2016 Winter Commencement

Nearly 1,800 degrees were awarded during Winter Commencement Dec. 10 in Lawlor Events Center. President Marc Johnson, NSHE Regent Kevin Melcher ’79, ’81 M.S. and the morning’s guest speaker, Nevada State Sen. Ben Kieckhefer, imparted words of wisdom to the new alumni. Congratulations! — THERESA DANNI-DOUGLAS

1. NSHE Regent Kevin Melcher ’79, ’81 M.S., 2016 Distinguished Nevadan Mary Korpi and President Marc Johnson.  
2. Professor Fred Harris, the University Marshal, leads the processional.  
4. Brandon Lucia ’16, Claire Pfeiffer ’16 and Claire Smith ’16.  
6. An impressive 1,404 bachelor’s and 391 advanced degrees were awarded Dec. 10.  
7. Graduates from the Orvis School of Nursing Kelsy Caldwell ’16, Jordyn Jarrett ’16, Erika Dill ’16, Alicia Haines ’16 and Sara Torgerson ’16.  
8. Sarah Johnson ’16 and Sonja Marguerite ’16.
Dean Moddelmog Welcome Reception

Debra Moddelmog was welcomed to the University as the new dean of the College of Liberal Arts at a reception Sept. 1 in the Joe Crowley Student Union.

Dean Moddelmog is a scholar and teacher of 20th-century American literature, modernism and sexuality studies, and one of the foremost experts in the world on the writings of Ernest Hemingway.

Healthy Nevada Speaker Series

Renowned forensic pathologist Dr. Bennet Omalu was on campus for a presentation and book signing Oct. 25 in the Joe Crowley Student Union. The event was presented by the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and Division of Health Sciences with support from Aurora Diagnostics and Renown Health. Dr. Omalu studies chronic brain injuries in NFL players.

Dr. Bennet Omalu’s work inspired the award-winning film, Concussion, starring Will Smith.

Vice President of the Division of Health Sciences and Dean of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine Tom Schwenk speaking with Dr. Omalu and attendees at a reception following the lecture.

Reno City Councilmember Oscar Delgado speaking with Dean Schwenk.

Renown Vice President of Advocacy and Community Partnerships Wendy Damonte ’84 speaking with University President Marc Johnson.

More than 850 students, alumni and community members attended the event in the Joe Crowley Student Union.
2016 State of the University Address

University President Marc Johnson discussed the rapidly growing infrastructure for research, plans to make the campus more diverse, and the ways the University serves as a catalyst for economic development during his annual “State of the University” address Tuesday, Sept. 20 in the Joe Crowley Student Union. 1

1 President Marc Johnson addressed the challenges and opportunities facing the University.
2 Nevada System of Higher Education Regent Jason Geddes ’90, ’95 Ph.D.; University President Marc Johnson; University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emeritus Keith Lee ’65 and Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents Chairman Rick Trachok ’74.
3 President Marc Johnson speaking with ASUN student officers Richard Long, director of clubs and organizations; Veronica Charles, director of legal affairs; and Gabriel Rojas, director of diversity and inclusion.

2016 Nevada Writers Hall of Fame

The 29th annual Nevada Writers Hall of Fame was held Nov. 9 in the Joe Crowley Student Union. The event honored inductees Gailmarie Pahmeier and Willy Vlautin, and Silver Pen Award recipient Tod Goldberg.

4 University President Marc Johnson and Karen Penner-Johnson with Kelly Bland ’91 and his son, Ben.
5 College of Liberal Arts Dean Debra Maddelmoog; Professor Emma Sepulvada ’76, ’78 M.A., who was inducted into the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame in 2007, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emerita Babara Feltner ’82 (honorary award) and John Mulligan ’81.
6 University Libraries Dean Kathy Ray, 2016 Nevada Writers
The renovation and reopening of historic Lincoln Hall was celebrated at a ceremony on campus Oct. 6. The 120-year-old building underwent seismic retrofitting to repair and reinforce the brick structure and will now be used for faculty offices.

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Nearly 200 attendees celebrated the reopening of Lincoln Hall.

President Marc Johnson with College of Liberal Arts Dean Debra Middelmay and Clemencia Glenn.

Hall of Fame inductees Gailmarie Pahmeier and Willy Vlautin, and 2016 Silver Pen Award recipient Tod Goldberg.

2016 Hall of Fame inductee Gailmarie Pahmeier with University President Emeritus and Professor Emeritus Joe Crowley. Lois Snedden, Professor Kathy Boardman, Tim Gorelangton and Foundation Professor Emerita Ann Ronald, who was inducted into the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame in 2006. Beatyanne Rasmussen ’71; University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emeritus Marilyn Melton ’86 (honorary degree); Kay Genasci and Budget Officer Emerita Ginnie Kersey.

University Libraries Dean Kathy Ray.