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Dear alumni and friends,

Our University has always held a special place in my heart. And since I began my tenure as Nevada Alumni Council president, my love for Nevada continues to grow. I recently attended my first University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board of Trustees meeting and was moved by the monumental work our trustees do to make our University among the best in the country. During my involvement with Senior Scholar award recipients I was impressed not only with the outstanding academics of our students, but with the reciprocal way students affect their faculty mentors — at Nevada, we learn from each other.

As a parent of a current student, I’m grateful for everything this University has given my family. As an alumna, I’m immensely proud of my alma mater. And as Nevada Alumni Council president, I’m honored to have the opportunity to give back to the institution that gave me and my community so much. I invite you to join the Alumni Association at Pack Picnics, Homecoming, chapter gatherings and many other events throughout the year to reconnect with your University and all of the amazing people from Nevada.

I hope to see you soon,

Mary-Ann (Merlo) Brown ’85, ’96 M.S.

Land a new job? Climb a mountain or sail across the ocean? Get married or have a baby? We want to hear about it! Submit your Class Chat at unr.edu/silverandblue/classchat.
Lisa (Leachman) Haggerty ’82 (physical education) is celebrating her 27th year in the emergency medical system. She currently lives in San Jose, California, with her daughter and enjoys hiking with her dog and working out at the gym.

Brett Wyrick ’83 (premedical) was recently promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the United States Air Force. Brett is dual board certified in surgery and aerospace medicine and has served as a trauma surgeon in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is presently assigned as the assistant adjutant general for the Hawaii Air National Guard in Honolulu.

Ron Debellis ’85 (premedical) is faculty at the Keck Graduate Institute and has recently taken on the role of chief scientific officer for the National Organization for Rare Disorders. One in 10 people in the U.S., or 30 million patients, suffers from a rare disease.

Tod White ’89 (resource management) is executive vice president and chief operating officer at Goldcorp. Prior to joining Goldcorp in 2014, Todd was senior vice president, South America at Newmont Mining Corporation.

Bernadette Longo ’90 (nursing) has been selected as a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. A very prestigious award, there are less than 10 AAN members in the state of Nevada.

Jacci (Terry) Turner ’91 M.A. (counseling and educational psychology) recently published a novel entitled “The Retreat: A Tale of Spiritual Awakening,” available on all eBook outlets. Jacci is the author of nine young adult and middle grade fiction books. She is the director of bereavement and spiritual care at A Plus Hospice Care.

Lisa (Leachman) Haggerty ’82
Brett Wyrick ’83
Ron Debellis ’85

WADE B. GOCHNOUR ’92

Jennifer Hill ’94 (journalism) has joined Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada as director of philanthropy and is responsible for cultivating and stewarding relationships with individual, corporate, foundation and government donors, as well as implementing fundraising campaigns and events.
DAVID GILLER ’96 (criminal justice) served four years in the Navy as an operation specialist after he graduated from Nevada. After that, he took a job with the Department of Justice as an immigration officer in San Jose, California, where he stayed for 11 years. David then transferred to Tampa, Florida, where he was an immigration officer. He currently works for the Department of Homeland Security in Greer, South Carolina. David has worked in immigration for 16 years, and his favorite part of the job is administering the Oath of Allegiance to new U.S. citizens.

JONATHAN KARR ’97 (chemical engineering) is the owner of Telescope Lanes, Blind Onion Pizza and Coldstone Creamery in Elko, and was recently elected county commissioner for Elko County.

ERIK BEEVER ’99 Ph.D. (ecology, evolution and conservation biology) is research ecologist at the USGS Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center and affiliate professor at Montana State University in Bozeman. Erik continues to do research on mountain ecosystems and their wildlife across Nevada and the Great Basin. Erik and his wife, Yuriko, have a daughter, Rachel.

ANDREW BOURELLE ’05 M.A. (English), ’09 Ph.D. (English) published his first novel, “Heavy Metal,” in February 2017. The novel won the Autumn House Press Fiction Prize and was described by the judge as “a real gut-punch of a novel, ‘Heavy Metal’ sings with energy and beauty and honest abandon about grief and hope and trying to find one's balance in an unsteady world.” Andrew is an assistant professor of English at the University of New Mexico.

