2016 Mackay Banquet

The John W. Mackay Banquet, sponsored by Barrick Gold Corporation, was held April 22 in the Joe Crowley Student Union to celebrate donor generosity, outstanding faculty and student accomplishments.

1 Richard DeLong and Lance Taylor
2 Provost Kevin Carman, Alan Coyner ’97 MBA and Susan Welsh
3 Newmont Mining Corporation representatives present a donation check to Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering students and faculty
4 University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emerita Kristen Avansino, Eren Ozmen ’85 MBA and Fatih Ozmen ’81 M.S.

2016 College of Education Banquet

The College of Education’s annual awards banquet was held March 17 in the Joe Crowley Student Union.

5 (back row) Ron Turek, Regent Rick Trachok ’74 and University President Marc Johnson (front row) University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emerita Ann Carlson ’59, ’78 M.Ed., Bonnie Humphrey ’82 (honorary master of public education), Chancellor Emeritus Neil Humphrey ’95 (honorary degree) and Ann Marie (Humphrey) Melcher ’80, Regent Rick Trachok ’74, Cathy (Benna) Trachok ’76, Professor Brenda Freeman and Dean of the College of Education Kenneth Coll.

Regents’ Awards

The 2016 Distinguished Nevadans, President’s Medalists and honorary degree recipients were celebrated at a ceremony May 13 in Morrill Hall.

9 University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emerita Kristen Avansino, Eren Ozmen ’83 MBA and Fatih Ozmen ’81 M.S. were awarded honorary doctors of humane letters.
10 Cliff Young ’43 (posthumous-
Forum for Excellence featuring Naomi Klein

Award-winning journalist, syndicated columnist and author Naomi Klein discussed the connection between global warming and capitalism at Nightingale Concert Hall April 20.  

Charlotte McConnell, Dick McConnell, Naomi Klein, Leonard Lafrance and University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emeritus Gregg Zive ’67 were honored with the 2016 Distinguished Nevadan. Cliff Young’s daughter, LaVonne (Young) Duhon ’78, accepted the award on her father’s behalf. University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emeritus Tony O’Carroll ’76 was awarded the President’s Medal. University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emeritus Mark Knobel ’77 was awarded the President’s Medal. Richard Cassas ’65 and Toni-Anne Cassas, Phil Zive ’75 and Kristy (Townsend) Zive ’73, Lola Ducker Zive, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emeritus Gregg Zive ’67, Dana Zive-Ducker ’89 and Ted Ducker. University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emeritus and 2016 honorary degree recipient Kristen Avansino and Skip Avansino ’65 with their daughter, Marisa Avansino, and grandson, Emerson. University President Marc Johnson with University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emeritus Gregg Zive ’67.
Senator Bryan Plaza Dedication

Centered at the heart of campus between Lincoln Hall and the Mackay Mines Building, the Senator Richard H. Bryan Plaza was dedicated April 29 with the unveiling of the Bryan Statue, which honors the senator’s significant contributions to the University and to the state.

1. Skip Avansino ’65, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emeritus Paul Bible ’62, Regent Jason Geddes ’90, ’95 Ph.D., Senator Richard Bryan ’59 and Governor Brian Sandoval ’86 unveil the 800-pound statue of Senator Bryan reading the Nevada Sagebrush student newspaper.

2. Bonnie (Fairchild) Bryan ’61, Senator Richard Bryan ’59, Governor Brian Sandoval ’86 and University President Marc Johnson.

3. University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emerita Kristen Avansino ’16 (honorary doctor of humane letters), Skip Avansino ’65 and Dale Raggio.


Reynolds School of Journalism Scripps Dinner

The 52nd Annual Scripps Dinner and Lecture, featuring author Jill Leovy, was held in the Milt Glick Ballroom at the Joe Crowley Student Union March 29. The event was created by Edward W. "Ted" Scripps ’52 to allow journalism students to hear directly from those in the journalism profession.

Theresa Danna-Douglas

University President Marc Johnson, Scripps Howard Foundation Trustee Ed Scripps and Michael Olinger. Front row, from left: Reynolds School of Journalism Dean Al Stavitsky, Jill Leovy, Cindy Scripps, Scripps Howard Foundation CEO and President Liz Carter, and Krysta Scripter. 

Associate Professor of Journalism Bob Felten ’71, Jose Oliveras, Kenny Bissett, Marcus Lavergne.

Reynolds School of Journalism Dean Al Stavitsky presented the 2016 Scripps speaker, Jill Leovy, with the honorary Stetson hat.

Engineering Spring Celebration

The annual Engineering Spring Celebration, held May 3 at the Peppermill Resort Casino, honored outstanding students, faculty and staff with a reception, dinner and awards ceremony. Theresa Danna-Douglas.

Dave and Debbie Richwood, Jeff Ceccarelli ’76 and Dean of the College of Engineering Manos Maragakis. Jim Nichols, Associate Professor Emeritus Jane Nichols, Jeff Ceccarelli ’76, Regent Rick Trachok ’74, Cathy (Benna) Trachok ’76 and Professor Emeritus Nazir Ansari. Engineering students and guests Daniel Maykel, Robert Roque, Roberto Jimenez-Rojas, McXine Salva, Casey Ormaye, Giovanny Pacheco, Andrew Huie, Ryan Schmid, Wilbert Kemp and Gino Grelli.