The Nevada Living Learning Community Grand Opening

On May 31, The Nevada Living Learning Community grand opening welcomed guests to preview the 124,000-square-foot facility that will help immerse students in all aspects of an enriching and memorable educational experience. The event began with a program where attendees were surprised by a dynamic flash mob performance. The celebration continued inside the new facility with tours showcasing classrooms, dorm rooms and multipurpose areas to allow guests to experience the thoughtfully designed student living, learning and social environment. The Nevada Living Learning Community represents a unique integration of residential hall living with experiential connections to the University’s curriculum and social fabric. This new residence hall will house 320 freshmen, who will be divided among the nine living-learning communities: arts, business, education, engineering, honors, journalism, pre-nursing, women in science and engineering and first-year majors (undecided and outside of the listed communities).

Flash mob dancers featured College of Science Dean Jeff Thompson; College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources Dean Ron Pardini; assistant vice president of Constituent Relations Patricia Richard ’89, ’92M.A.; cheerleader Karina Nelson; vice president of Student Services Shannon Ellis; cheerleader Katherine

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Crowe; marching band director William Plenk; cheerleader Rodel Maulit ’11; Reynolds School of Journalism Dean Alan Stavitsky; and cheerleader Martika Tillman.

(2) Vice president of Student Services Shannon Ellis.


(4) Student volunteers Haley Dressel, Theo Meek, Sarah Haeberlin, Matt Rodman, Rebecca Zug and Emma Crossman.

(5) Cheerleaders Katherine Crowe, Martika Tillman and Karina Nelson.

(6) President Marc Johnson addresses the crowd.

(7) Chief of staff to the Board of Regents Scott Wasserman, Regent Richard Trachok ’74, President Marc Johnson, Regent Jack Schofield ’67M.Ed. and Regent Cedric Crear.

(8) Vice president of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers.

(9) Band members Anthony Landers, Kevin Conlin, Jason Joyner, Edson Almachar, Peter Branch and Jesse Kilburn.

(10) Vice president of Administration and Finance Ronald Zurek and his wife, JoAnn Zurek, with Chancellor Daniel Klaich ’72.