Welcome back!

The Nevada Alumni Association kicked off fall events Sept. 1 with a Nevada vs. Cal tailgate party on the UC Berkeley campus. More than 450 alumni and friends infused the sold out event with Wolf Pack spirit. In the crisp late morning air, partygoers marched up the hill to join thousands of Nevada fans inside newly refurbished Memorial Stadium. Whether they traveled from near or far, Pack fans left the game satisfied with a 31-24 win over the Bears.

The Nevada Alumni Association has many fall events in the works, including home tailgate parties at Legacy Hall and the family-friendly Homecoming Bonfire. For more information visit alumni.unr.edu and connect with us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.
‘40s
Doris A. (Hanssen) Sinofsky ’49 (journalism) is involved with producing a documentary about Holocaust survivors.

‘60s
William F.Magee ’67 (history) is a volunteer doula on the palliative care team at Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas. Bill visits and prays with patients and their families in the hospital’s intensive care unit and patient rooms. He also acts as a patient and family advocate as needed. The palliative care team includes doctors, nurses, chaplains, therapists and social workers.

‘70s
Jeffrey L. Ceccarelli ’76 (civil engineering) has retired from NV Energy after four decades of employment. Jeff is a Sparks native and fourth-generation Nevadan. He plans to remain active in his post-NV Energy life, lecturing in engineering classes at the University of Nevada, Reno, continuing his role on the College of Engineering Advisory Board and following the Wolf Pack basketball team, of which he was a member for two years at Nevada.

‘80s
Dennis G. Eckmeyer ’83 (industrial mechanics) is a member of the New York Life Insurance Company’s 2012 Executive Council. Members of the Executive Council are among the most successful of New York Life’s elite sales force of nearly 12,000 licensed agents. Dennis has been a New York Life agent since 2004 and is associated with New York Life’s general office in Reno.

Michael J. Legarza ’83 (physical education) was inducted into the California Community On College Coaches Hall of Fame in May and the Reno High School Athletic Hall of Fame in June. Mike lives in San Francisco with wife, Kim M. (Savini) Legarza ’84 (journalism), and their three children. He is the president of Legarza Basketball Camp and Legarza Volleyball Camp.

Ronnie J. Rivera ’84 (marketing) joined WMS Industries Inc. as vice president of western division sales and national accounts. WMS is a global firm engaged in designing, manufacturing and distributing

Traveling as a Pack
For the last seven years 11 Wolf Pack families have planned an annual summer trip together. This year’s outing was at the KOA in West Yellowstone, Mont. PICTURED: Curtis McElwee ’89, Matt Laird, Rick Sprouse, John and Robert Crandell, Diana Sprouse, Paula Crandell ’00, ’02, Donell Laird, Sam Nutter, Ashley Sprouse, Madelyn Laird, Ellen Nutter, Alex Laird, Kelsey Sprouse, Nicholas Pancake, Mikayla, Lisa and Vincent Johnson ’90, ’00, Todd Pancake, Mel ’93 and Rochelle Nutter, Maddie Nelson, Grace Nutter, Julia McElwee, Cassidy Crandell, Jean ’88 and Casey McElwee, Tom and Randi Nelson.
games, gaming content and gaming machines. Ronnie has 25 years in senior sales and management positions at International Game Technology. He most recently served as senior vice president of U.S. and Canadian sales for IGT, leading a senior sales team of 18 managers.

Kenneth R. Kreisler ‘86 (criminal justice), ‘90M.D. is an associate professor teaching anesthesiology residents at Kansas University. Ken has three children: Zach, 14; Josh, 11; and Abby, 9.

Marie M. McCormack ‘88 (biology), ‘92M.D. has joined Renown Health as the medical director for rural primary care practices. Marie oversees primary care providers in Fallon, Fernley and Silver Springs, Nev. She has worked with Renown as a family practitioner for six years in Fernley, and was a family practitioner for Churchill Community Hospital from 2001 to 2006. Marie worked in family practice at the department of family medicine for the Wenatchee Valley Clinic in Wenatchee, Wash., from 1995 to 2001.

