UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO

Winter Commencement Exercises

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Winter Commencement 2016

SABTURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016 – 8 A.M.

Baccalaureate & Advanced Degree Ceremony

Members of the University of Nevada, Reno Student Ambassadors are ushers for commencement. Audience is asked to hold applause until all degrees are conferred.

**PROCISIONAL**
- “Canzon Per Sonare No. 2” • G. Gabrieli
- “Trumpet Volontaire” • J. Stanley
- “Sonata from Die Bankelsangerlieder” • Anonymous
- Great Basin Brass
- Fred Harris, University Marshal
- Kevin Carman, Master of Ceremonies

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**
- Wolf Pack Quartet
  - Paul Torkelson, Director
  - Great Basin Brass

**WELCOME**
- Marc A. Johnson, President

**GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS**
- Kevin Melcher, Regent

**STUDENT WELCOME**
- Brandon Boone ’17, President of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

**REMEMBERANCE**
- Board of Regents’ Distinguished Nevadan Citation
  - Marc A. Johnson, President
  - Kevin Melcher, Regent

**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**
- Senator Ben Kieckhefer

**PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES**
- Marc A. Johnson, President
- Kevin Carman, Provost

**REMARKS TO 2016 GRADUATES**
- Mary-Ann Brown ’85 ’96, President of the Nevada Alumni Council

**STUDENT FAREWELL**
- Sandesh Kannan ’16, President of the Graduate Students Association

**ALMA MATER**
- Wolf Pack Quartet
- Great Basin Brass

**RECESSIONAL**
- “Hornpipe” from Water Music • G.F. Handel
- “Rondeau” • J.J. Mouret
- Great Basin Brass

* Announcers: Ramona Houmanfar, associate professor of psychology; James Mardock, associate professor of English; Katherine McCall, associate dean of the College of Science; Howard Rosenberg, professor of art.
Commencement Speaker

Senator Ben Kieckhefer

Nevada State Senator Ben Kieckhefer's career in public service has had a profound impact on the citizens of the state of Nevada. First elected to the State Senate in November 2010 following a career in journalism and communications, Sen. Kieckhefer has provided leadership and guidance in several key areas of governance, having served as chair of the Senate Finance Committee. During the 2015 legislative session Senator Kieckhefer's chairmanship helped to usher in new levels of accountability in many sectors of government, particularly in education. His leadership also promoted funding for areas of greatest educational need and proved pivotal in making college more affordable for Nevada residents. Additionally, he has served on the Senate Revenue and Economic Development Committee, which oversees statewide tax policy. Senator Kieckhefer holds a bachelor’s degree in English from DePaul University in Chicago and a master’s degree in Public Affairs Reporting from the University of Illinois. Before his election to the State Senate, Kieckhefer served as Communications Director to Nevada’s governor and worked in Nevada’s Department of Health and Human Services.

Distinguished Nevadan

The Distinguished Nevadan represents the most prestigious award conferred by the Board of Regents. It is bestowed upon prominent individuals who have made significant achievements that have contributed to the cultural, scientific or social advancement of Nevada.

Mary Korpi

Throughout a distinguished career in the mining industry, Mary Korpi has had a profound and lasting impact on the lives of all Nevadans. Korpi's personal commitment to northern Nevada and to numerous non-profit and community based organizations in the community of Elko, as well as her professional achievements in a career spanning nearly four decades, have demonstrated a passion for excellence and for enriching and improving the lives of all people. A graduate of Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich., with a degree in chemical engineering, Korpi began working for Newmont Mining in 1976 as a chemical engineer. She moved to Elko in 1987 and served in a variety of capacities for Newmont, including Director of Metallurgical Services, Director of Loss Control, Leach and Mill Process Superintendent, and, over the final 20 years of her career, as Director of External Relations and Communications for North America. Known for her personal graciousness, technical expertise and her ability to reach out in meaningful and lasting ways to her community, her state and all of North America, Korpi was called by one colleague “the face and voice of Newmont in North America.”
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Scan this QR code with your mobile device (or use the URL) to access closed captioning of today's commencement exercises.

http://graduation.intellitext.co

Live streaming is available at www.unr.edu/live during the ceremony. People on campus using Wi-Fi on their personal cell phones may connect to UNR-Guest network. Follow the instructions on the screen.

Please see ushers for information about seating for the disabled. Interpreters for the deaf or hard-of-hearing are available.

Nevada Grads, show us your #PackPride. Share your photos and proudest moments with us!

“Commencement is brought to you by hundreds of volunteers from the University community. Please join me in expressing thanks to all who have made this event possible.”

