New Foundation Endowments

New endowments: meaningful and forever

Establishing an endowed fund at the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation transforms lives—those of the students who will become the leaders of tomorrow, the faculty who inspire them and the researchers who are finding solutions to society’s problems.

The foundation manages the endowment funds, with available earnings transferred to the respective University accounts for the purpose of supporting the donor’s passion, whether it be student scholarships, faculty research or unrestricted funds to meet the University’s most pressing needs. Gifts can be focused or wide-ranging.

The process for establishing an endowment is simple and requires only a completed agreement along with a gift or pledge of at least $10,000. If you are interested in supporting any of these new endowments, or creating one in memory or honor of another, through outright gifts using almost any type of asset—cash, securities, real estate or other property that can be liquidated—please contact Keiko Weil ’87, director of donor relations, (775) 784-1587 or kweil@unr.edu.

Duncan and Mary Ann Aldrich Library Endowment for Professional Development

In the early 1990s, Duncan Aldrich made a pledge to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation’s first major comprehensive fundraising campaign, designating his gift to the Libraries’ Excellence Endowment. The endowment has been renamed the Duncan and Mary Ann Aldrich Library Endowment for Professional Development in recognition of their 20-plus years of support and Aldrich’s 27 years of service to the University Libraries.

Richard H. and Bonnie B. Bryan Scholarship Endowment

This scholarship, which reached the endowment level in 2013, was established in 2009 by the family of Sen. Richard H. ’59 (prelegal) and Bonnie B. Bryan ’61 (psychology) in proud recognition of their accomplishments and their dedication to public service for the state of Nevada. The scholarship endowment benefits students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in political science.

Robert Fleming Carothers Scholarship endowment

John Carothers, vice president of Development and Alumni Relations at the University, has established this endowment to benefit undergraduate music students who demonstrate financial need. The scholarship endowment was created in honor of Carothers’ late father, Robert, and continues his father’s legacy of encouraging young musicians in their education.

Robert E. Dickenson Scholarship Endowment

Reno rancher and entrepreneur Robert Dickenson has established a scholarship endowment to benefit undergraduate and graduate students at Nevada who have demonstrated financial need and are pursuing a degree in areas including livestock use and management in ranching operations, farming, forest and rangeland management, mining or natural resources. Dickenson has also established a planned gift to benefit the scholarship.

Anthony W. and Delores J. DeSio Foundation Scholarship Endowment

The Anthony W. and Delores J. DeSio Foundation has established a scholarship endowment to benefit University students who have served in the U.S. military and are pursuing an undergraduate degree in business, engineering or science. After providing scholarship support to Nevada students for almost a decade, the couple decided to endow the scholarship so that Nevada students will benefit for years to come.

William R. Eadington Memorial Scholarship Endowment

This memorial scholarship endowment has been established by the Department of Economics on behalf of colleagues, former students and friends of the late Professor Bill Eadington, who passed away in February 2013. Eadington was a 1990 Foundation Professor and the founder of the Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming and the world’s most respected scholar in the application of economics to the industry.

Joseph M. George, Jr. M.D. Scholarship Endowment

Alumna June George ’86M.D. established this scholarship endowment for medical students in honor of her father’s 100th birthday in May 2013. Joseph George Jr. M.D. volunteered for service during World War II and served as a flight surgeon. He was a family practice physician in rural Maryland and Las Vegas, was involved in medical leadership at the local and state levels and served on the admissions committee for the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

Geotemps, Inc. Scholarship Endowment

Geotemps, Inc., a provider of temporary and direct placement personnel services for the mining and minerals industry, has endowed a scholarship for students pursuing a degree in the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering for students majoring in mining engineering, minerals engineering and the geosciences.
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**Kyung-il Ghymn Beta Gamma Sigma Award Endowment**
The Nevada Alpha Chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma has named this endowment for College of Business management professor emeritus Kyung-il Ghymn, who taught at the college from 1979 to 2008. The award is named in his honor for his time reviving the dormant chapter and serving as its president, annual banquet organizer and adviser.

**Milt D. Glick Lecture Series Quasi Endowment**
During late President Milt Glick’s tenure at the University, he worked to bring more speakers to campus. To honor his goal, gifts made to the University Foundation in his memory have been used to establish a quasi-endowment to enhance the College of Science’s Discover Science Lecture Series, which was started by College of Science Dean Jeff Thompson under the encouragement of President Glick.

**Chaitan P. & Sarita A. Gupta Mathematics Scholarship Endowment**
Sarita Ahuja Gupta has established this scholarship endowment in honor of her late husband, Professor Emeritus Chaitan Prakash Gupta. Gupta was selected as University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Professor in 2002 and retired from the University in 2008. Gupta passed away April 26, 2013, two weeks after having heart bypass surgery.

