Planning today to leave a legacy for tomorrow: Christopher and Mardra Jay

Like many alumni, Christopher Jay ’75 M.A. (political science) reads every issue of his Nevada Silver & Blue magazine. But he is especially fond of the award-winning “Family Tree Challenge” feature that highlights a particular family and the number of Nevada alumni within it. Chris likes the sense of legacy and connection to Nevada conveyed by the family trees.

Chris and his wife, Mardra, have provided for their own family legacy by including a charitable bequest to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation in their estate plans. Chris and Mardra are also proud to be charter members of the Nevada Legacy Society, which was established to honor and thank our friends who have included the University Foundation in their estate and financial plans.

“My wife and I believe strongly in legacy, and Nevada is certainly a part of our planning,” says Chris.

Chris’ affection for Nevada stems from the two years he spent at the University completing his graduate studies in political science. Chris credits his time at the University with laying the foundation that has allowed him to set and meet goals both in work and life.

The Jays’ planned gift is Chris’ way of saying “Thank You” to the University for the wonderful gift of education. We thank the Jays for their foresight in planning a legacy today that will make a big difference to future generations at Nevada!

—Lisa Riley, director of Planned Giving

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