— Marc Johnson, president
Alma Mater

The Mackay Song

Words by JACK H. MORSE

Where the Truckee’s snowfed waters,
Drop from mountain’s crest,
And the meadows meet the sagebrush,
by the sun caressed.
Cradled by the sliver mountains,
‘Neath the western blue,
Stands our noble Alma Mater,
Our Nevada U.

As the miner, on the desert,
Prospects ev’ry place,
So Nevada seeks the future
With an upturned face.
Ev’rywhere she gathers knowledge,
All that’s good and true,
Gives she to her sons and daughters,
Of Nevada U.

We will ever live to serve her,
Live to give our best,
Live to make our Alma Mater
Pride of all the West.
Let her praises wake the echoes,
While we pledge anew,
Hearts and minds and hands and voices
To Nevada U.

Several songs have served as the Nevada alma mater over the years, including “Beside the Waters of the Truckee,” “U of N So Gay” and “Nevada, My Nevada.” The current alma mater, “Mackay Song,” with words by Jack H. Morse, came into use circa 1955, although its official adoption date is unknown. The earliest version of “Mackay Song” in print was included in the 1924 University Songbook.
Academic Dress

Academic costumes date to the 11th and 12th centuries with the first organized institutions of learning in Europe. In 1895, the academic institutions in the United States adopted a code of academic dress that gave this country a beautiful and impressive method of signifying scholastic honors. With the exception of revisions in 1932 and 1959, the code has been virtually unchanged since its inception.

MACE. Once a terrible instrument of medieval close combat, the mace has evolved into an ornamental, ceremonial staff borne at the head of processions marking the beginning of a convocation or commencement.

CAPS. The black mortarboard is most commonly used in the United States. The tassel, normally worn in the left front quadrant of the cap, is black, although it may be of the color appropriate to the subject of the degree. The tassel on the doctor's cap is usually made of gold thread.

GOWNS. The bachelor's gown has a long, pointed sleeve; the master's gown has an oblong sleeve open at the wrist (or some older gowns may be open near the upper part of the arm); the doctor's gown is fuller than the others with velvet panels full length on the front and three velvet crossbars on each sleeve in black or in a color distinctive of the subject pertaining to the individual's degree. The gowns are black except for the doctor's, which may be a color representing the institution that awarded the degree. Graduating student athletes are wearing silver and blue cords over their gowns. A number of other cords recognizing student achievement and activities are also worn.

HOODS. Academic hoods signify the wearer has received a master’s, doctoral or other advanced degree. The hood, draped over the shoulders and down the back, indicates both the institution granting the degree and the academic area of specialization.

The silk lining of the hood represents the color or colors of the institution from which the degree was received. The higher the degree, the more the lining is revealed.

The level of the degree is designated by the length of the hood and the width of the velvet edging. The master's hood is three-and-one-half feet long, and the doctor's is four feet long. (The shorter bachelor's hood is not given at Nevada.)

The velvet edging is three and five inches in width for the master's and doctor's degrees, respectively. The color of the velvet signifies the field of learning, such as orange for engineering, green for medicine and gold for science. For Ph.D. or Doctor of Philosophy degrees, the dark blue color represents mastery of the discipline of learning and scholarship in any field, and is not intended to necessarily represent the field of philosophy.

The University is the headquarters of the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) — one of the largest study abroad organizations in the nation. Students who studied abroad are wearing sashes embroidered with flags from their program country to share the value and distinction of their academic experiences abroad.
I DID IT
All Candidates for Graduation
Candidates presented by the dean of each school or college

Doctoral Degrees • Dissertation titles appear in italics

GRADUATE SCHOOL
David Zeh, Dean

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION
December 2016
William John Burt
Educational Leadership
The Relationship of Teachers' Self-efficacy and Contexts of Teaching
Tina E. Ruff
Educational Leadership
Program Evaluation of Student-Athlete Academic Support Services Using the Logic Evaluation Model

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
August 2016
Dharshini D. Balasubramaniyan
Materials Science and Engineering
Development of Homogeneous and Heterogeneous Catalysts for the Production of Biodiesel and Aviation Fuel
Matthew E. Boland
Psychology
The Effects of Emotion Regulation Strategies in Clinical Symptom Presentations
Thomas Martin Brown
Chemistry
Structural and Luminescent Changes as a Function of Copper(I) Ligation
Jonathan Charles Buttrick
Chemistry
Annelated Benzenoid Macrocycles and Polymerizable Discotic Liquid Crystals

