2015 Foundation Banquet

The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation welcomed 740 alumni and friends to the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino for the 34th Annual Foundation Banquet Oct. 20. The event featured keynote speaker Michele Norris, Emmy Award-winning journalist, host and special correspondent for NPR. Thank you to the E.L. Cord Foundation, the event’s platinum sponsor.

(1) Karen Penner-Johnson, keynote speaker Michele Norris and University President Marc Johnson.

(2) Foundation Trustee Emerita and past Nevada Alumni Council President John Elston ’56 with James Elston.

(3) Marilyn Galli ’50, Kay Seeliger ’65 and Tom Seeliger ’64.

(4) Foundation Trustee Emerita Kathy Garcia ’76 and Buddy Garcia ’59 with Crystal Parrish, director of corporate and foundation relations.

(5) Brian Brodsky ’78 and Romina Brodsky, Foundation Trustee Bill Pennell and Rebecca Pennell, Jerry and Millie Burke, Foundation Trustee Dan Rovig and Maureen Rovig.

(6) Claudia Byrne and Foundation Trustee Dean Byrne ’04.

(7) Foundation Trustee Opal Adams ’85 M.S. and Richard Delong.

(8) Phil Satre ’15 (honorary doctor of humane letters) and Foundation Trustee Emerita Jennifer Satre ’80 M.Ed., ’15 (honorary doctor of humane letters).

(9) Nevada Alumni Council member Vick Wowo ’11 with Rebecca Moser ’14

(10) Jerry and Roxie Enneking.
Winter Commencement

More than 1,600 graduates walked across the stage at Lawlor Events Center Dec. 5 during the University of Nevada, Reno's largest Winter Commencement Ceremony to date.

(1) Aqeele Rhodes '15, Matthew Baker '15 and Melissa Ferrari '15.
(2) Sarah Stolte '15.
(3) Adela Martinez '15 and her dog Jack.
(4) Andreini Simmons '15 with Freddie O’Hene and twin sister Andreina Simmons.
(5) Alexa Martindale '15 with Elaina Vlassopoulos.
(6) Reynolds School of Journalism Dean Al Stavitsky with some of his newest graduates: Jacoby Bancroft '15, Manila Hoang '15, Andrea Tyrell '15.

Nevada Writers Hall of Fame

The Nevada Writers Hall of Fame honored 2015 Inductee Ellen Hopkins and Silver Pen Award Recipients Mark Maynard and Laura McBride Nov. 19 in the Joe Crowley Student Union.

(7) Dean of University Libraries Kathy Ray, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Emerita Marilyn Melton '55, '86 (honorary doctor of letters) and Beatyanne Rasmussen '71.
(8) Professor Emeritus Jim Hulse '52, '58 M.A. and Betty Hulse.
(9) Hall of Fame inductee Ellen Hopkins with Dean of University Libraries Kathy Ray (left) and Terri Farley (right).
Innevation Center Opening

Designed to empower Nevada’s next generation of economic leaders, the Innevation Center opened its doors Sept. 22 to ignite creativity and entrepreneurial spirit in University students, faculty and the community. (1)

University President Marc Johnson, Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval ’86, Stella Roy, Switch Communications CEO and Founder Rob Roy, and Regent Rick Trachok ’74. (2)

University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Professor Emerita Ardythe McCracken, James Behnke and Foundation Trustee Deena Behnke and Bob McCracken. (3)

University Vice President for Research and Innovation Mridul Gautam shows Rob Roy and event guests one of the Innevation Center’s 3D printers. (4)

Vice President Mridul Gautam, Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval ’86 and University Special Assistant to the President for External Affairs Heidi Gansert ’90 MBA.

Distinguished Lecture Series

The College of Engineering Distinguished Lecture Series featured Tesla Co-Founder and CTO JB Straubel Oct. 11 in the Joe Crowley Student Union. (5)

Tesla Special Projects Associate Andy Stevenson, University Provost Kevin Carman, Karen Penner-Johnson, University President Marc Johnson, Tesla Co-founder and CTO JB Straubel, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Sara Lafrance ’73 and Dean of Engineering Manos Maragakis.

JB Straubel spoke about the key roles education and innovation play in becoming energy independent and growing the economy. (6)
Monster Fish
University friends enjoyed an exclusive viewing of “Monster Fish: In Search of the Last River Giants” Nov. 12 at the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum with Zeb Hogan, assistant research professor in the College of Science.

(1) Professor Jack Hayes, Anna Hayes, Katherine Jenkins and Professor Emeritus Steven Jenkins.

(2) Susan Gagosian, Professor Zeb Hogan and Foundation Professor Scott Tyler ’90 Ph.D.

(3) College of Science Dean Jeff Thompson, Nevada Discovery Museum Executive Director Mat Sinclair, Professor Zeb Hogan and University President Marc Johnson.

(4) Maureen Rovig, Kris Kuyper ’94 M.S., University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Trustee Opal Adams ’85 M.S. and Rebecca Pernell.

College of Liberal Arts Dean Hardy Retirement Party
Heather Hardy served as dean of the College of Liberal Arts since joining the University in 2005.

She also served as interim provost from 2011-2012. A professor of English and noted linguist, Hardy’s research has focused on American Indian languages. A retirement event was held in her honor Dec. 1 in the Joe Crowley Student Union.

(5) Professor Emeritus David Westfall and Shirley Westfall with College of Liberal Arts Dean Heather Hardy.

(6) Dean Heather Hardy and her husband, Professor Don Hardy.

(7) College of Liberal Arts Interim Dean Larry Engstrom with Dean Hardy.