March from the Arch

Nearly 6,000 students, alumni and community members gathered in downtown Reno Oct. 23 for the third Annual March from the Arch and ASUN Homecoming Parade. The event kicked off under the Reno Arch with remarks from parade co-marshals University President Marc Johnson and City of Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve who were joined by more than 50 community and University parade entries cruising up Virginia Street to campus for a Pep Rally on the Quad.

(1) Fireworks light up the fall sky above Morrill Hall.
(2) President Marc Johnson welcomes the downtown crowd.
(3) Thanks to Bishop Manogue Catholic High School (pictured) and Dolan Auto Group for sponsoring the March at the $2500 level!
(4) The Wolf Pack mascot family with fans.
(5) Nevada Cheer and Spirit Team and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity’s “Nevada Surf-vivors” float.
(6) John and Margaret Oberg with Deb Foley ‘74 in their “UNR Tailgate Car.”
(7) Nevada Cheer and Spirit Team members Grace Whited and Hannah Nielsen.
(8) Marchers fall in behind the parade.
(9) Mayor Hillary Schieve with Chief of Staff Madeline Burak ’15.
(10) The Pride of the Sierra leads Pep Rally chants.
(11) N-E-V-A-D-A!
(12) Students show support for the Pride of the Sierra.
(13) Community parade entry Fjorgyn, the Viking ship art car created by Dennis Alumbaugh.
Homecoming Gala

The Nevada Alumni Association honored alumni and friends of the University for their professional achievements and support on Oct. 22 during the Annual Homecoming Gala at the Joe Crowley Student Union.

(1) 2015 Alumnus of the Year Ralph Whitworth '82, University President Marc Johnson, Fé Whitworth, Deborah Legarza, Mitch Legarza ’84, Mitchell Woods, Marie Woods, Lisa Verner and Dennis Verner.

(2) Former University President and Professor Emeritus Joe Crowley with Alumni Association Service Award honoree Jenny Frayer ’77.

(3) University Service honoree Jean Myles with Marilyn Newton.

(4) Outstanding Young Alumna Lauren Sankovich-Bashita ’98, Cameron Sankovich ’00, Larry Sankovich ’71 and Carla Sankovich ’70, ’85.

(5) The Clarence and Martha Jones Family Foundation’s trustees Charlotte McConnell, Chancellor Daniel Klaich ’72 and University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emeritus Ann Carlson ’59 accepting the Silver and Blue Appreciation Award with President Marc Johnson and Nevada Alumni Council President Matt Clafton ’93.

Nevada Alpha’s Pi Beta Phi Centennial Celebration

Nevada Alpha, the local chapter of the Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women, held its centennial celebration this year, culminating with a brunch hosted by the Nevada Alumni Association and a campus tour given by current Student Ambassadors.

(6) Pi Beta Phi alumni, national fraternity members and University of Nevada staff on the steps of Morrill Hall.

(7) Christine Kiefer ’09, Molly Carling ’12, Kristie Carling ’71 and Carol Pallesen ’71, ’77.
Homecoming Pregame Party and Halftime Recognition

Another memorable Homecoming weekend wrapped up on Oct. 24 with the traditional Nevada Alumni Association pregame party and a great Wolf Pack win against Hawai’i! During halftime, President Marc Johnson recognized all of the 2015 Nevada Alumni Association Award winners on the Chris Ault Field.

(1, 2) Nevada fans gather in Legacy Hall for the pregame party prior to kick-off.

(3) Nevada Alumni Council Vice President for Marketing and Membership Kris Layman ’93, Steve Laden and Alumni Association Service honoree and past Nevada Alumni Council president, Rita Laden ’96 Ed.D.


(5) President Marc Johnson and Outstanding Young Alumnus Chris Shanks ’08 with daughter Madeleine.

(6) The Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter was honored as Outstanding Chapter of the Year.

(7) University President Marc Johnson and College of Education Outstanding Alumna Gini Cunningham ’74, ’99 M.Ed.
Alumni Profile: JoAnn Elston ’56 (home economics)
Occupation: Retired Educator

What has your life been like since graduation?
My family has been my greatest adventure. Jim, my husband of 61 years, along with my two children (Mark and Lori), four grandchildren (Jenny, Jim, Becky and Michael), and two great-grandchildren (Mary and Parker) are my main focus.

I can’t think of a career I would rather have had than teaching; it is contagious, rewarding and frustrating. Working with students of all ages has taught me many things, most notably, that everyone wants to succeed and be respected, children of all ages have something to offer if you just listen, and they all just want to be treated the same as you would.

What do you most proud of since graduation?
I have received many honors and awards during my years of teaching, volunteering and doing University work. But the honors and recognitions that mean the most come from former students thanking me for being their favorite teacher or for helping turn their lives around. Those acknowledgements are priceless honors.

What advice would you give someone just starting out after college?
First of all, enjoy life and the opportunities you have gained by going to college. You selected a field of study that interests you, so enjoy the work and strive for success. At the same time, don’t be afraid to try something different if your interests change or the employment opportunities you expected just aren’t there. After all, those “useless classes” you had to take may now offer opportunities you never dreamed of! Who knows when a professor or friend’s suggestion might offer you an experience of a lifetime?

Graduation is a scary time in anyone’s life. Transitioning from a sleep-deprived student to a responsible citizen is a real challenge, but life has taught me that opportunities are there if you just look for them. I am so grateful for the opportunities that teaching and my family have afforded me.

Be thankful for your education and put it to good use. Success can come at any time, and education is the key that will open many doors. Don’t be afraid to step right through!
Nevada Alumni Association honors Fall 2015 Senior Scholars

More than 100 family, friends, college deans and others from the University of Nevada, Reno’s administration joined the Nevada Alumni Association in honoring the Fall 2015 Senior Scholars on Dec. 3. These top graduating seniors from each school or college at Nevada were recognized for their hard work and dedication throughout their collegiate journey. The faculty mentor who had the most impact on their academic career at the University was honored as well.


**College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources**

**Leanne Louise Morrow**  
GPA 3.8  
Mentor: Julie Stoughton

**The College of Business**

**Luke Tanaka**  
GPA 4.0  
Mentor: Charles Carslaw

**College of Education**

**Katelyn Miller**  
GPA 3.958

**Mentor: Tammy Abernathy Vineyard ’81, ’86 M.Ed.**

**College of Engineering**

**Evan A. West**  
GPA 3.890  
Mentor: Frederick Harris

**College of Liberal Arts**

**Marie Syrovy**  
GPA 4.0  
Mentor: Catherine Pollard

**College of Science**

**Taylor Seidler**  
GPA 4.0  
Mentor: Patrick Ghezzi

**Division of Health Sciences**

**Naeun Lee**  
GPA 3.946  
Mentor: Cicely Valenti Smith ’07

**Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism**

**Jacoby Bancroft**  
GPA 3.813  
Mentor: Kari Barber