Andrew Coia
Psychology
Cortical Representation of Illusory and Surface Color

Ehsan Erfani
Atmospheric Science
A Mechanistic Understanding of North American Monsoon and Microphysical Properties of Ice Particles

Justin Ferranto
Mechanical Engineering
Material and Geometric Analysis of Structures Subjected to Large Deformation

Carol A. Godwin
Literacy Studies
The Doctoral Journey: A Case Study of One Doctoral Student’s Experience

Benjamin Diethelm Hammel
Physics
A Study of Intense Energetic Electron Beams in X-Pinch Experiments

William Lombardi
English
Postlocal Ecocriticism: Place-Making in California's Literary Landscape 1850-1999

Mehrdad Majidi
Electrical Engineering
Applications of Compressive Sensing In Smart Grids

Amber Marie Maraccini
Psychology
Examining the Impact of an Interprofessional Education Training Package on Communication during Handoff Performance in Medical and Nursing Students: A Behavior Analytic Approach to Assessment and Intervention

Alissa C. Murray
Chemistry
Probing Reactions in Monolayers Using Normal Incidence Cavity Ring-down Spectroscopy

Anna Klimaszewski-Patterson
Geography
Climate, Fire, and Native Americans: Identifying Forces of Paleoenvironmental Change in the Southern Sierra Nevada, California

Ashok K. Pokharel
Atmospheric Science
Atmospheric Dynamics of Sub-Tropical Dust Storms

Nancy Quiros
Physics
Equilibrium and Dynamic Studies of the van der Waals Molecule Titanium-helium: TiHe

Ryan B. Royle
Physics
Kinetic Modeling of Ultraintense X-ray Laser-Matter Interactions
Joseph V. Russo
Counseling and Educational Psychology
The Effects of Social Media Marketing on Help-Seeking Behavior

Kazi K. Shahidullah
Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning
Teacher Perceptions of Inquiry and STEM Education in Bangladesh

Rafal Marcin Skiba
Psychology
Comparing Attention and Eye Movements towards Real Objects Versus Image Displays

Kevin Vincent Stanton
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Axially Loaded Drilled Shafts: LRFD Resistance Factor Calibration and Predictive Techniques for Settlement

Scotty D.J. Strachan
Geography
Observing Semi-Arid Ecoclimates across Mountain Gradients in the Great Basin, USA

Rahul Thareja
Geo-Engineering
Numerical Modeling Methodology for Weak Rock Masses in Nevada Gold Mines

Deepak Kumar Tosh
Computer Science and Engineering
Market Based Models for CYBersecurity Information Exchange (CYBEX)

John W. Umek
Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Biology
The Ecology of Signal Crayfish in Two Large Ultra-Oligotrophic Ecosystems: Crater Lake and Lake Tahoe

Laura Michele Wilhelm
Anthropology
It’s not a Collective; It’s a Personal Experience that Happens to be Shared: How Philosophical Systems of Individualism are Sustained through Masonic Collaboration

Ying Zhang
Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology
The Regulators of Mouse Spermatogenic Cell Fate Decisions

December 2016

Krishna Barakoti
Chemistry
Studies of Model Photocatalysts: Stochastic, Electrochemical and Solution Analysis of Colloidal Nanoparticles

João Paulo Pinto Braz
Mechanical Engineering
Tire-Road Friction Coefficient Measurements Using Vehicle as a Probe

Courtenay Burns
Political Science
We Don’t Like it But We’ll Live There: The Conflict between Stated Opinion and Action Regarding Nuclear Facilities

Nicole Lynn Casillas
Education
The Effects of Video Self-Modeling on Functional Life Skills in Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Amy Marie Chattin
Biochemistry
Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids Alter the Epigenetic Landscape of Triple-Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC)

Josette El Zaklit
Biomedical Engineering
Electroporation of Intracellular Membranes of Adrenal Chromaffin Cells with High Intensity, 5-ns Electric Pulses: An Experimental and Modeling Study

Esra Erdin
Computer Science and Engineering

Timothy C. Fuller
Psychology
Derived Relational Responding Developed and Observed Through Correlation and Yes/No Procedures

Zebbedia G. Gibb
Social Psychology
Individual, Cultural, and Behavioral Correlates of Cyberbullying Behaviors in College Students

Jean Carlos Guzman Pujols
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Horizontal–Vertical Coupling in the Seismic Response of Irregular Base-Isolated and Conventional Buildings

Leonardo Hernandez
Environmental Science and Health
Effects of Nitrogen on Productivity and Photosynthetic Response of Bromus Tectorum

Andrew C. Hickey
Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Biology
Assessing the Effects of Biotic and Abiotic Factors on Ephedra viridis Seed Size

Angela Hornsby
Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Biology
Demographic and Phenotypic Reactions to Climate by Western North American Woodrats (Neotoma spp.)

