The University of Nevada, Reno’s Spring Commencement conferred 2,012 degrees and certificates, the largest number of graduates in the University’s history. There were two ceremonies, one for advanced-degree recipients on Friday, May 13 and one for bachelor-degree recipients on Saturday, May 14. Both ceremonies were held on the historic Quadrangle, located on the southern part of campus. During the University’s 121st Commencement, 1,495 bachelor degrees and 517 advanced-degree certificates (master’s and doctoral degrees and education specialist certificates) were awarded.

(1) Sally Pope and Nicole Daroza.
(2) Josh Halen and Vivian Lung.
(3) Assistant professor of journalism Bob Felten, Anna Ditchev, assistant professor of journalism Todd Felts and Jamie Ellison.
(4) David Nyquit and Janic Havard.
(5) Kaitlin Fletcher, Crystal Bacher and Alicia Herrera.
(6) Zach Reynolds, Nick Daman Prina and Bear Hollis.
(7) Sandra Hernandez, Jayme Velasco, Genesis Navarrete and Veronica Acuna.
(8) Associate professor of managerial sciences Jim Sundali.
(9) Ai Ly, Sandy Lee, graduate Calvin Fung and Felix La.
(10) Nathan Serdenia, Jeffery Valoria and Ross Driscoll.
(11) Carla Locason, Chuck Locason, Shanon Murphy, Hillary Murphy (graduate), Andrea Locason, Matthew Locason and Sheri Sharp.

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Herz Gold Medalist

Lauren VanCitters (with President Marc Johnson) received the 2011 Herz Gold Medal, presented at each Commencement ceremony to the graduating senior with the highest GPA. VanCitters earned her bachelor of science in biology with a perfect 4.0 GPA.
Golden Reunion ’61
Alumni and guests attended the Class of 1961 Golden Reunion May 13-14. Friday events included a campus tour, dinner and pinning ceremony. Class members led Saturday’s undergraduate Commencement processional onto the Quad. Good times were had—and recounted—by all.

(1) Ted ’61 and Susan Schroeder ’61 with the rest of the Class of 1961 prepare to lead the Commencement processional.

MacLean Observatory Opening
More than 100 friends of the University joined the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation to commemorate the grand opening of the MacLean Observatory, May 21. Contributions from the MacLean family and the Jack Van Sickle Foundation were instrumental in bringing this new astronomy complex at the Redfield campus to completion.

(1) Jerry Smith from the Nell J. Redfield Foundation, President Marc Johnson, President Emeritus John Lilley and Sharon Smith.

(2) Attendees at the opening of the MacLean Observatory wait to look through the telescope.

(3) Hawley MacLean ’89 with his wife Daphine MacLean and two sons, Will and Harris.

Photos by Theresa Danna-Douglas
Alumni Night at Aces Ballpark

Alumni Night with the Reno Aces was a great success! More than 300 alumni, new grads and families came out to the ballpark April 29.

(1) Spring 2011 nursing graduates: (front row) Emily Proud ’11, Sophia Mesfin ’11 and Marcus Kutara ’11; (back row) Marco Brito ’11, Haley Mcneil ’11, Douglas Yao ’11 and Lara Morales ’11.
(2) Jack ’69 and Cheri Byrom ’11.
(3) Sam Kuhlman ’05, Marissa Gioglio ’04, ’06MBA and John Vanhoose ’03.

Alumni Recruitment Events

The 2011 Student Recruitment Receptions cosponsored by the Nevada Alumni Association and the Office for Prospective Students wrapped up in northeastern Nevada and Henderson this spring. More than 325 students, family members and alumni learned about the Nevada experience and academic opportunities.

(1) Regent Kevin Melcher ’79, ’81M.S. talks with prospective student Catherine Morgan and her father, Ken, at the northeastern Nevada recruitment event in Elko.
(2) Scott Voeller ’83 speaks to more than 250 prospective students and families in Henderson.
(3) Admissions and recruitment coordinator, Quentin Owens, works with Susan, Julie (prospective student) and Allen Stefka in Elko.
(4) University student ambassador and current student Nicole Romo (pre-nursing) answers questions for the Smith family during the Henderson reception.