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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

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8:00 PM MARCH
Parade and processional from the Reno Arch to the University Quad

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Dear alumni and friends,

The Nevada Alumni Association boasts a record number of supporters – nearly 2,400 – who have demonstrated their deep commitment to Nevada by becoming dues-paying members. Where do these dues go, you ask? In addition to alumni and student programming, the Nevada Alumni Association and its chapters will distribute $72,000 in student scholarships for the 2016-17 school year. In other words, Nevada Alumni Association members are directly helping students to receive the quality Nevada education that made such a difference in their own lives. Please consider showing your support by visiting unr.edu/alumni and joining today.

Summer is the perfect season for alumni and their families to visit campus. The Nevada Alumni Association is proud to partner with Summer Session to host Pack Picnics on the Quad, a summertime tradition that brings together alumni and friends for free music, popcorn, watermelon and a wonderful time. Join us from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, July 6 through August 10.

Summer is also a great time to travel. Alumni and friends love to explore the world with our travel program, Pack Tracks. With upcoming trips to Cuba, the Mediterranean and a meandering cruise on the Mississippi River, Pack Tracks is a great way to see the world and indulge your adventurous spirit with fellow Nevada alumni. Visit unr.edu/alumni for a complete listing and enticing photos of upcoming trips.

Until next time,

NICK BUTLER ‘02, ‘06 M.Acc.

CLASS CHAT

BETTY MALMGREN ‘78 M.A. (journalism) retired from her day job at Napa Valley College but is still the publisher of Easy English Times, which is now celebrating its 20th anniversary of publication. In May she had a one-woman photography show at the Napa County Library.

JODY (PENTZ) ST. JOHN ’85 (social work) and CRAIG ST. JOHN ’83 (management) cel-
celebrated 30 years of marriage on April 12. They met while attending Nevada and now have three children. Their oldest daughter, Nicole, graduated from the University of Montana in 2014. Their son, Scott, is currently a student at Nevada and carrying on the family tradition. Jody and Craig’s youngest daughter, Alyssa, attends Portland State University.

**1990s**

Friends since their college days, **Darryl Bader ’92** (logistics management), Jeff Lynch and **Dan Allen ’92** (accounting), are founders of the third-party logistics company ITS Logistics. The company most recently was named “Large Company of the Year” by the Reno Gazette-Journal and The Chamber. The business partners now back the Pack by supporting the Nevada Alumni Association’s March from the Arch, providing logistics and transportation for the University of Nevada, Reno athletics department and employing more than 40 Nevada grads.

**TRISH BULLENTINI-KUZANEK ’92** (nutrition) is president of Martin Iron Works Inc. and has recently been appointed an officer for the Associated General Contractors of America for 2016. Martin Iron Works is proud to be involved in many construction projects on the Nevada campus.

**KENDALL INSKIP ’85** (economics) is now executive director for Education Alliance, a nonprofit that supports academic achievement and workforce development for preschool to college students. Kendall was recently awarded Outstanding Fundraiser of the Year from the Association of Fundraising Professionals. She met her husband, **Derron ’89** (art), 30 years ago at Nevada. Both of their children, Donovan and Alyssa, now attend the University.

**Mike Hix ’89** (finance) is senior vice president of executive banking at First Independent Bank and has joined the board of directors of the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority.

**Tony Illia ’96** (English) won a 2016 Hermes Creative Award for best publication article. The piece, entitled “Don Ahern Does it His Way,” appeared in the Engineering News-Record. Tony currently serves as chief public information officer for the Nevada Department of Transportation in the southern part of the state.

**Leslie Greenberg ’95 M.D. and Mark Stovak ’90** (biology), ’95 M.D. have relocated their family from Wichita, Kan. to Reno. They both work for the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine; Mark is a Wolf Pack sports medicine physician, and Leslie teaches family medicine and obstetrics to medical students and resident physicians. They have three children: Luke, age 16; Nate, age 13; and Jenna, age 11.

**2000s**

**Michael Ogilvie ’00** (art) is a cartoonist, drawing instructor and Clark County public art specialist. He will be producing his biographical comics, “Territorial Legends,” for Nevada Magazine. Michael’s comics are part illustrated obituary and part tall tale, and they profile Nevada’s obscure yet legendary inhabitants.

**Eugenia (Kokunina) Larmore ’03** (international business and marketing), ’04 MBA, ’16 Ph.D. (economics) is the president of Ekay Economic Consultants, a Reno-based firm providing fiscal impact analyses, economic and feasibility studies, and expert witness services in the field of personal and business economic damages.

**Lawrence Tam ’03** (supply chain management) has been selected to join the Amazon European Fulfillment Network team located in Luxembourg. His team will focus on building an innovative physical supply chain model capable of cross-border sourcing and fulfillment to customers in remote countries where Amazon does not currently have a physical presence. The mission will be to deliver products to customers throughout Europe in under two days, all while overcoming the logistical barriers that come with reaching customers across more than 40 countries. During his time at Nevada, Lawrence was a three-time national collegiate boxing champion.