Denis Istrati
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Large-Scale Hydrodynamic Experiments and Simulations of Tsunami Inundation of Bridges including Dynamic Fluid-Structure Interaction Effects

Brady J. Janes
Education
Using the DEA Model to Transform Data Into Information: Academic Department Efficiency at a Public University

Mackenzie L. Kilpatrick
Geography
Michael Douglas Leonard
Chemistry

Wenzhen Li
Counseling and Educational Psychology
Instructional Design Thinking and the Creation of Videos for Teaching: A Predictive Model of Quality

Mi Lu
Chemical Engineering
Development of Catalytic Process for Carbon Dioxide Utilization

Gilberto Martinez Esparza
Geology
Productive versus Non-productive Porphyry Systems Surrounding the Penasquitos Diatreme–Porphyry System, Zacatecas, Mexico

Mo Masoumi Danyan
Materials Science and Engineering
Vapor Pressure Measurements of LiBH₄, NaBH₄ and Ca(BH₄)₂ using Knudsen Torsion Effusion Gravimetric Method

Ingrid Mburia
Environmental Science and Health
Disparities in Birth Outcomes and Associated Risk Factors

Farshad Meshkati
Mechanical Engineering
Analysis and Modeling of Magnetized Microswimmers: Effects of Geometry and Magnetic Properties

Mohammed Saeed Mohammed
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Effect of Earthquake Duration on Structural Response of Bridge Columns

Nithya Padmavathy Mohan
Biomedical Engineering
Monitoring Embolized Brain Aneurysms with an Implanted Miniature Biomimetic Pressure Sensing System

Sabrina Morano
Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Biology
Population Ecology and Summer Habitat Selection of Mule Deer in the White Mountains: Implications of Changing Landscapes and Variable Climate

Thivanka Muthumalage
Environmental Science and Health
Effects of Commonly Used Air Filters on Secondhand Tobacco Smoke and the Induction of Oxidative Stress and Inflammatory Responses in Mice

Bishnu Prasad Neupane
Environmental Science and Health
Biofuels and Biomaterials from an Arid Lands Plant, Grindelia Squarrosa

Abdoulaye Ouedraogo
Economics
Local Economic Impact of Boom and Bust in Mineral Resource Extraction in the United States: A Spatial Econometrics Analysis

Whalmany Linglee Ounkham
Chemistry
Aqueous Phase Nitrile Hydration Catalyzed by Ruthenium (II) 1,3,5-triaza-7-phosphadadamantane (PTA) Derived Complexes

Torrey F. Palmer
Educational Specialties
Comparative Analysis of Student Reading Achievement Following Teachers’ Participation in CCSS Professional Learning Program

Julia Petereit
Biomedical Engineering
Petal: A New Approach to Construct and Analyze Gene Co-Expression Networks in R

Likhitha Ravi
Computer Science and Engineering

David Anthony Tyler Rodriguez
Materials Science and Engineering
Materials Degradation in Supercritical Water

Kevin M. Schmidt
Chemical Engineering
Ab-initio Studies of Metal Hexaboride Systems

Jennifer C. Schmitt
Chemistry
Investigating Chemical Bonding in Unusual Metal Compounds Using Experimental and Theoretical Techniques

Renhai Shi
Materials Science and Engineering
Thermodynamic Calculations of Ternary Polyalcohol and Amine Phase Diagrams for Thermal Energy Storage Materials
Ahmet Soran
Computer Science and Engineering
MCPR: Multi-Core Parallel Routing

Sauntheri B. Spoering
Educational Leadership
A Case Study of the Implementation of the Resolution Session in Processing of Special Education Complaints in a Large Urban School District

Jessica R. Stewart
Speech Pathology
The Use of Gestures in Typically Developing Children 9-15 Months of Age

Anna Treacy
Education
Mixed Method Study of Sexual Health Education for Students with Disabilities

Md Helal Uddin
Chemical Engineering
CFD Simulation of Chemical Looping Combustion System

Amanda Van Dellen
Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Biology

Suiwen Wu
Civil and Environmental Engineering

Guangchuan Yang
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Acceleration Characteristics Study and Acceleration Lane Length Design for Metered Ramps

Xiaokun Yang
Chemical Engineering
Liquid Phase Conversion of Biomass to Renewable Fuels and Chemicals

