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Message from the President

Dear Nevada Alumni,

I can’t tell you how thrilling it was for me to be on stage at Commencement in December and May to represent the Nevada Alumni Council and to welcome our newest members and the alumni family. A total of 3,716 students graduated in the 2012-13 academic year, which is another record!

Some think there is no life on campus after Commencement, which is far from reality. Each Wednesday evening, from July 3 through Aug. 7, we host our traditional Pack Picnics on the Quad. Bring the entire family for a relaxing evening of music and fun from 6-8 p.m.

We are getting Battle Ready for Nevada football with a pre-game party Aug. 31 prior to the UCLA game at the Rose Bowl. Then back on home turf, beginning Sept. 7, join us for pre-game parties in Legacy Hall two hours prior to every home game. And be sure to mark your calendar for the most exciting Homecoming yet when we play UNLV Oct. 26.

In addition to exciting sporting events, the University offers a multitude of arts programs in Nightingale Concert Hall and Redfield Theatre. Many of the events are already scheduled and the line up looks amazing. You can find details on the University website, www.unr.edu.

Our goal is to keep you connected to your alma mater. Your support as a dues-paying member of the Nevada Alumni Association helps us do this. A big thanks to all who are members. If you would like to join or renew your membership, please visit our website at www.unr.edu/alumni.

Sincerely,

Rita (Mann) laden ’96 Ed.D.
President, Alumni Council

Class Chat

‘60s
Peter M. Di Grazia ’64 (predental) and Bruce Pendleton ’64 (zoology) received the Mario Gildone Lifetime Achievement Award from the Northern Nevada Dental Society. The award is for outstanding contributions to dentistry, the dental association and the community in 2013.

Susan A. (Carey) Cuddy ’69 (nursing) is a retired captain of the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps. She recently traveled to Barcelona and the Baltic Region.

‘70s
Wayne A. Frediani ’72 (management) has been appointed to the national board of directors for the Automotive Trade Association Executives. Wayne is the executive director of the Nevada Franchised Auto Dealers Association and has 25 years of experience in the automotive industry and government affairs.

Jacqueline D. Mast ’73 (pre-physical therapy) was recognized by Wheelock College as one of 125 alumni who has improved the lives of children and families around the world. Jackie is a physical therapist, professional leader, international lecturer and conference organizer. She has a passion for integrating children with physical challenges with children who are able-bodied. Jackie owns Mast Clinic, a pediatric physical therapy private practice, in Portland, Ore.

Carol A. Crowley ’74 (managerial sciences) was recently hired by Farmland Management Services as a ranch administrator.

Timothy J. Hoover ’77 (political science), ’96 M.Ed. (educational leadership) is a substitute high school teacher for Washoe County School District, a track coach at North Valleys High School and a boys basketball coach.
at Hug High School. In 2012, Tim travelled to Azerbaijan with the Peace Corps.

‘80s

Martin E. Smith ‘80 (civil engineering) has won the prestigious 2012 Goethals Medal from the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME). This medal is awarded to a SAME member for distinguished performance in the field of engineering, design or construction.

Lori L. (Givani) Bellamy ‘81 (special education), ’87M.Ed. (c&g pers serv) is enjoying being retired and volunteering her time in the local schools. Both of her sons are graduates of the University of Nevada, Reno in mechanical engineering.

James Newman ‘83 (economics), ’85M.S. (economics), an attorney with the law firm Holland & Hart LLP, was recently named the administrative partner for the firm’s Reno office. In addition to overseeing strategic development for the office, James will manage recruiting and marketing efforts.

Kathryn I. Simon ‘83M.A. (c&g pers serv) retired in June after spending 15 years as the Washoe County Manager. Katy has served as the highest ranking administrative official in Washoe County since 1998.

Jeffrey J. Ardito ‘84 (physical education) has joined Eagle Home Mortgage as a loan officer. In his new role, Jeff will manage residential home loans for clients. He has nearly 13 years of experience in the mortgage industry. Prior to his career in residential mortgage lending, Jeff worked for 14 years at the University of Nevada, Reno where he held several key positions including assistant athletic director for development and director of alumni relations.