**Christopher Cobb ’07** (supply chain management) was recently promoted to regional supply chain manager at Berlin Packaging. He will manage all supply chain activities and execute goals and strategies for the Northern California and Pacific Northwest regions. Chris lives in San Francisco with his fiancée, Amanda Morgan.

**Kim Stanhouse ’08** (social studies) recently completed her master of education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and joined the faculty of Salem Academy Charter School in Salem, Mass., where she teaches advanced placement history and will start a We The People: The Citizen and Constitution team this fall. Kim continues her work at Harvard as a teaching fellow for the research center Project Zero.
Cortney Maddock Webb ’08 (journalism) and Lars Webb ’09 (history), ’13 M.D. are overjoyed to announce the birth of their daughter, Bryn Laerke, on Feb. 11. Bryn joins her very proud big brother, Rowan Michael.

Tracy (Trojan) Brecke ’08 (management) and Matt Brecke ’08 (civil engineering) proudly announce the addition of their son, Wake Melvin, to their family Feb. 23. Wake joins his proud big sister, Brook.

Jessica Simpson ’07 (elementary education), ’16 M.Ed. and Brian Simpson ’07 (accounting), ’08 M.Acc. welcomed baby Beau just eight days before Jessica graduated with her master’s degree in May.

Kara (Iannone) Huffey ’05 (elementary education) and Neil Huffey ’97 (political science) welcomed their son into the world Oct. 22, 2015. Hudson Paul Stoika was born in Las Vegas and joins his family as a sixth generation Nevadan!

Megan (Fields) Mentzer ’15 (psychology and sociology) and Casey Mentzer ’14 (chemical engineering) announce the birth of their daughter, Alice Renee, on Feb. 16. She joins her big sister, Izabella, age 4.
Jeff Panko ’09 (information systems) has been named to My Journey Home Inc.’s board of directors. Jeff lives in Reno with his wife, Natalie (Valentine) Panko ’10 (general studies), and their two children.

Christine Prato ’09 (biochemistry) graduated from medical school last May and is now living and working in Spokane, Wash. After a very long and challenging internship year, Christine is now a second-year resident in psychiatry at Sacred Heart Medical Center and will be in Spokane for at least the next three years.

Chris Mendoza ’11 (community health sciences) is a federal pharmacy resident with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He will be based in Gallup, N.M., one of the top clinical sites within the Indian Health Service. Chris will work primarily in pharmacist-run ambulatory care clinics where he will have prescribing authority granted by the federal government.

Ryan O’Donnell ’11 (psychology) received his master’s from the Florida Institute of Technology and is now working with two partners in a tech startup, the Institute of Meaningful Instruction, based in Reno. Their inaugural service is using behavioral science to help parents and students with self-control and self-advocacy.

Justin Kunert ’12 (civil engineering) recently relocated to San Diego County with his Nevada alumna girlfriend, Lauren Seymour ’12 (international affairs and Spanish), and started a career with a new company.

Lauren Seymour ’12 (international affairs and Spanish) earned a master of public policy in 2015 from the University of Texas at Austin and recently moved to San Diego County with her Nevada alumna boyfriend.
Austin on a full academic scholarship. After an internship with the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, D.C., she accepted a position as an energy industry research specialist for an energy insurance agency. She currently lives in the San Diego area with fellow Wolf Pack alumnus, Justin Kunert ‘12 (civil engineering).

Nicole (Hoff) Kraemer ‘12 (community health sciences) and Ray Kraemer ‘10 (management) were married Oct. 10, 2015 in Kemah, Texas.

Sara Thompson ‘12 (social work) and Kristoffer Kirby ‘14 (management) eloped to Emerald Bay in South Lake Tahoe, Calif., Feb. 14. Sara is a nephrology social worker and a Ph.D. candidate. Kris is a retail assistant manager while working toward his MBA.

Evelyn Majusia ‘10 (French and journalism) and Justin Klatt ‘11 (general studies) were married Nov. 22, 2015, at Zephyr Cove, Lake Tahoe.
The Nevada Alumni Association welcomes the Class of 2016 to the alumni family. See more photos from 2016 Spring Commencement on page 51.

2016 HOMECOMING Gala

Great Memories Come Home

Presented by GEICO

Milt Glick Ballroom, Joe Crowley Student Union | October 20

6 p.m. No Host Reception | 7 p.m. Dinner & Program

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The diversification of the northern Nevada economy and the influx of technology-based companies are driving unprecedented economic growth and a variety of career opportunities. Existing companies are also expanding and creating new jobs and opportunities for career advancement.

Between 1995 and 2006, approximately 38,000 new jobs were created and job growth was trending at 2 percent. Experts are predicting 4.5 percent job growth between 2012 and 2019, producing an estimated 58,000 new jobs. Growth predictions are on track, and over the past four years, more than 100 companies have relocated to or expanded in northern Nevada.