Master’s Degrees

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, BIOTECHNOLOGY, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/MASTER OF SCIENCE

Biotechnology
- December 2016
  Jack Joseph Friebel
  Miguel A. Hernandez
  Danielle D. Kinder
  Gregory E. Robinson
  Alexander P. Sung

Natural Resource and Environmental Science
- August 2016
  Samuel Walker Flake
- December 2016
  Camie M. Dencker
  Jennifer Suzanne Rippert
  Brittany R. Trimble

Nutrition
- December 2016
  Levi W. Evans

COLLEGE OF BUSINESs

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
- August 2016
  Andrae St Michael Bandoo
  Megan Rose Barrenchea
  Joshua Adam Evans
  Heather Anne Ford
  Joshua D. Green
  Sandesh Kannan
  Albert Kenneson
  Emily Kathleen Peltier
- December 2016
  David Franklin Achey
  Adelere Daniel Adesina
  Donovan Takao Brill
  Daniel Grant Buster
  Charles Tyler Campbell
  Ellen C. Carstensen
  Cameron Donald Cloutier
  Elton James Colbert
Michael John Colyer
Kaitlin Meredith Cook
Jordan Kate Davenport
Juan Paolo F. Dela Cruz
Andrew James Diss
Vicenza Louise Dix
Courtney Blair Edwards
Christopher J. English
Michael Anthony Fasano
Zackary C. Fourgis
Ryan Andrew Friden
Rachel Renea Jo
Kenneth Curtis Lee
Kevin C. Lynch
Tiana Elizabeth Ross

**EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**
- **August 2016**
  - Olayinka Fajana Alonge
  - Jennifer Lynn Anderson

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

**MASTER OF ARTS**
**Educational Leadership**
- **August 2016**
  - Priya A. Ahlawat
  - Christopher R. Partridge
  - Ryan K. Wong
  - Richard Donald Wood
- **December 2016**
  - Patricia A. Aragona
  - Darryl D. Cleveland
  - Kashae Nicole Knox
  - Sean Elizabeth Maguire
  - Kreg L. Mebust
  - Derek A. Neff
  - Michaela K. Reilly

**MASTER OF SCIENCE**
**Economics**
- **December 2016**
  - Donald L. Meyer

**Finance**
- **August 2016**
  - Joseph Edward DeFrank
  - Daniel Ezekiel Morley
- **December 2016**
  - Sadhana Joshi
  - Kevin T. Kurek
  - Ruoxiao Zhan

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS**
- **December 2016**
  - Scott Allen Sosebee
  - Balaji Velmiki

**SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**Counseling and Educational Psychology**
- **December 2016**
  - Bowen C. Drewes
  - Janet Isabelle Stake

**Elementary Education**
- **December 2016**
  - Jayde C. Larson

**Equity and Diversity in Education**
- **August 2016**
  - Annie E. Hicks
  - Season Riley
  - Chelsey Solemsaas
- **December 2016**
  - Jose A. Torres-Jasso
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

MASTER OF SCIENCE
Biomedical Engineering
- December 2016
Mohammad A. Nourmohammadi

Civil and Environmental Engineering
- August 2016
Balasekaram Jayaprakas
Jared Thomas Jones
Alexander R. Mayorga
Mohamed Ali Abdelrahman Nimeri
Maryam Ostovar
- December 2016
Jaskaran Singh Boughan
Christopher D. Joe
Dongmei Lin
Austin L. Metz
Taylor M. Nielsen
Dan Marius Rasteiu
Kevin Salls
Fuerunandohayato Sunago
Joseph Aw Toth
Andres L. Urrego-Vallowe
Ilaria Vinci
Robert R. Zellers
Francesco Zuniga

Electrical Engineering
- August 2016
Umar Ijaz
Seyed Mehdi Rahimi
- December 2016
Guillermo Jose Aramendia Zabaleta
Jose Guadalupe Cordero
Mathew Hubert Henderson
Weixin Yang

Materials Science and Engineering
- August 2016
Kodi L. Summers
- December 2016
Madhura Hulyalkar
Mary L. Lindstrom
Sarah A. Yang

Mechanical Engineering
- December 2016
Nicholas Stephen Baker
Hank J. Boone
Pranay Chakraborty
Bishwash Shrestha
Corey Trujillo

COMPANY OF LIBERAL ARTS

MASTER OF ARTS
Anthropology
- August 2016
Amanda Margaret Rankin
Christopher Shaun Richey
- December 2016
Adam T. Calkins
Leo Alexander Demski
Amelia Hubbard
Geneva Lynne Kraus
Amanda Justine O’Neill
Erienne B. Overli

DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES

MASTER OF SCIENCE
Speech Pathology and Audiology
- August 2016
Adriana Roman Ferguson
Amanda K. Warner

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
- August 2016
Danica Ellice Anderson
Katarina Mae Trinidad

DONALD W. REYNOLDS SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

MASTER OF ARTS
Journalism
- August 2016
Jennifer Pizzi
- December 2016
Molly Fitzpatrick

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING OF HISTORY
- August 2016
Mario Francis Fitzpatrick
MASTER OF JUDICIAL STUDIES
- December 2016
  Beth Marie Andrus
  John Herbert Schumacher

MASTER OF JUSTICE MANAGEMENT
- August 2016
  Jonathan David Black
  Kaili Ann Lane
  Amber R. Starr
- December 2016
  Paul B. Adamson
  Misty Marie Best
  George Lorenzo Cholico
  Anneliese Mondorf
  Donald Raymond Poole
  Sharon Harlee Sandow

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Public Administration and Policy
- December 2016
  Gwendolyn N. Brandenburg
  Alexandra Jean Ellison
  Jason James Henkle
  Erik A. Jimenez
  Kelsey Kurupas
  Alicia M. Seefeldt
  Troy Cory Wilson
  Rachel M. Yelverton

ORVIS SCHOOL OF NURSING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
- August 2016
  Temitope Oyerinde
  Noah Yaeger

- December 2016
  Michelle R. Gordon
  Jennifer Ann Lightfoot
  Pornsawan Poopat
  Christopher R. Vennum

Geophysics
- December 2016
  Neil C. Pearson
  Loyd Travis West

Hydrogeology
- August 2016
  Brian James Anderson
  Cara A. Nadler
- December 2016
  Rowan Michael Gaffney
  Bruce Towner Warden
  Spencer K. Whitman

Hydrology
- December 2016
  Zachary William Carter
  Jonathan D. Jacquet
  Sara McBee
  Guy T. Smith

Mathematics
- August 2016
  Md. Rashidul Hasan
- December 2016
  Minsung Jung
  Gajendra Thapa
  Yang Zhou

Metallurgical Engineering
- December 2016
  Christian J. Herbig
  Jeffrey L. Olson

Physics
- August 2016
  Zephyr Ann Perkins
  Justin K. Wojdula
- December 2016
  Matthew Charles Cooper
  Zachary E. Johnson
★ Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude, In Cursu Honorum + Commissioned as an Army second lieutenant

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, BIOTECHNOLOGY, AND NATURAL RESOURCES
William Payne, Dean

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
Agricultural Science
- December 2016
  Jesse Freeman

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- August 2016
  Robert Thomas Heron
  Phill David Vainer

- December 2016
  Ashlyn N. Conlin
  Inderpreet K. Dhanjal
  Mohammed F. Forsad
  Timothy D. McEntire
  Britteny Monique Moreno
  Teffin Raphael Punnakkal
- Devin K. Smith
  Kevin Wang

Ecohydrology
- December 2016
  Matthew Callahan
  Matthew Shea Hooper
  Amanda Tate

Environmental Science
- December 2016
  Annie Baker
  Kaylie B. Bundy
  Corrie Malia Calderon
  Lauren Dalke
  Chase S. Estes
  Adriel Luipold
- Melissa Renee Mazzuca
  Tyler Jerome Moody
  Darden S. Mueller
  Ruben Ramos Avina
  Savannah C. Russell
  Walker M. Sauls

Forest Management and Ecology
- December 2016
  Samuel David Carpenter
  Cale Lopez
  Mallory Leanne Ong

Nutrition
- August 2016
  Matthew Louis Gallagher
  Jessica E. Sheridan Harris
  Tosca Dea Keppler
  Ann Elizabeth Smith
  Jennifer Zhu
- December 2016
  Samantha J. Bridegum
  Avery Hannah Felton
  Michelle Eileen Hahl
  Lisa Marie Hullin
  Sierra D. Jiron
  Ashlee Anne Lee
  Alexandra Ellen-Yvonne Lilley
  Sedona Kathryn Mazza
  Ruby Ozer
  Stephanie Ann Pietrowicz
  Timothy Kyle Prince
  Taylor Lynn Seitz
  Abbie Hannah Schepps
  Piparth Tack Sripongngarm
  Ana Marcela Vega