Steve J. Lewis ’89 (psychology) was joined by family and friends in San Antonio, Texas, when he was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army. Steve is currently assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Command Headquarters where he conducts strategic behavioral health policy analysis and program management for Army Medicine. Recognized for his clinical and academic excellence, he has been awarded the U.S. Army Surgeon General’s prestigious "A" proficiency designator in the field of social work. Steve has served multiple combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, providing behavioral health support to U.S. Forces.

‘90s

Byron L. Hurren ’92M.Ed. (secondary education), ’01Ph.D. (educational leadership) is the dean of the School of Education at the University of South Carolina Upstate. Prior to this, Byron was at the University of North Alabama where he served as chair of the Department of Secondary Education and as a professor of secondary education.

Robyn R. Campbell-Ouchida ’93 (journalism), owner of All Write Business Communications, recently received a Gold Award from the Collegiate Advertising Awards for her work as editor of Nevada State College’s magazine, The Black & Gold Annual. She is also the editor of Premier, the magazine of UNLV’s William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration.

Lisa M. (Krajewski) Mullen ’93 (interior design) has been hired by Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. as a marketing assistant in the Reno office. Lisa has a background in financial services, with past experience in sales, training and market trend analysis.

Jennifer M. Richards ’99 (nursing), ’05M.S.N. (nursing) was recently promoted to transformational health care administrator for Renown Health. Prior to this position, she served at Renown as the director of nursing education and research.

‘00s

Matthew W. Earhart ’00 (health science) was named the 2012 California Young Optometrist of the Year. Matt is president-elect for the Sacramento Valley Optometric Society. He lives in Sacramento and is in private practice in multiple locations in the greater Sacramento region.

Michael S. Lundblad ’00M.A. (English) has published The Birth of a Jungle: Animality in
Progressive-Era U.S. Literature and Culture. Michael is an assistant professor of English and director of animality studies at Colorado State University. Challenging traditional beliefs on animality in American fiction and culture, The Birth of a Jungle explores the historical emergence of the jungle as a discourse in the U.S. during the progressive era through readings of fiction.

EJ Maldonado ’00 (English) completed the American River 50 Mile Endurance Run in a time of 11 hours, 17 minutes. He now has his sights on more 50 milers and a 100 miler.

Christopher L. Campos ’01 (electrical engineering), ’05MBA is an applications engineer for the submerged motor cryogenic pump and expander company Ebara International Corporation.

Ed Humphrey ’01 (criminal justice) spent the last several years practicing law in Phoenix, Ariz. Ed has moved back to Reno to open the law firm of Humphrey Lopez PLLC. He has substantial experience in complex bankruptcy and litigation matters and is excited to bring his practice to northern Nevada.

Dawn Gibbons ’02 (general studies) has joined Immunovative, Inc. as an independent member of the board of directors. Dawn will assist the company in enhancing its corporate governance protocols and oversight committees.

Sarah N. (Crawforth) Carone ’01 (early childhood education, human development & family studies), ’08M.Ed. (special education) and Scott Carone are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Hollie Jeanne, on July 18, 2012. She joins big sister Zoë, 4.

Natalia A. (Cui) Callahan ’04 (secondary education), ’07M.Ed. (educational leadership), ’12Ph.D. (educational leadership) and her husband, Silas R. Callahan ’07 (civil engineering), ’10M.S. (civil and environmental engineering), are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Quentin Liam Callahan, on Feb. 28, 2013. Quentin joins his excited big brother, Grayson Brodric Callahan.

Kate L. (Vercellino) Cruz ’08 (general studies) and Bobby Cruz ’09 (criminal justice) proudly announce the birth of their baby boy, Luke Robert Cruz, on Feb. 6, 2013.
Ro J. Lazzarone ’03 (marketing), an agent for New York Life Insurance Company in Reno and broker/owner of The Lazzarone Group, has earned membership in the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) for 2012. MDRT membership represents the top life insurance and financial service professionals worldwide.

Lawrence C. Tam ’03 (supply chain management) has taken on a new role at Microsoft as a reporting and analytics program manager focusing on business intelligence for the OEM Division. Lawrence’s initial responsibilities are to assess and prioritize the current inventory of analytics, along with road-mapping the future state of business intelligence for his division.

Rudy A. Von Ravensberg ’03, ’06M.A. (marketing), (counseling and educational psychology) has founded his own practice, Great Basin Behavioral Health and Wellness. Rudy focuses on traditional behavioral health concerns as well as lifestyle modification to help clients struggling with chronic health issues.