Lt. Col. Sidney G. Zeller ‘88 (general studies) retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 2010 after serving 27 years and in three wars. He is now the director of exercise control at the USMC Mountain Warfare Training Center near Bridgeport, Calif.

Bret W. Frey ‘89 (biology), ‘00M.D. has been named physician medical director for American Medflight, Inc.

‘90s
Wade B. Gochnour ‘92 (accounting) was recently named to the 2012 Mountain States Super Lawyers list. The list is compiled from a rigorous multi-phase selection process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, independent evaluation of candidates by the attorney-led research staff, a peer review of candidates by practice area, and a good-standing and disciplinary check. Only 5 percent of the lawyers in each of these states are named to Super Lawyers.

Christopher B. Smith ‘93 (history), ‘96M.Ed. (educational leadership) has been appointed chief of the Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security in Carson City. He is a certified emergency manager and member of the International Association of Emergency Managers. Chris also serves Gov. Brian Sandoval ‘86 (political science) as
his homeland security adviser, overseeing planning, training and the coordinated response of Nevada Public Safety resources in the event of an incident.

Christopher Nielsen ’97 (biology) is the director of the Nevada Department of Taxation. Chris holds law degrees from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law and the University of Washington School of Law.

James P. Marren ’98 (education), a certified financial planner, has opened an independent Raymond James office in downtown Reno. Jim was previously a financial adviser with Edward Jones for 12 years, where he was a limited partner. Jim and his team at Raymond James provide clients with wealth legacy management services to ensure the quality of life for every generation. Jim and his wife, Erin K. (Dennison) Marren ’99 (English), live in Reno with their two children, Avery and Carter.

Kellene S. Stockwell ’98 (journalism), ’00 (theatre) won her second regional Emmy as news producer at KTVN. Kellene recently received a certificate in feature film writing from the UCLA Extension Program and she is pursuing a social media marketing certificate from the University of Nevada, Reno Extended Studies Program.

Kickin’ it with K-von | Got it right the first time

The Olympics provided some temporary relief. Now that they’re over, turn on the TV and you’ll catch shows like The Biggest Loser, Celebrity Rehab and several others about people fighting their way back from the bad decisions they’ve made. Open the paper and you’ll read about people involved in various scandals. The more they’ve messed up, the more coverage they get.

How about a shout-out to those who never made a bunch of mistakes in the first place? You know, the ones that actually got it right the first time? Maybe it isn’t captivating. Perhaps it doesn’t sell enough advertising. For whatever reason, the people we should look up to typically go unmentioned. I can imagine a network TV executive sitting in the office listening to various story pitches:

Pitch: “So, we got this kid who was told not to do drugs . . . and actually LISTENED.”

Network Executive: (yawns) “Not going to get ratings.”

Pitch: “All right, how about this: A student who prevented gaining the dreaded ‘Freshman 15’ with a diet and fitness regimen.”

Network Executive: “Get the hell out of my office!”

Someone at the top wants us to believe that those who set good examples are NOT sensational. They aren’t interesting enough to get on shows like Dr. Phil, and they surely won’t get a standing ovation after sharing their so-called bland story. They prefer to give the platform to those who have made drastic mistakes.

Maybe I’m weird, but the people who were somehow able to navigate all the obstacles and got it right the first time are the ones who fascinate me. Those are the people I want to hear from and would like to surround myself with. Take a walk around the University of Nevada, Reno campus this fall and you’ll definitely find some unsung heroes. These “boring” types are reflected in the students, faculty, staff and volunteers. They’re everywhere. To them I would say: “Even though you haven’t completely ruined your whole life at one point, I still think you’re great.”

So if this applies to you, consider this little corner of Nevada Silver & Blue your pat on the back. Enjoy it, because you probably won’t be getting another one of these for a while. You’re the one we should be turning on the TV and hearing about. Until then, back to watching the standard programs, and . . . Wow! This 490-pound lady just weighed in at a svelte 470. Someone give her a gold medal!