Rangeland Ecology and Management
- December 2016
  Jenipher Ashby

Wildlife Ecology and Conservation
- December 2016
  Cheyenne R. Acevedo
  David M. Adams
  Courtney Devin Ballard

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN VETERINARY SCIENCE
- August 2016
  Caitlin J. Baroody
  Fabiana B. Da Silva

- December 2016
  Sarah Whitney Archibald
  Matty Adeline Banks
  Kimberly Alicia Bruner
  Shelby Taylor Cates
  Athena Elena Eberle
  Vanessa Lydia Frazer
  Kelsey Rachel Lalone
  Kiana Moore
  Lauren T. Ruuska
  Emily C. Scutt
  Bryanna Leigh Souza
  Lisa Touch
  Elizabeth Winn-Hoyte

Varia Amber Bernhard Evans
Elana Ketchian
Jaclyn Delaney Knapp
Georgia Petersen
Carl Alan Rasmussen
James Michael Trueblood
Jonathan Luke Vivet
Mckenzie J. Wasley
John Paul Whitefield
Natasha N. Zozaya
Honors Program Graduates

The Honors Program provides students who are both academically talented and highly motivated with an undergraduate education that nurtures and promotes their capacities to think competently, understand deeply and act ethically.

The Honors Program awards three levels of Latin honors to indicate a student’s distinction. In order of increasing level, they are cum laude, “with honors,” magna cum laude, “with great honor,” and summa cum laude, “with highest honor.” To receive summa cum laude, graduates must have a grade point average of 3.9 or above. Other Honors graduates are listed below as in cursu honorum, “in the honors course.”

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

Magna Cum Laude, in Cursu Honorum
Lisa Scottie Lockrem, Management

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Caitlin J. Oleson, Civil Engineering
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Management

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  Heather Laree Domschot
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Communication Studies
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Music
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Arts education takes on an exciting new act

Arts education is a critical component of the University’s success. And now, with construction on a new Fine Arts Building about to begin in the spring, the University is poised to broaden the scope of its educational mission in the liberal arts, while also reaching out to the community.

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The new Fine Arts Building will feature a 280-seat recital hall, which will add another much-needed performance venue to the University and community.
in its delivery of the performing arts for the enrichment of all of northern Nevada.

The new Fine Arts Building, a 35,000-square-foot facility, will be built east of Church Fine Arts. Construction is planned to begin in April.

“A great university needs a great arts program, and a great arts program provides excellent and inspirational facilities for its students,” President Marc Johnson said.

“The new Fine Arts Building will provide unparalleled opportunities, not just to musicians and artists, but to everyone on campus while strengthening the University’s connection to our vibrant arts community.”

The new building comes on the heels of the 2014 completion of the $4 million Act One project, which included renovating and modernizing the Redfield Proscenium Theatre, remodeling the Front Door Gallery and creating an atrium entrance to Church Fine Arts.

The new Fine Arts Building will be home to a new fabrication lab, multiple rehearsal and practice rooms, a recording studio, office space and teaching studios. A centerpiece will be a more than 3,500-square-foot art museum, which should deepen the University’s ability to show museum-quality exhibitions.

The three-story building will attach to Church Fine Arts through a sky-walk over campus. Other features include a 280-seat recital hall, which will be a key conduit to the community through the venue’s offering of programming and special events.

The estimated cost of the project is $24.5 million, which is being raised through

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donor grants and pledges. Construction is slated to begin in April 2017, with completion expected in July 2018.

“One of our primary goals when we formed the school in 2004 was to create a plan to both upgrade the quality and increase the size of our physical plant,” said School of the Arts Director Larry Engstrom. The new building will provide quality learning and teaching space for students and faculty, and will also help the University continue to reach out more effectively into the community.

Added Johnson: “We are providing our faculty and students the opportunity to learn, to create and to accomplish wonderful things in the arts. And, we are welcoming our community to participate in the life of our campus in one of the most enjoyable and enriching ways possible through our commitment to the creation of a built environment that is welcoming and on the cutting edge of performance and creativity.”

Johnson said the new building will help the University continue to further leverage its place in the community as a prime gathering spot for arts and culture. In addition, it also will help highlight the talents and accomplishments of College of Liberal Arts and School of the Arts faculty whose collective work is bringing national recognition to the University.

