E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center Opening

The newly opened E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center was commemorated at an event Feb. 22. The facility features more than 108,000 square feet of multi-use space including a 200-meter, three-lane indoor running track.

1 Dale Raggio and University President Emeritus Joe Crowley ‘03 (honorary degree).
2 Geraldine Lilley and University President Emeritus John Lilley.
3 Nevada System of Higher Education Regent Rick Trachok ‘74.
4-6 E. L. Wiegand Foundation President Kristen Avansino ’16 (honorary doctor of humane letters) cuts the ribbon to open the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center. She is joined on stage by NSHE Regent Jason Geddes ’90, ’95 Ph.D., Gabelli Asset Management, Inc. Vice President Marisa Avansino, E. L. Wiegand Foundation Chairman Skip Avansino ’65, University President Marc Johnson, ASUN President Brandon Boone and students Lesly Grajeda and Andrew Pugh holding the ceremonial ribbon (an exercise band), tied to exercise weights on either side.
7 University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee John Dooley, Liza Bradley ’96 and Foundation Trustee Emeritus Joe Bradley ’78.
8 Maureen Rovig, Foundation Trustee Emeritus Dan Rovig, Rebecca Pennell and Foundation Trustee Bill Pennell. She is joined on stage by ASUN President Brandon Boone.
9 Brian Kernan, Luke Morales, Jim Mickey ’85, Lance Semenko ’88, Don Grove, David Evans, Director of Capital Improvement Projects John Walsh ’82 and Director of Campus Recreation and Wellness Jim Fitzsimmons ’91, ’97 M.S., ’12 Ed.D.
10 Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers and Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation Trustee Craig Karrasch.
11 Vice President of Student Services Shannon Ellis.
12 ASUN President Brandon Boone.
TEDxUniversityofNevada

Speakers and participants shared “ideas worth spreading” during the Jan. 21 TEDxUniversityofNevada at the Grand Sierra Resort.

1. Vanessa Vancour, coordinator for the Nevada Media Alliance with the Reynolds School of Journalism, shared a simple tactic to challenge some of our most basic assumptions about other people.

2. Albert Lee, assistant professor of voice and opera at the University of Nevada, Reno, sang the national anthem, then reflected on its meanings and challenges.

3. Adam Kramer, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation trustee and executive vice president of strategy for Switch, described how Paris Hilton changed his life.

4. Ashley Greenwald Tragash ‘09 M.A., ’16 Ph.D., project administrator for the Positive Behavior Support-Nevada project and the School Climate Transformation Project in the College of Education, juxtaposed the different approaches our society takes to childbirth.

5. Students perform a Great Gatsby-themed dance.

6. Grant Korgan ’04, Shawna Korgan, Ciara Pegoda ’03 and Josh Pegoda.


Blue Tie Ball

The annual event benefiting Wolf Pack student-athlete scholarships was held at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino Feb. 10.

Discover Science Lecture

The brilliance of Saturn’s rings lit up the Redfield Auditorium in the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center March 16 when renowned planetary scientist Carolyn Porco spoke as part of the Discover Science Lecture Series.

In 2010, Porco was awarded the Carl Sagan Medal for Excellence in the Communication of Science to the Public by the American Astronomical Society.