The University of Nevada, Reno’s Spring Commencement conferred 2,215 degrees and certificates, the largest number of graduates in the University’s history. Advanced degrees were presented May 18, while bachelor degrees were awarded May 19. Between the Winter 2011 and Spring 2012 Commencement ceremonies, the University awarded a total of 3,762 degrees. Baccalaureate degrees awarded by the University have increased 59 percent over the past 10 years.

Herz Gold Medalist

Mathew Neben ’12 (economics and finance) received the 2012 Herz Gold Medal, presented at each Commencement ceremony to the graduating senior with the highest GPA.

(1) Mathew Neben ’12 with President Marc Johnson at Commencement May 19. Neben graduated with a 4.0 GPA.

Gatherings

(1) Travis McCurry ’12, Joe Zikakis ’12, Alexa Standerfer ’12, Lisa Wheeler and Ellyn Morrill.

(2) Dean McCabe ’12, Logan Adams ’12, Amaia Oiz ’12 and Jose Bobadilla ’12.

(3) Graduates show off their new diplomas.

(4) Shelace Shoemaker ’12 receives her master’s in education.


(6) Esra Erdin ’12 received a master’s in computer science and engineering.

(7) Alexander Kamikawa ’12, Robert Smalley ’12 and Jamie Loyola ’12.
Alumni Graduation Celebration
The Nevada Alumni Association hosted a luncheon for new graduates, complete with entertainment from Nevada alumnus K-von ’03 (marketing).

(1) Amaia Oiz ’12, Chelsea Currie ’12, associate vice president student life services Rita Laden ’96Ed.D., Derek Nance ’12 and Kerry Booth ’12.

(2) Comedian K-von ’03 entertains the crowd of new graduates with stories of life after graduation and first jobs.

Golden Reunion
Golden Reunion brought the Class of 1962 back to campus May 18-19. The group became reacquainted with campus, swapped (and denied) stories and led the Commencement processional on the Quad clad in gold robes.

(1) Members of the Class of 1962 pose for a class photo during the May 18 Golden Reunion dinner at the Joe Crowley Student Union.

Distinguished Nevadan
Historian Stanley Paher ’69M.A. (political science), state archivist Guy Louis Rocha and the late Sen. William Raggio ’48 (political science) were honored as Board of Regents Distinguished Nevadans during the May 18 Commencement.

(1) Regent Jason Geddes ’90, ’95Ph.D., Chancellor Daniel Klaich ’72 and wife, Denise ’73, and Board of Regents chief of staff Scott Wasserman at the Morrill Hall reception.

(2) Stanley Paher ’69 with Dale Raggio, on behalf of her husband, the late Sen. William Raggio ’48, and Guy Rocha.
Student Recruitment Events

The Nevada Alumni Association and Office for Prospective Students wrapped up this year’s student recruitment receptions in Las Vegas on May 19 at DragonRidge Country Club. Overall, more than 500 prospective students attended one of the eight receptions throughout Nevada and California. Attendees were able to speak with University of Nevada, Reno administration, deans, alumni, students services representatives and current students, as well as finalize their enrollment at Nevada. Special thanks to Barrick North America and Newmont for sponsoring the northeastern Nevada reception.

(1) Southern Nevada prospective students meet University representatives during a Las Vegas area recruitment reception at Canyon Gate Country Club April 18.

(2) Alumni Council member Jim Dakin’74, ’79M.Ed. and his wife, Tina ’71, ’84M.Ed., speak with event attendees at the northeastern Nevada recruitment reception April 24 at the Western Folklife Center in Elko.

(3) University student ambassador Geoff Green and executive vice president and provost Heather Hardy speak with Emily Srok during the recruitment reception April 19 at the Las Vegas Country Club.

(4) Nevada System of Higher Education Regent Kevin Melcher, former Regent Thalia Dondero and President Marc Johnson at the Las Vegas Country Club event.

(5) Prospective students speak with Nevada alumni council member Jill (Johnson) Fielden’91 at the northern Nevada recruitment event in the Joe Crowley Student Union May 12.

(6) Gabriella Fiorelli, center, with parents John and Juli, and Thiereh Burgener, with parents Todd and Tracy, at the northern Nevada recruitment event.
For these siblings, Nevada has always been part of the family.

The Chapman family may have five siblings, but they've always considered the University of Nevada to be one of their own. Although there are 11 years separating the oldest, Dave, and youngest, Julie, most of their college years overlapped, making the University campus sort of like a second home to them. From spending nights listening to live music on the Quad to cheering on the Pack in football, basketball and baseball, the Chapmans will never forget the times that brought them closer together—both as Nevada fans and a Nevada family.

How many University of Nevada, Reno alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in an upcoming issue of Nevada Silver & Blue. For details, visit alumni.unr.edu or call 888.NV ALUMS.