**Jake Highton Scholarship Endowment**
Professor Emeritus Jake Highton has established a scholarship endowment to support journalism students at the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism and Center for Advanced Media Studies. Jake taught for three decades at Nevada and was a four-time Senior Scholar mentor. He spent 15 years in newspapers and was a reporter for the Baltimore Evening Sun, copy editor for the Los Angeles Times and Detroit News, editorial writer and columnist for the Detroit News and book reviewer for the Detroit Free Press.

**John Jelavich and Karin (Bryant) Jelavich Scholarship Endowment**
John Jelavich ’63 (economics) and Karin (Bryant) Jelavich ’63 (social psychology) have established a scholarship endowment in their family’s name to support students completing their degrees at the University of Nevada, Reno. The couple met at the University and married after graduation. John has enjoyed a successful career in banking, and Karin has dedicated her life to education as an elementary school teacher and later principal and superintendent in Sutter County, Calif.

**Jenkins Family Scholarship Endowment**
Don Jenkins ’50 (geological engineering) and his wife, Jeannette, have established this endowment in gratitude to Don’s alma mater. The scholarship endowment benefits students in geological engineering.

**Barbara West Larsen School of Social Work Founder’s Endowment**
The late Barbara Larsen, associate professor emerita of social work, was co-founder of the School of Social Work at the University and served for several years as the school’s chair. Barbara’s husband, College of Business faculty emeritus Larry Larsen, and their children, have established this scholarship endowment to benefit graduate or undergraduate students pursuing degrees in social work.

**Ann and John Larue Mathematics Scholarship Endowment**
University of Nevada, Reno alumnus John Larue ’65 (mathematics) and his wife, Ann, have established this endowment to promote the study of mathematics and statistics at the University. The Maryland couple is also including a bequest gift in their trust to establish an endowed chair in the Mathematics and Statistics Department.

**The William and Lucille Lindsay Scholarship Endowment**
Lucille ’56 (physical education) and William Lindsay have established this endowment to benefit students pursuing a career in education. Their teaching careers took them around the world, where they had opportunities to teach in France, Italy, Spain and other countries. They consider education a rewarding career and through the scholarship hope to support others who may follow in their path.

