Noted professor Winne remembered

Friends and colleagues of professor emeritus Don Winne, who passed away in October, are paying tribute to the acclaimed professor by supporting an endowment in his name. Winne served on the College of Business scholarship committee for many years, personally funding scholarships for students the committee deemed inspirational. When Winne received the 2008 B.J. Fuller Outstanding Teaching Award, he used the award money to create the Don Winne Inspirational Student Scholarship for students who demonstrate perseverance in and out of the classroom. Upon Winne’s retirement in 2010, his fellow faculty members funded the scholarship to the endowment level.

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Thornton endowments honor peacemakers and volunteers

The campus group M.E.N. (Motivated, Extraordinary, Noble) of Distinction was honored among the recipients of the 2011 Thornton Peace Prize for peacefully resolving on-and-off campus conflicts with their peers.

“Students have to make a tough decision: Do I engage or do I stand down?” says group adviser Reginald Stewart ’03M.Ed. (educational leadership), ’10Ph.D. (educational leadership). “The M.E.N. of Distinction made the clear choice to rise above old conflicts that may have followed them from high school.”

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Remembrances can be made to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, MS0162, Reno, NV, 89557, with Don Winne Scholarship noted on the memo line. To learn more about supporting the College of Business, please contact Kristen Kennedy ’98, development director, (775) 682-6940 or kristenk@unr.edu.

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Professor Shin establishes graduate student endowment

More than 40 years after arriving on the University of Nevada, Reno campus, Professor Hyung Kyu Shin is still a fixture in the Department of Chemistry, showing up to his office daily despite his partial retirement in 2000.

Shin—a humble man, quick to deflect attention and praise from himself and onto others—wanted to create something lasting on campus to benefit hardworking and deserving graduate students while saying thank you to the institution where he spent his career. Last summer, he established the Hyung K. Shin Graduate Scholarship Endowment to benefit students pursuing a master’s or doctorate degree in chemistry.

“I think we always need something for the graduate students,” Shin says. “Any way we can supplement their stipends with additional funds is very important for attracting and rewarding good students.”

Shin served as the chair of the Department of Chemistry twice, from 1976-80 and 1991-95. He was awarded the University’s first Outstanding Researcher of the Year Award in 1975, was named University Foundation Professor in 1984 and received the University Distinguished Faculty Award in 2003.

He was twice awarded the Alan Bible Excellence in Teaching Award, in 1986 and 2000. To date, he has authored more than 190 scientific journal articles.

Shin also chronicled his experiences as a soldier in the Korean War in two books: Korea 1950 and Remembering Korea 1950, the latter recognized by historians as the only English-language account of the Korean conflict from the perspective of a Korean soldier.

“I came to Nevada many years ago, and this is a very good place to stay and start your professional career,” Shin says. “The University has supported my career so generously—I have to pay this back in some way.”

Shin continues his active research and teaches at the University on an occasional basis.

“This is a great place that I still thoroughly enjoy,” Shin says.

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Each Redfield Scholar receives $15,000 per year for four years.

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