A solid foundation already has been established in the University’s ability to engage the community through the arts. Notable examples include:

- The Sheppard Contemporary and University galleries exhibit the work of up-and-coming artists, as well as those of international reputation, including Polly Apfelbaum, Arturo Herrera, Ann Hamilton, Nicholas Kahn and Richard Selesnick, Sky Kim and others.
- The Reno Jazz Festival draws 9,000 participants and more than 300 school groups from up to 10 states annually. It is one of the largest student-oriented jazz festivals in the world.
- The Argenta Concert Series has been successful in bringing to campus some of the finest classical chamber musicians in the country, including pianist Wu Han and cellist David Finckel. The series includes up to six concerts by out-of-town artists, and three concerts with the Argenta Trio, the University’s professional chamber group-in-residence.

The College of Liberal Arts encompasses the disciplines of the humanities and social sciences, as well as the School of the Arts and the School of Social Research and Justice Studies. The largest college at the University, the College of Liberal Arts has more than 3,500 undergraduate majors, 500 graduate students, 240 faculty members and 50 staff members.
The state’s land-grant leader

Since its founding in 1874, the University of Nevada, Reno has proudly served as the state of Nevada’s land-grant University. The University was created through the aspirations of the Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862, which transformed higher education in the nation by creating more public universities to be more easily accessed by the middle class.

In 1886, after 12 years in Elko, the University moved to Reno and welcomed a student body of 35. The University grew steadily, reaching 11 buildings, two student dormitories and a gymnasium by 1900, and passed the 1,000-student enrollment mark by 1922. In the years leading to World War II, the University continued to add to its physical structure with the
construction of the Mackay Science Hall (for $415,000) and a new $250,000 library, the Clark Library.

Following World War II, and continuing to today, the University has undergone a sustained period of growth. During the 1950s and 1960s, the University began to earn some of its first sustained national and international acclaim. For example, English department members Charlton Laird and Robert Gorrell’s “Modern English Handbook” became the standard text for college classrooms throughout the nation; best-selling author Walter Van Tilburg Clark (“The Ox-Bow Incident”) was the University’s Writer-In-Residence for a decade; and Department of Psychology researchers Allen and Beatrix Gardner conducted groundbreaking, internationally acclaimed communication research with chimpanzees.

Under the leadership of President Joseph N. Crowley, from 1978-2000, the University saw its physical infrastructure double, its enrollment swell and its national prestige grow. Crowley stabilized University relationships with the community as well as with the state, augmented an already experienced faculty by hiring new faculty recognized as rising leaders in their respective fields, and saw the student population reach 12,000 by 1992. It was during this time that talented professors – individuals such as the acclaimed writer Robert Laxalt – who was the University’s first Distinguished Nevada Author Chair – were drawn to the state’s land-grant University where research was productive and classroom discussion with students was meaningful. Said Laxalt of the time period: “The discussions and arguments the students have in class... are what a professor dreams about.”

Throughout the first two decades of the 21st century, the University has remained an institution on the move. Presidents John Lilley, Milton Glick and Marc Johnson have led the campus through a period of uncommon productivity and achievement. With the opening of the Joe Crowley Student Union in 2007, a new library in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center in 2008, as well as the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center in 2010 and a renovation of the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism building completed in 2012, the
University has embraced a culture of student success. Johnson defined the University’s spirit, one that has emphasized a “remarkable student experience,” well during his inaugural address in 2012. “We must continue to stress personal, human interaction between students and experienced mentors if we are to remain true to our heritage of this University and to foster critical thinking and discernment,” Johnson said. “We are the people’s university.”

In fall 2016, the University reached an all-time high enrollment with 21,353 students, with more than 4,000 students graduating during that calendar year. The University also reached high-water marks in National Merit and Presidential Scholars, with more than 300 on campus, while faculty productivity, campus diversity and retention also attained milestone levels. In early 2016, the University marked another important moment – the opening of the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center, which, for the first time in history, has brought together a host of student-centered success services in a single physical location. And, perhaps more than ever before, students were “learning by doing” by excelling on the national stage of collegiate competitions, with University teams placing among the top teams in the nation in areas as diverse as concrete canoe, parliamentary debate and integrated marketing.

For more than 140 years, the University has created the educated workforce of Nevada, while providing an opportunity for the state to realize a diversified economy. As a high-impact research University, the institution has proudly solved problems, provided new paths and forged a unique and lasting relationship with the state that it serves. As the state of Nevada continues to evolve, finding its foothold in an increasingly high-tech and advanced manufacturing environment, it has been joined in this effort by the multitude of resources the University offers. As Johnson put it during his “State of the University” address in 2015, “This is a time of transformation. The University is transforming and deepening the way we fulfill our missions. We are transforming, along with our state, into a hub of advanced manufacturing, of entrepreneurship, of creativity and quality of life. This is our time.”
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