Challenge which is organized by the Mountain West Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and run on campus by Nevada’s 38-member SAAC.

2014-15 winner with 5,837 hours of community service from April 2014 to Feb. 2015

Nevada’s cheer team led all groups on campus with nearly 1,900 hours, followed by women’s cross country/track and field with 1,264 hours.

2015-16 more than 9,400 hours of community service from October 2015 to Feb. 2016

Collected 5,467 cans of food for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada

Donated more than 1,846 items of clothing and 295 pairs of shoes to our local community

Sent more than 90 boxes filled with toys and clothes to Kenyan orphans

Raised more than $48,000 for various causes, including Each One Tell One, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, the Pat Summitt Foundation and the Reno Rodeo Denim Drive

NEVADA ATHLETICS FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

EXPENSES

$27,499,540 Total Expenses

$10,161,345 Salaries

$6,466,810 Student Financial Aid

$3,033,310 Team Travel

$1,281,930 Direct Facilities/Administrative Expenses

$1,167,525 Guarantee

$6,466,810 Equipment

$75,470 Memberships/Dues

$501,930 Debt Service

$274,615 Medical Expenses

$637,855 Recruiting

$275,295 Indirect Institutional Support

$578,295 Recruiting

$225,380 Fundraising/Spirit Groups

$1,631,700 Other Operating Expenses

$1,252,000 Guarantees

$575,470 Memberships/Dues

$1,167,525 Game Day Expenses

$1,019,930 Team Travel

$6,466,810 Student Financial Aid

$27,499,540 Total Expenses

$10,161,345 Salaries

Doug Knuth
Athletics Director