Catherine M. Scully ’06 (English) has been named the Douglas County School District Teacher of the Year. In addition to being a Whittell High School English teacher, Catherine founded the school’s first literary magazine, serves as an advisor for the National Junior Honor Society and “Where Everybody Belongs” program and sits on the scholarship committee. Catherine is also working toward her master’s degree in literacy from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Dennis M. Anderson-Villaluz ’07 (nutrition) was recognized as the 2013 Young Dietitian of the Year by the Massachusetts Dietetic Association. Additionally, Dennis is the co-chair for the Massachusetts Pediatric Nutrition Practice Group.

Kiersten M. Johnson ’08 (health ecology) joined an international health program at Fuling Kids International Orphanage in China. Her project focuses on starting a conversation with rehabilitation professionals in Hong Kong to understand their perspective on people with disabilities and their future roles in China’s society.
Nevada Alumni Association honors Spring 2013 Senior Scholars

More than 100 family, friends, college deans and others from the University of Nevada, Reno’s administration joined the Nevada Alumni Association in honoring the Spring Senior Scholars May 15. These top graduating seniors from each school or college at Nevada were recognized for their hard work and dedication throughout their collegiate journey. The faculty mentor who had the most impact on their academic career at the University was honored as well. BACK ROW: Mentors Frederick Harris, Bob Felten ’71, James Winn, Christopher Jeffrey, Mark Nichols, Kristina Wulfing ’96, ’09M.Ed., Dr. Dennis Uken, Senior Scholar Kaitlin Olivia Pennell and mentor Patricia Ellison. FRONT ROW: Senior Scholars Justin Cardoza, Brita Voris, Anna Koster, Jenna Wirshing, Danielle Beebe and Justin Lopez.

College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources

**Justin Lopez**  
Mentor: Patricia Ellison  
*4.0 GPA*

College of Business

**Kaitlin Olivia Pennell**  
Mentor: Mark Nichols  
*3.971 GPA*

College of Education

**Jenna Wirshing**  
Mentor: Kristina Wulfing  
*4.0 GPA*

College of Engineering

**Justin Cardoza**  
Mentor: Frederick Harris  
*4.0 GPA*

Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism

**Brita Voris**  
Mentor: Bob Felten  
*3.963 GPA*

Division of Health Sciences

**Danielle Beebe**  
Mentor: Dr. Dennis Uken  
*4.0 GPA*

College of Liberal Arts and College of Science

**Anna Koster**  
Mentor: James Winn  
Mentor: Christopher Jeffrey  
*4.0 GPA*
K-von ‘03 (marketing) is a Nevada alum and comedian. He writes and performs comedy across the nation. Check out his YouTube channel that now has close to 1.5 million views: Youtube.com/KvonComedy.
Brittany L. Rubenau '10 (journalism) was promoted to media buyer at The Glenn Group in Reno. She is responsible for the execution of media buys for the Reno Air Race Association. Additionally, Brittany serves as Ad2 Reno’s vice president and is responsible for the club’s leadership and organizational development.

Tyler S. Soule ’10 (environmental engineering) has put his engineering career on hold and started a rafting company in Auburn, Calif. H2O Adventures offers rafting trips on the American River and the Yuba River.

Justin T. Skord ’12M.S. (geology) joined Western Plains Consulting, Inc. as a geologist and environmental scientist. Justin will specialize in environmental assessments, soil and subsurface studies, and remediation for the company.

Submissions are due July 24 and can be sent to: chatter@ unr.edu. We edit all submissions for style, clarity and length.

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Joe
“THE DEVOURER”
Nannon

Height          6'4" (including the head gear)
Weight          185 before tailgate, 195 after
Position        Weekend Warrior
Recruited      Lifetime Member Since 2007

Home Football Tailgates

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A seasoned veteran, Joe has blossomed into a championship caliber tailgater. When not rousing the crowd on third down, Joe consistently leading the charge to the front of the line.

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All home tailgate parties begin two hours prior to kickoff, located in Legacy Hall on the SW side of Mackay Stadium.

For more information, visit alumni.unr.edu or call 775.784.6620 or 888.NV ALUMS.

Special thanks to Battle Born Beer, Camelot Party Rentals, BECO, Sierra Pacific Federal Credit Union and Total Wine.