LISA JANSEN ’05 (marketing), ’15 MBA has been named assistant vice president of community relations for the northern Nevada branches of One Nevada Credit Union. Lisa is a fourth-generation Nevadan and third-generation University of Nevada, Reno graduate.

SCOTT CAREY ’07 (geography) was appointed by Sparks Mayor Geno Martini and the Sparks City Council to serve on the city’s planning commission. The planning commission advises the City Council on long-term development of the city including such issues as natural resources, economics, housing, population, land use and zoning. Scott has worked in planning in Nevada for the past 12 years and currently works for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.
**Class Chat**

**N** Nevada Alumni Lifetime Member  
**A** Nevada Alumni Annual Member

**Bill Singh ‘07**  
(finance) is a member of the board of directors for Queens Economic Development Corporation, a small business development nonprofit in New York. Bill also leads corporate financial planning and analysis for Genting Americas, a gaming and lodging operator headquartered in New York. Bill misses his hometown of Reno dearly, and is forever indebted to the University for his professional development.

**2010s**

**Priscilla Acosta ‘10** (health ecology) has recently been elected to the National Indian Child Care Association’s board of directors. She currently works as a compliance specialist for the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada’s Child Care Development Fund and is looking forward to representing the region on a national level.

**Justin Lewis ‘10** (computer science) recently joined Capstak, a commercial real estate market network. In this role, Justin joins the development and community build teams to collaborate on the strategic expansion of the Capstak beta product for a national audience.

**Christine A. Lemon ‘11** (biology) will receive her doctor of dental surgery from USC this May. She has accepted a dental anesthesiology residency at NYU Lutheran Medical Center and will train alongside medical anesthesiologists in Brooklyn’s Level 1 Trauma Center.

**Whitney Parks ‘10** (journalism) recently started her own business and marketing consultancy, Parks Evolution. She focuses on digital marketing and helping people take their ideas to the next level.

**Jeffrey Lambin ‘11** (mathematics) is married to Christa Lambin, and they have two little girls, Abbie and Elaina. They recently moved to Carson City. Jeff is a full-time commercial underwriter and associate pastor at Fellowship Bible Chapel. He is also opening a seminary, Sierra Theological Seminary, that will allow students to earn a master’s degree with an emphasis on divinity and theology.

**Margo Vigeant ‘11** (English) has been to over nine countries in the past two years, including Ireland, Mexico, Germany, Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland, England, France and Spain. Margo works at Aerojet Rocketdyne in Rancho Cordova, California, and comes home each day to her Yorkie Terrier, Mia.

**Then and Now**

In 1997 Melanie Watkins ‘98 (health science) was featured on the cover of Nevada Silver & Blue in a story outlining the enormous efforts students put forth to pay for higher education. But as a single mom at the time, Melanie had some extra hurdles to clear. After graduating with honors, she went on to Stanford Medical School, with her 5-year-old son in tow, to earn her M.D. Her son, Jonathan ‘16 (English), must have absorbed his mom’s grit and energy. He graduated from Nevada this past December, bringing his family’s Nevada story full circle. Now Jonathan is headed off to Indonesia with the Peace Corps to teach for two years.

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Joanna Bogen and Michael Bogen ’07 (criminal justice) announce the birth of their daughter, Hailey Marie, on April 27, 2015.

Elyse (Smith) Hansen ’03 (elementary education) and Dale “Travis” Hansen announce the birth of their daughter, Remy Royal, on March 25, 2016. Remy joins big sister, Elliott Maeve.

Tiffany (Threatt) Bourelle ’09 Ph.D. (English) and Andrew Bourelle ’05 M.A. (English), ’09 Ph.D. (English) are very happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Ann, on Jan. 28, 2016.

Ashley (Bunch) Robbins ’10 (elementary education) and Curtis Robbins ’08 M.S. (mechanical engineering) announce the birth of their daughter, Steggy Amelia, on Dec. 24, 2016.

Marrissa (Perea) Markee ’09 (political science), ’13 M.Ed. and Martin Markee ’09 (geography) announce the birth of their daughter, Madeleine, on Sept. 7, 2016. Madeleine joins big sister Mila.

Candace Dietrich and Kurt Dietrich ’00 (civil engineering), ’08 (construction management) announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Grace, on Dec. 5, 2015.