K-von ’03 (marketing) is a proud Nevada alum and comedian. Visit KvonComedy.Wordpress.com for more articles. He’ll be performing in Las Vegas in October and Reno in November. Four dates are listed on www.Kvon.tv
Amber J. Joiner '00 (political science, speech communications), Kyle J. Davis '01 (political science), and big sister Eleanor, age 3, are happy to announce the birth of their little boy, Stewart, on March 13, 2012.

L. Erin Russell '00 (journalism, political science) and her husband, Trevor Hayes, welcomed Ellie Lynn Hayes on June 9, 2012.

Marcus A. Culpepper '07 (marketing) and his wife, Mary, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Marshall Grant Culpepper. Marshall was born Jan. 13, 2012.

Jamie R. Kingham '93 (journalism) and his wife Rachel C. (Milon) Kingham '01 (journalism) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Lillian Grace Kingham, on Aug. 14, 2012.

Denise R. Duarte '99 (general studies) was awarded her second Mayor’s Urban Design Award in public art for “Flourish,” 12 city blocks of sidewalk enhancements in Las Vegas. Denise also recently facilitated the community art project “Exist” in Baltimore, Md.

‘00s

Kathleen (Slaboch) Kirkpatrick '00 (journalism) was recently named the manager of institutional advancement communications and alumni at Truckee Meadows Community College.

Matthew K. Kraemer '02 M.M. (music) was appointed conductor of the Butler Symphony Orchestra in Butler, Penn. Matthew studied conducting in Vienna, Austria. He is the recipient of the distinguished Herbert von Karajan Conducting Fellowship and the Bruno Walter Career Development Grant. Matthew has had numerous guest conducting engagements with orchestras in Akron, Atlanta, Baltimore, Cincinnatti, Hartford, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Mississauga (Canada), Nashville, North Carolina, Spokane, St. Louis and Reno.

Dano Kraig P. Fernandez '03 (criminal justice) is a law enforcement analyst at the Law Enforcement Support Center in Williston, Va. The LESC is administered by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. Dano also teaches adjunct criminal justice and law enforcement courses online.

Brian A. Holt '03 (criminal justice) was named director of sports practice at V2 Strategic Advisors in Portsmouth, N.H. V2 is a boutique consulting firm specializing in Salesforce.com customer relations management. Brian is responsible for the sourcing of new clients across all major professional sports leagues (NFL, NBA, NHL, Major League Baseball and Major League Soccer), as well as
the management of the project delivery team. He brings 10 years of previous finance, sales and management experience with Wells Fargo Bank to the firm.

Lisa M. Jansen '05 (marketing) joined John Ascuaga's Nugget as the special events manager. Lisa is responsible for production oversight and sponsorship sales for the Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off, Star Spangled Sparks, Hot August Nights and Crafts for Christmas. A Reno native, Lisa comes to the Nugget from Sam Shad Productions, where she produced “Nevada NewsMakers.” She has extensive event experience through her work with the Reno Rodeo Association, Rotary Club of Reno, Leadership Reno Sparks and Reno-Tahoe Young Professionals Network.

Susan R. Salem '05 (journalism) is in London studying abroad to finish her master’s degree in sports administration and leadership from Seattle University. Susie's academic work is partly focused on the Olympics, and she was selected by the Seattle Times to be an Olympic contributor to the newspaper.

Jaunice Scopelliti '05 (nutrition) recently graduated from Barry University in St. Petersburg, Fla., and is a physician assistant. She graduated fourth in her class, was class president for both terms, and received recognition for excellence in academia and community service. Jaunice recently began her first job with an endocrinologist in Tampa, Fla., and is planning her spring 2013 wedding.

Amy N. (Gookin) Stratton '05 (Spanish, biochemistry) is a graduate of Touro Medical University and is serving in the United States Army as a surgeon. Amy is a second-year internal medicine resident at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii. She married Ty Stratton in May 2012.

