A Nevada Tradition

The Harris Family’s connection to the University of Nevada, Reno began in 1907 and 1911 when siblings Walter and Edith Claire Harris enrolled, and they were both awarded the University’s prestigious Herz Gold Medal for scholarship. In the following decades, many Harris family members would attend and graduate. Their educations provided the foundations for life-long success.

Over the generations, Harris family descendants have embarked on such professions as mining, banking, law, business, engineering, education, medicine, military, philanthropy, local and state elected leadership, and the arts both in and outside of Nevada.

Mapping the Harris family history provides a snapshot of how education serves as a positive force in shaping lives and communities over the course of time. The Harris family is proud of their connections to the University’s growth and development as it continues to contribute to Nevada’s future.
How many University of Nevada alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in an upcoming issue of Nevada Silver & Blue. For details, visit unr.edu/alumni/magazine or call 888.NV ALUMS.