Marrissa (Perea) Markee ’09 (political science), ’13 M.Ed. and Martin Markee ’09 (geography) announce the birth of their daughter, Madeleine, on Sept. 7, 2016. Madeleine joins big sister Mila.
Alumni Profile

Executive Coach. Motivational Speaker. Mommy.

The College of Business is known for producing alumni with a passion to succeed. Brandi Stankovic ’01 (finance) has that in spades. But what drives her even more than achieving her own success? Helping others to achieve theirs. After her time at Nevada, Brandi went on to earn her MBA from the University of San Diego, and her doctorate from Pepperdine University. Now a senior partner and founder of Mitchell, Stankovic & Associates, Brandi is well-known for the strength and energy she brings to bear on behalf of her clients. As a strategic planner and executive coach, she uses her education and experience to take businesses and organizations to their next level of success.

Brandi knows how to hustle. “I volunteered my way to the top,” she said. Brandi serves on the advisory board for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals, is the volunteer manager for Aid at AIDS Nevada and is the USA Ambassador for the Global Women’s Leadership Network. During the time she was going to school, she also worked as director of education and client support at Harland Educational Services, vice president of marketing and administration at Ventura County Credit Union, and was adjunct faculty at Ventura College and College of Southern Nevada. Oh, and in her spare time? She published her first book, “The Strategic MVP.”

Brandi now hosts a biweekly podcast, The Strategic Hotbox, where she creates “the 2 a.m. dynamic, challenging, stimulating and authentic conversations” about what makes a difference in business and in life. The stodgy feel that leadership discussions typically have are kicked to the curb in The Strategic Hotbox. Her guests hail from a wide range of professions and industries, and they discuss everything from personal branding, to influence, to emotional intelligence, to how to take control of your life, all packaged into three regular segments called Learn. Love. Kick Ass.

With her roles of executive coach, motivational speaker and mommy, Brandi demolishes that wiggly and often elusive line between excellence in her professional and personal life. “Work-life balance is baloney,” she says in one of her podcast episodes. And she gives a compelling argument for why we can’t separate (a prerequisite for balancing) our professional and personal selves. “If something is going on in my work life, it will impact the personal life. I am the same person. It doesn’t matter if I am working, playing or loving my beefcakes.”

Her two boys, ages 4 and 6, have a mom who is a motivational speaker and executive coach, not just as her profession, but as her identity. Lucky ducks.

Brandi’s connection to the University came full circle last fall when she got a call from Wolf Call, the student-staffed phonathon. Wolf Call students reach out to alumni to update information, share news about the University, and secure support for a broad range of campus programs through the University’s Annual Fund. True to form, Brandi took things to the next level and became the inaugural member of the University Associate giving. “The student who called created the connection and reinvigorated my relationship to the University,” Brandi said. From there, she reached out to be even more involved and returned to campus to facilitate a motivational leadership session with Wolf Call students.

- by CARRIE BUSHÁ ’06
RACHAEL LAMBIN '14 (nutrition) and her mom, Debbie, create unique artwork from books and magazines by folding the pages with origami and manipulating them to create intricate sculptures. From a man in his boat engaged in a heroic battle with a mighty swordfish, to a lonely kite caught high in a tree, to mustangs galloping through the tall grass. Debbie and Rachel’s work is currently on display in the Nevada Governor’s Mansion, the State Capital Building and several private residences throughout the United States, United Kingdom, Bermuda, South America and Africa.

KELLY GERATY ’15 (general studies) had an internship with the San Francisco Giants, which transitioned into a freelance position working at all control rooms for Bay Area sports teams, including the Golden State Warriors, Cal Bears, Stanford Cardinals, Sacramento Kings and San Jose Earthquakes.

JESSICA A. NELSON ’15 Ph.D. (counseling and educational psychology) was recently promoted to director of undergraduate research at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut, where she serves as assistant professor of counseling and executive board member for the Connecticut Counseling Association.

TRAVIS SMITH ’16 (civil engineering) is a staff engineer with Manhard Consulting in the Reno office.
Wolf Mates

EMMA JACQUETTE ’11 (nursing) and AHRON OSHEROFF ’11 (civil engineering) were married in September 2016 in Lyons, Colorado.

KATE (THOMPSON) ANYANWU ’08 (marketing) and UCHE ANYANWU ’08 (speech communication) were married Oct. 15, 2016, in Las Vegas.