**ASUN John Mackay Scholarship Endowment**
The Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) have established this scholarship endowment for undergraduates who demonstrate financial need. The endowment honors John William Mackay, who came to Virginia City in 1850 and was known as one of the “Bonanza Kings” who struck it rich silver mining. John’s son and heir, Clarence Hungerford Mackay, became the University’s first major benefactor. The endowment was made possible through the ASUN and fundraising efforts during the 2013 Mackay celebration.
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<td>A scholarship endowment for medical students from rural Nevada has been established through memorial gifts from friends and family in honor of the late John Marvel '51 (political science), one of the longest-serving members of the Nevada Legislature. As a member of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, Marvel sought out the additional funds needed to support the University of Nevada School of Medicine.</td>
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<td><strong>Matthew Borrus McKean Memorial Scholarship Endowment</strong></td>
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<td>The family of the late Matthew McKean has established a scholarship endowment in his memory to support undergraduate students at Nevada. The memorial scholarship endowment, funded with gifts from friends and family, honors the good-natured young man who was a freshman at Reno High School. He had been a part of the Red House Project, was studying digital technology and had a strong interest in computers and web design.</td>
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<td><strong>Dale A. Rodela Memorial Scholarship Endowment</strong></td>
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<td>Established by Dale's wife, Julie, and his children, Meghan and Kevin, as a tribute to the husband and father they loved and the University that helped shape his career, this scholarship endowment will benefit undergraduate students studying electrical engineering. Dale '66 (electrical engineering), worked at the former Nevada Power Company in Las Vegas, the Arabian American Oil Company in Saudi Arabia and spent many years working at the Nevada Test Site.</td>
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<td><strong>The Lak and Li Lecture Series Endowment in Religious Studies</strong></td>
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<td>The Lak and Li Charitable Fund has established the Lak and Li Endowed Speaker Series in Religious Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno to generate interest and discussion on all topics related to religious studies. The fund will support a guest lecture each year for religious studies in the Gender, Race and Identity Program at the University.</td>
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<td><strong>Frank R. &amp; Joan Randall Professorship Endowment in Natural Resources &amp; Environmental Sciences</strong></td>
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<td>Frank Randall '56 (business administration) and his wife, Joan, have established this professorship in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources. A longtime member of the University's Southern California Alumni Chapter, Frank was named University Alumnus of the Year in 2005. He served on the University's Foundation Board of Trustees from 2001-06 and is a trustee emeritus. (Please see story on page 121.)</td>
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<td><strong>Nora Ann Shannon Endowment in the Downing Clinic in the College of Education</strong></td>
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<td>Nora Ann Shannon '12 M.A. (counseling and educational psychology) has established this endowment to strengthen the counseling and educational psychology master's program at Nevada. The Downing Counseling Clinic is dedicated to serving the University and the community and offers individual counseling, couples counseling, family counseling, consultations and referrals.</td>
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<td><strong>Kay and Tom Seeliger Nursing Scholarship Endowment</strong></td>
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<td>Kay Park Seeliger '65 (nursing) and Tom Seeliger '63 (economics) have established this scholarship endowment for undergraduate nursing students. Within a month of being diagnosed with breast cancer for a second time, the couple's daughter, a single mother, learned that her own 15-year-old daughter had lymphoma. Through this journey, the Seeligers appreciated the caring and loving nurses who cared for their daughter and granddaughter.</td>
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<td><strong>Terence E. and Frances Breen Terras Scholarship Endowment in Education</strong></td>
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<td>Retired educators Terence Terras '63 (business administration), '87 M.Ed. (secondary education) and Frances Breen Terras '60 (elementary education), '88 M.Ed. (elementary education) have established a scholarship endowment to benefit students at the College of Education, with a preference to support students from central Nevada. Fran, raised in Goldfield, Nev., and Terry, raised in Tonopah, Nev., were both longtime educators for the Washoe County School District.</td>
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<td><strong>Hazel Mae Wilson Quasi Endowment</strong></td>
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<td>The College of Science’s Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering has received a gift from the Hazel Mae Wilson Revocable Trust to support operations within the school. The Hazel Mae Wilson Quasi Endowment includes proceeds from the sale of mining claim properties in Blaine County, Idaho.</td>
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<td><strong>Guy W. and Patricia A. Yates Scholarship Endowment</strong></td>
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<td>Guy Yates '63 (economics) has established this scholarship endowment to benefit University students who are graduates of Carson High School. Yates graduated from Carson High School in 1959 before attending the University. He worked for 40 years in the petroleum industry with Shell Oil Company, Giant Industry, Inc. and Yates Consulting Company.</td>
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<td><strong>Jerry and Janet Zebrack Family Scholarship for Humanism Endowment</strong></td>
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<td>The Zebrack family established this scholarship endowment for medical students named to the Gold Humanism Honor Society. Former School of Medicine clinical instructor Jerry Zebrack, M.D. and his wife, Janet, have two sons who graduated from the School of Medicine and married fellow alumni: James Zebrack 95 M.D. and Michelle McCormack 96 M.D., and John Zebrack 01 M.D. and School of Medicine associate professor and medical resident Jennifer Robinson, M.D.</td>
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Colby Cassani Endowed Lectureship series opens at School of Medicine

In 1993, John Cassani ‘97MBA and his wife, Starla, suffered the loss of their infant son, Colby. They found comfort and a measure of hope and healing through donating his organs. In 1995, they established the Colby Foundation to honor his memory and to educate others about organ and tissue donation.

The foundation offers the Colby Cassani Endowed Lectureship Series to qualifying medical schools and has established an endowment at the University of Nevada School of Medicine to support organ and tissue donation curricula.

The first Colby Cassani Endowed Lecture was given Nov. 20 to first-year medical students at the School of Medicine with speakers Nikole Neidlinger, M.D., medical director for the California Transplant Donor Network, Virginia Reese, the local CTDN Organ Procurement Officer and Starla Cassani offering their perspectives on the topic.

Neidlinger opened her talk by providing background on the organ donor process and citing some statistics on organ donor waiting lists including:

- Of the 115,000 people on the organ donor waiting list in the U.S., 554 are from Nevada
- A new name is added to the waiting list every 11 minutes
- Nearly 80 percent of those on the waiting list need a kidney
- In Nevada, kidney transplants are done at UMC in Las Vegas

Cassani ended the lecture by imploring medical students to show humanism as physicians at the bedside of a “brain dead” patient, saying that by taking a few minutes for compassion toward the family, it makes a world of difference and can change how a family feels about donating the organs of their loved one.

—Anne McMillin, APR

Thomas Schwenk, M.D., dean of the University of Nevada School of Medicine, with Starla Cassani, co-founder of the Colby Foundation.

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—Nikole Neidlinger, M.D., medical director for the California Transplant Donor Network

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