University alumnus Frank Randall ’56 (business administration) and his wife, Joan, recently established the Frank R. and Joan Randall Endowed Professorship in Natural Resources and Environmental Science for the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources (CABNR).

Professorships recognize and support the teaching, research and service activities of distinguished teaching scholars at the University of Nevada, Reno.

“With the creation of this professorship, the Randall family adds to their legacy in the college to encourage and support students at Nevada who are working to preserve and steward the environment and our natural resources,” says Bob Nowak, chair of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Science.

The Randalls previously created a scholarship fund for CABNR students in 2001 to support undergraduates majoring in conservation biology, natural resources management or range management.

Their generosity served as a lead gift in building the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, and the Randalls have been longtime members of the Silver and Blue Society, which serves the most pressing needs of the University.

Frank first came to Nevada as a teenager, working odd jobs at Lake Tahoe during summer vacations. After graduation from Nevada, Frank worked at Dean Witter & Co. in Reno from 1956 to 1959. Frank has worked as a bank director and as director of an international medical corporation. He is retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve as lieutenant commander.

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 of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board of Trustees from 2001-06 and is now a trustee emeritus. Frank is an avid hiker and backpacker who enjoys both the mountains and the desert.

—Roseann Keegan