“This is a great time to be in Nevada,” said Governor Brian Sandoval ’86 (English). “Our state has reinforced its traditional industries and diversified its economy with new industries focused on technology, renewable energy and advanced manufacturing. The most exciting part of building the new Nevada economy is watching businesses across our state emerge as national and international leaders in innovative technologies and cutting-edge industries.”

This growth and diversification creates opportunities that require college degrees and advanced education.

“The data suggests that positions such as systems and applications software developers, mechanical, biological, industrial, electrical and computer hardware engineers, computer network architects, computer systems analysts, information security analysts and industrial engineering technicians will be in high demand,” said Bob Potts, research director for the Governor’s Office of Economic Development (GOED).

Mike Kazmierski, CEO of the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN), recognizes that the unprecedented growth of technology-based companies relocating to and expanding in northern Nevada is already creating a need for more educated and experienced workers. Attraction of talent is a key element to these businesses’ workforce development plans.

“We are fortunate to get national and international media coverage that helps market the region,” said Kazmierski. “This includes front page stories in The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post, national ranking by Livability.com and identification as one of the world’s ‘super cool’ cities by Travelmore.com.”

Companies from a wide variety of industries are choosing Nevada, and educated, experienced employees will be critical to their success. Nevada is on a rapid and diversified growth track and will need the brightest and best to help propel the state’s economy forward.
Family, friends, college deans and University administrators joined the Nevada Alumni Association to recognize graduates with one of the most prestigious awards at the University — the Senior Scholar distinction. The May 11 event honored the top graduating student with the highest grade-point average in their respective school or college. Also recognized were the mentors selected by each scholar as having the greatest impact on their studies.

**College of Liberal Arts**
- **Scholar:** Michael Pappas
- **Mentor:** Xiaoyu Pu
- **GPA:** 3.967

**College of Science**
- **Scholar:** Keri Thacker
- **Mentor:** Pamela Sandstrom
- **GPA:** 4.0

**College of Engineering**
- **Scholar:** Niki Silveria
- **Mentor:** Frederick C. Harris, Jr.
- **GPA:** 3.991

**College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources**
- **Scholar:** Kyla J. Sweeney
- **Mentor:** Marie-Louise Ricketts
- **GPA:** 4.0

**College of Business**
- **Scholar:** Loan Tran
- **Mentor:** Mark Simkin
- **GPA:** 3.9

**College of Education**
- **Scholar:** Morgan Acuncius
- **Mentor:** Rachel Salas
- **GPA:** 3.976

**Division of Health Sciences**

**Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism**
- **Scholar:** Jena Valenzuela
- **Mentor:** Alison Gaulden
- **GPA:** 3.976
Do you know someone who BLEEDS SILVER & BLUE?

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

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2016 – The Nevada 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.

To nominate an alumnus, please submit online - alumni.unr.edu/alumni/nevada-alumni-council/nominate, fax this form to: (775) 784-4878 or email to: nvalumni@unr.edu.

Or mail the below form to: Nevada Alumni Association, Morrill Hall Alumni Center, University of Nevada, Reno/0164, Reno, Nevada 89557-0164.

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Dr. Reka Danko ’03, ’08 M.D. supervises first-year medical students Matthew Malone (left) and Clint Kolseth ’13 (right) while they practice their examination skills on patient Rebecca Reyes ’13. Clint is helping Dr. Danko research her new addiction program.

Gratitude, honor and a passion to heal
by CARRIE BUSH ’06

Dr. Reka Danko’s leadership has been critical in moving the organization toward delivering truly comprehensive and integrated care, incorporating behavioral health, pharmacy services, medical care and harm reduction. “While access to health coverage has increased in recent years,” Reka notes, “access to healthcare is still problematic.” In her quest to fill the gaps in care and serve as many patients as possible, Reka has been a leading force behind rapid expansion plans at Northern Nevada HOPES, improvements that will increase access to care from 600 patients to a projected capacity of more than 10,000 underserved patients from our community.

Even with all of her accomplishments, Reka is eager to talk about the work still to be done. “There are opportunities to increase addiction services in our community,” she says. To address this need, Reka opened an addiction medicine program at Northern Nevada HOPES in March 2015. This medication-assisted treatment program helps patients struggling with substance abuse disorder, specifically opioids and alcohol, with an integrated-care model, encompassing behavioral health and medical care. The program also coordinates with community partners to ensure patients receive the appropriate level of care throughout their treatment.

Reka never misses the opportunity to express gratitude for the chance to commit her life to helping people, and for the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine for giving her the skills to do so. “There was not one day during school when I didn’t have a whole-hearted appreciation for the School of Medicine and what it gave me. Being a doctor and providing healthcare is an honor and a privilege. There are so many mentors who I aspire to be like. I am humbled every day.”