LINDSAY (PANKO) KAISER ’12 (journalism) and BILL KAISER ’10 (economics) were married Oct. 15, 2016, in Reno surrounded by family and friends.

ASHLEY (STONE) BERIOCHOA ’11 (management) and JOHN BERIOCHOA ’06 (theatre), ’13 MJM were married Aug. 27, 2016, at Galena Creek Park in Reno.

JULIET (LAC HAPPELL) TILLY ’14 (economics) and ERIC TILLY ’12 (engineering) were married May 23, 2015, in Grass Valley, California.

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RACHEL (RINGENBACH) WATKINS ’08 (accounting/finance) and JEFF WATKINS ’04 (electrical engineering), ’13 MBA were married Oct. 22 at Hidden Valley Country Club in Reno.

ERINN (THOMAS) KARI ’10 (general studies) and MIKE KARI ’14 (theater) were married Oct. 16, 2016, in Reno.

ALEXANDRA WATSON ’10 (biology) and JOSEPH GOSS ’07 (mining engineering) were married Aug. 15, 2015, in Incline Village.

SABRINA (LOUREIRO) FARMIN ’10 (political science) and RYAN FARMIN ’11 (finance) were married Oct. 7, 2016, in Zephyr Cove.

Lauren (Adraga) Bowden ’09 (speech pathology and audiology), ’11 M.S. (speech pathology) and MATTHEW BOWDEN ’12 (mechanical engineering) were married July 16, 2016, in Reno.

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CHAPTER UPDATES

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and be sure to follow them on Facebook!

Young Alumni Chapter
Monika Mala ‘08, ‘12 M.A., Nevada.AAPI.Alumni@gmail.com

The Young Alumni Chapter has been actively growing in membership and has had a blast hosting fun and unique networking events each month. We held a bowling mixer/Nebraska views party at The Rack in January and sold discounted tickets to Nebraska basketball games in February and March. We invite you to join us at the DownTown Reno Ballroom on Friday, April 21 for our 24th annual Beer Fest! Tickets and more information are available on our website, nevadayac.com, or at the door. Proceeds from last year’s event helped us donate $15,000 in scholarships to Nebraska students! We are hopeful to award even more this year. For more updates, and if you have any questions, email nvbaac@gmail.com!

Nevada Bay Area Alumni Chapter
Jocelyn Weart ‘00, nvbaac@gmail.com

Nevada Bay Area alumni have established a home base at San Francisco’s Brasserie Saint James, where we’ve enjoyed multiple viewing parties to cheer on the Wolf Pack during the football and basketball seasons. When the Pack came to San Jose in March, we raised a glass at 4th Street Pizza before the game. In April we’ll enjoy our annual outing to watch the Warriors take on the Pelicans at Oracle Arena, and we’re holding elections to find new board officers. If you’re interested in taking on a leadership role with the chapter, stay tuned for an email with more details about elections. Stay connected through our website and Facebook page for updates, and if you have any questions, email nvbaac@gmail.com!

USAC Alumni Chapter
Derreck T. Calkins, alumni@usac.unr.edu

The USAC Alumni Chapter has enjoyed a very busy fall. The chapter hosted a welcome back event and resume webinar for alumni. This May we will host our semi-annual graduation reception. We would like to thank all of those that participate and help make our events successful. To learn more about upcoming events, please contact Derreck Calkins at (775) 682-6784 or dcalkins@unr.edu.

College of Business Alumni Association
Vick Wowo ‘11, vvwowo@whitneypeakhotel.com

COBAA will be hosting an exclusive tour of the Tesla Gigafactory in April that will kick off a series of tours and opportunities for alumni to learn more about companies in our region that are seeking qualified employees. The chapter will be focusing on engaging events for College of Business graduates to connect them to the evolving business environment in northern Nevada.

The 26th Annual Golf Tournament will take place June 9 at Wolf Run Golf Course. For details or sponsorship, please email Erika Ibaibarriaga Saiz at erikaibaibariaga@yahoo.com.

We are also looking for chapter members interested in serving on our board of directors. To learn more about COBAA and to find out how to join, please contact Megan Lowe-Lynch at mlowe@chaseinternational.com.