Las Vegas Alumni Party
October 12, 2012 at 6:30 PM
Scott ’89 and Jill (Pelan) Gragson ’90 Residence

$35 Per Person
For more information or to purchase tickets, visit alumni.unr.edu/events/ or call 888.NV ALUMS by October 5.

Space is limited to 400 guests.

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Susan J. Dons ’07 (journalism) is the director of business development for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties. Suzy has been with the association for almost three years.

Shay L. Wells ’07 (criminal justice) was named among the top 50 up-and-coming attorneys in Nevada on the 2012 Legal Elite List in the June issue of Nevada Business magazine. Shay works for Woodburn and Wedge, a Reno-based law firm. He practices commercial law/litigation and bankruptcy and provides extensive pro bono work in the community.

David A. Ciarlo ’08 (criminal justice) is the editor in chief of the USC Law Review for Volume 86, and will seek clerkships with judges following graduation from the University of Southern California Gould School of Law. He spent this summer with one of the nation’s premier law firms, Jones Day.

‘10s

Sophia C. Raphael Cardinal ’10 (accounting) recently received her certified public accountant license from the Nevada State Board of Accountancy. Sophia is employed with Kohn Colodny LLP as an auditor and tax return preparer.

Our 2013 Pack Tracks travel program offers Oceania Cruises to exciting destinations worldwide—and the fun part is traveling with fellow Nevada alumni!

**Tahitian Jewels:** January 16-27  
**Italian Inspiration:** April 27-May 5  
**European Mosaic:** June 5-13  
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OCTOBER 2
Nevada Pride (LGBTQIA) Alumni Chapter Alumni and Community Mixer
6-8 p.m., Wild River Grille

OCTOBER 3
Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter Dinner
7 p.m., Louis’ Basque Corner

OCTOBER 4
Nevada Alumni Association 2012 Homecoming Gala
Co-Sponsored by GEICO and Hometown Health
6 p.m. No Host Reception,
7 p.m. Dinner and Program
Joe Crowley Student Union Ballroom
Asian American Pacific Islander Alumni Chapter Sushi Social
6 p.m., Sushi Saga, located inside the Siena Hotel Spa Casino

OCTOBER 5
Discussion with Adam Davidson, Co-Founder and Co-Host of Planet Money
3-4 p.m. Scholarly Discussion, Reception to Follow
Higinbotham Auditorium, Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism
Alumni Band Rehearsal & Social
5 p.m. Rehearsal Band Room,
Adults-Only, No-Host Social to Follow (Archie’s)

OCTOBER 6
Nevada Alumni Association & ASUN Department of Traditions Family Pep Rally & Bonfire
6 p.m. Games/Festivities,
8 p.m. Bonfire Lighting
North of the Center for Molecular Medicine
Nevada Cheer, Dance & Mascot Alumni Chapter Homecoming Social
7 p.m., The Wolf Den
Old Guy’s Night with the Young Alumni Chapter
8-10 p.m., Little Waldorf Saloon

ASUN Department of Traditions Homecoming Parade
9 a.m., Virginia Street, Along the University Campus
Alumni Band Game Day Festivities
11 a.m. Rehearsal, Lunch to Follow, Sponsored by Band Boosters Mackay Stadium
Young Alumni Chapter & Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter Homecoming Tailgaterpalooza
1 p.m., North Parking Lot Mackay Stadium
Nevada Cheer, Dance & Mascot Alumni Chapter Homecoming Tailgate Party
1 p.m., North Parking Lot, Mackay Stadium
Nevada Alumni Association Homecoming Tailgate Party
Co-Sponsored by Battle Born Beer, GEICO, Sierra Pacific Federal Credit Union & Total Wine
2 p.m., Legacy Hall
Alumni Band Performance
Pregame and Halftime Mackay Stadium
Nevada Football Alumni Association Homecoming Tailgate
Throughout the Game Nevada Football Alumni Section, inside Mackay Stadium
Nevada vs. Wyoming
4:06 p.m., Mackay Stadium
Visit NevadaWolfPack.com for tickets.