Thank you University friends for your generous support. Our friends have a special appreciation of and affinity for the institution and its mission of education, research and outreach. Our friends give to new and existing endowments, often gifting in honor of, or in memory of, a special person (see New Foundation Endowments starting on page 26, or existing Foundation Endowments starting on page 30). We are grateful to these Nevada friends who made a gift during 2013.
IGT creates new business and engineering scholarships

Premier gaming technology corporation International Game Technology is again showing its support of the University of Nevada, Reno by establishing the IGT Scholarship for Computer Science and Engineering and the IGT Scholarship in Business. Each scholarship was awarded to two students for the 2013-14 school year and scholarship recipients will receive consideration for internship opportunities at IGT.

For more than 30 years, IGT has been a champion of the University’s programs and projects and was one of the main donors to the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. “As the premier gaming technology corporation in the world, IGT recognizes the importance of fostering talent and supporting education,” says Chrissy Menicucci ’86 (criminal justice), manager of corporate social responsibility at IGT. “Often talented employees of IGT have received their education at the University of Nevada, Reno where IGT and the colleges of business and engineering have a long history of partnership in areas of mutual development.”

The University’s College of Engineering has worked closely with IGT and other gaming related companies to provide the engineering and computing skilled labor needs of the gaming industry in the state. IGT has also established a new IGT Help Desk in the Ansari Business Building on campus, which opened in September. The partnership allows IGT to hire paid, part-time University interns to staff a central help desk with 24-7 support of the Global IGT Enterprise, which provides technical support service to IGT employees.

“I am pleased to continue our strong community partnership with IGT and appreciate that they continue to leverage the knowledge, resources and talent at the University, while bringing the campus and the community closer together,” says Greg Mosier, dean of the College of Business.

—Roseann Keegan

To learn more about supporting scholarships at Nevada, please contact Lynda Buhlig ’84, executive director of development, at (775) 682-6013 or lbuhlig@unr.edu.
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The College of Science is the second-largest college at the University of Nevada, Reno, trailing only the College of Liberal Arts. There are more than 40 degree programs and options for undergraduate and graduate students. More than 11,000 University undergraduate students are enrolled in courses offered by the college.
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GE scholarship supports female engineers

The College of Engineering and employees of GE Bently Nevada Corp. in Minden, Nev., have established a scholarship to support female engineering students actively involved in the collegiate section of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) and Women into Computer Science and Engineering (WICSE).

The Employees of GE Energy Bently Nevada Corp. Annual Scholarship will benefit female students pursuing either a graduate or undergraduate degree in computer science and engineering, electrical engineering or mechanical engineering at the College of Engineering who are actively involved in the SWE and WICSE. The scholarship is funded through the annual fundraising efforts of GE employees at the Minden facility and was first awarded last year.

Indira Chatterjee, SWE faculty adviser, says that women account for only 10 percent of all engineers in America. “The goal of this organization is to encourage girls to study engineering and to provide support to current female engineers and engineering students,” Chatterjee says.

SWE is a national organization of 19,000 members at both the professional and collegiate levels. Each year, the University’s collegiate section of SWE hosts Evening with Industry, a networking event for engineering students and professional engineers held every fall. In 2013, the event had more than 200 attendees. SWE also regularly sends its members to the National and Regional SWE conferences and works with the College of Engineering on outreach activities.

WICSE is a campus-based organization dedicated to supporting the efforts of women who are considering a career in computer science and engineering or show an overall interest of computers. The group hosts study sessions and technical and informational lectures to assist women taking computer science and computer engineering courses.

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