Student Ambassadors Alumni Chapter
Priscilla Acosta ‘10, pnacosta@gmail.com

This winter has been full of celebrations for the Student Ambassador Alumni Chapter. In December we hosted a Holiday Jubilee at local hot-spot Battle Born Cafe where we shared delicious eats and treats and played some reindeer games. The chapter also hosted an alumni night at the Little Wal and cheered on the Pack as they crushed UNLV Feb. 8. This spring we’ll hold our annual Graduation Celebration to welcome our newest alumni members, and begin planning the quadrennial undergrad/alumni summer retreat — stay tuned for more info. As always, we are looking for generous donors for the Student Ambassador scholarship fund. Please contact Priscilla to set up your donation.

Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association
Jan (Pritchard) Brady ’63, ’88 MBA, lvcrrsswrds@aol.com

OSNAA held its spring Mock Interview Event in February for students getting ready to enter the job market. As always, it was valuable to the students and gratifying for the volunteer interviewers.

Invitations have gone out to all Orvis School of Nursing alumni for the upcoming Diamond Anniversary Gala celebrating our sixtieth anniversary. This will be a must-not-miss event whether you are an Orvis alumnus, an Orvis faculty member, a family member or friend of an Orvis student or alumnus, or part of the healthcare network in northern Nevada. The event is April 22 at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa. For further details call 775-682-7342. See you there!


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Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter
Trevor Macaluso ’11, trevormac589@sbcglobal.net

The Nevada Bay Area Alumni Chapter was named Chapter of the Year for 2016 and recognized at the Homecoming Gala and football game! We also celebrated this award with fellow alumni in September at Seven Stills Brewery in San Francisco. We can’t thank our members enough for making this possible!

We had incredible turnouts for football this year with a viewing party at Brasserie Saint James in San Francisco for the Notre Dame game and a tailgate for the SJSU game in San Jose. Next year, we’re planning our Warriors’ tailgate for April 8, so stay tuned for more details! As always, please stay in touch on Facebook and our website, nvbaac.com.

Nevada Football Alumni Association
Matt Airoldi ’94
tgratsunami61@yahoo.com

The Nevada Football Alumni Association had great reunions for the 1966 team (the first to play in Mackay Stadium), the 1986 Big Sky Championship team, and the 1996 Big West Championship team.

Our Annual Poker Tournament will be April 28, followed by our spring game April 29. We are very excited for our new head coach, Jay Norvell, and his entire staff, and we’re looking forward to a great 2017 season!

Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter
Amy Beck ’09, amyjeanbeck@gmail.com

The Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter has been quite active this quarter! In addition to meeting monthly for happy hour, the chapter attended a Reno Bighorns game in March. Our next event will be a bagna cauda dinner April 24 at the Coney Island Bar in Sparks. Tickets are available for $25/person by visiting our chapter webpage. For more information or to join the chapter, please follow us on Facebook. Chapter membership is only $25/year and open to all.

School of Medicine Alumni Association

The School of Medicine Alumni Association held its Annual Alumni Reunion and Reception as part of the Homecoming festivities in October 2016. The reception was held in the Pennington Health Sciences Building and was well attended. We honored Dr. Ann Jobe ’86 as our 2016 Distinguished Alumna. UNR Med Dean Thomas Schwenk spoke to the group and reminded us of the important role alumni play in the School of Medicine. We welcomed back the Class of 2006 for its 10-year reunion, as well as the Class of 1991 and Class of 1976, for their 25th and 40th reunions, respectively.

If you would like to make a nomination for next year’s School of Medicine Outstanding Alumnus, please contact Seema Donahoe at sdonahoe@unr.edu.

Fallon Alumni Chapter
Cheryl Venturacci, cventuracci@cccomm.net

The Fallon Alumni Chapter attended the Nevada vs. Fresno State game Jan. 21. We had a full mini bus with 29 proud supporters. After the game we stopped in Sparks at Woody’s for a wonderful dinner and libations. It was another great scholarship fundraiser for the Fallon Chapter. We also sponsored a tailgate party at the old post office in Fallon to watch Nevada take on UNLV Feb. 25.

We had a busy year in 2016 with four well-attended events that will enable us to give three $1,000 scholarships to Churchill County seniors who will attend Nevada in 2017.

Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter
Elliot E. Sparkman ’04, eesparkman@gmail.com

The Nevada Cheer and Spirit Alumni Chapter hosted the Annual Senior Luncheon March 4 at Hidden Valley Country Club where we honored our 13 graduating seniors. We had an opportunity to celebrate and thank them for their commitment to the program and University and provided them with complimentary one-year chapter memberships.

If you would like to join the chapter, make a donation to support academic scholarships for student-athletes, participate in our professional mentorship program or need additional information please visit our website or contact Elliot E. Sparkman.
Nevada vs. UNLV Pregame Party

Excited basketball fans gathered for a pregame party on Feb. 25 before the Nevada vs. UNLV tip-off at Thomas & Mack in Las Vegas. The crowd got a special visit from Wolf Pack football’s new head coach Jay Norvell, who talked about his plans for the program and the 2017 season.  

1 Dorothy (Howell) Huffey ’61 with her son and grandson, Neil ’97 and Hudson  
2 Jay Norvell, the new Wolf Pack football head coach (left) is greeted by Nevada Athletics Director Doug Knuth  
3 Chuck Johnson ’92, Scott Machabee ’90, Shelly Burns ’85 and Tom Burns ’85.

School of Medicine Match Day

Match Day is a nationwide celebration in March for all medical students to learn where they will complete their residency training. This year’s event, held March 17, took on a Harry Potter theme with students catching their “snitch” that told them where they will complete the next phase of the medical education.  

4 University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine Dean Thomas Schwenk  
5 Armita Sadeghi (matched into neurology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center), Shuang Lei ’16 (matched into psychiatry at the University of Southern California) and Annie Hong (matched into internal medicine at University of Nevada affiliated hospitals in Las Vegas).  
6 Colt Williams ’14 was matched into internal medicine at the University of Colorado in Denver. He and his wife, Morgan Williams, wait for their next adventure on Platform 9 ¾.

ALUMNI GATHERINGS

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Dean Thomas Schwenk.

Armita Sadeghi

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Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter Watch Party

Wolf Pack fans gathered at Dom DeMarco’s Pizzeria in Las Vegas March 16 to watch the men’s basketball team take on Iowa State in the first round of the NCAA Men’s Division I Tournament.

Dr. Scott Fielden ’88, ’93 M.D.

Student Recruitment Reception

The Nevada Alumni Association and the Office of Prospective Students held the third of nine Student Recruitment Receptions March 9 at Arden Hills Club and Spa in Sacramento. Prospective students and family members are invited to these events to meet alumni, current students, and University administrators and faculty to get their questions answered and learn more about Nevada.

Theresa Danna-Douglas

An Evening with Danyelle Musselman

The Nevada Women’s Programming Group invited alumni and friends to an event with Danyelle Musselman March 4 at Basin Street Club in Mackay Stadium. Danyelle talked about how she does it all: managing a successful sports broadcasting career while raising a family with her husband, Nevada Men’s Basketball Head Coach Eric Musselman.

Courtney Wadhams

Stephanie (Clemo) Hanna ’96, Christy (Upchurch) Jerz ’97, Danyelle Musselman and Lisa Goon. Danyelle Musselman (middle) with Nevada alumni relations managers Jessica Stack ’11 and Courtney Wadhams.
A Nevada Legacy

When Harry Swanson and Bud (Douglas) Brooks started at the University of Nevada, Reno in the late 1940s, they could have never known the legacy they were building for their future families. While these two men didn’t know each other, they took similar paths as active members of the University. Bud played football for the Wolf Pack, and Harry was a leader in student government and his fraternity, ATO. After graduation they both served in the military, then married their school sweethearts, Irene Fulton and Ruth Hiltz, respectively. Both families prioritized education, which is why so many of their children and grandchildren followed in their footsteps at Nevada. Sixty years after these two men attended the University, their families merged with the marriage of Harry’s granddaughter and Bud’s grandson, Julie Kealy and Gary Brooks. The Swanson and Brooks families are incredibly grateful for the education and experiences gained at the University. You will almost always see one of them at University events or enrolled in classes. These two families have a long history at the University of Nevada and look forward to continuing to grow and support the great school they all share a love for.
How many University of Nevada alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in an upcoming issue of Nevada Silver & Blue. For details, visit unr.edu/alumni/magazine or call 888.NV ALUMS.