NEWS & EVENTS

WNC Baseball Takes Third at Junior College World Series!
The Wildcats baseball team celebrated a great season on Monday, June 1, with
a barbecue for the team and community, after finishing third in the nation.
Western won the Scenic West Athletic Conference regular season title, then
hosted the tournament championship and won that, too. Next it was a victory in
the Western District championships before the Junior College World Series in
Grand Junction, Colo., where the Wildcats wound up with third place honors,
and three team members were named to the all-tournament team.
http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-05-28a.php Photo at right: Travis Feiner is
congratulated by his teammates during the JUCO World Series in May.

Auto Mechanics Program Receives National Certification
Western’s Automotive Mechanics program has earned a strong endorsement
from the national group that certifies training. Following an extensive
examination of its courses, instructors and facilities, Western has earned a
certification from the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation
(NATEF). Western requested certification in the four required areas of brakes,
electrical/electronic systems, engine performance, and suspension and

AWARDS - Students and Guests Honored at Commencement Exercises
Amy Ramos of Fallon was honored at the 2009 commencement ceremony in Fallon as Western’s Regents
Scholar for 2009. Ramos enrolled at WNC in 2006 and maintained a 4.0 GPA while pursuing challenging
courses. She is now enrolled at University of Nevada, Reno in psychology, and plans to enter the medical
field in ophthalmology. Her community service includes musical direction at her church and traveling to
Mexico as a volunteer to build houses for needy residents. Roger Williams, managing partner of Freeman
& Williams LLP, CPA’s in Carson City received an honorary associate degree. He is a founding board
member and chair of the Board of Trustees of the WNC Foundation. Former NSHE Regent and longtime
UNR art professor Howard Rosenberg has been an enthusiastic supporter of Western. Rosenberg was
awarded an honorary associate degree for his many contributions to the college.

Five Western Instructors Earn Tenure
A dedicated group of WNC instructors were granted tenure this spring by the NSHE Board of Regents.
Congratulations to new community college professors Paul Eastwood (Machine Tool Technology), Edda
Gibson (Nursing), Deborah Ingraffia-Strong (Nursing), Emily Howarth Computer Information Technology)
and Chad McCully (English).

Western Well Represented at Science and Engineering Fair
The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair brought more than 1,600 young scientists, their
families and friends to the Reno-Sparks Convention Center for the world’s largest science, math and
engineering competition. These young geniuses pulled out all the stops, showing off everything from
advanced robots to homegrown biology studies. The fair would not be possible without the help of
dedicated volunteers, and Western had an excellent representation with faculty and administrators who
served as judges: George McNulty, Dr. Brigitte Dillet, Jeff Downs, Robert Collier, Dr. Gary Evett, and
President Carol Lucey. Many Thanks! http://www.intelisef2009.org/
ATHLETICS

Baseball Players Achieve Athletically and Academically
The Wildcats baseball team’s success at the Junior College World Series does not begin to tell the story of what the individual players have accomplished and what lies ahead. Jerome Pena, Travis Feiner, Lance Ray, Brian Barnett, Marshall Kennebrew, Mike Long, Brett Moravec, Kyle DiMartino, Josh Moody, Logan Odom, Javy Perez and Kyle Starratt are all leaving with a record of accomplishment. Ten have graduated with associate degrees, and collectively the team earned a 3.16 GPA, this spring, highest in program history. Ten have signed scholarships to play next season at four-year colleges and seven of those are with NCAA Division I programs. http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-06-15a.php

Two Players Earn National Honors; Pena Selected by NY Mets
The honors continue to roll in for Western’s baseball team. Two Wildcats players were awarded national honors, and one was selected in the Major League Baseball draft. Second baseman Mike Stiles was named a winner of the 2009 NJCAA Division I Rawlings Gold Glove Award, and left-fielder Brian Barnett was named a Division I Honorable Mention NJCAA All-American. Catcher Jerome Pena, shown at right, now has to choose between playing at Texas Christian University next year and accepting an offer from the New York Mets organization. http://www.wnc.edu/athletics/baseball/

ARTS

“Always Lost” Art Exhibit Shares Emotions, Images of War
Now through Friday, Aug. 14, Monday–Friday: 7:30 am–9:30 pm; Saturday: 7 am–5 pm
College Gallery, Bristlecone Building, WNC Carson City-Free Admission

The faces of 4,000 American service members who have died serving in Iraq are the inspiration for a collaboration of a unique display of photos, facts, poems and prose on display through the summer at the College Gallery in the Bristlecone Building. Sociology Professor Don Carlson and English Professor collaborated on the project: sociology students researched and quantify the impersonal demographics of the Iraq War, and a creative writing class personalized the war through poems and prose. http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-06-04a.php

COLLEGE CORNER

Fallon Nurse Featured in Publication
Banner Churchill Community Hospital nurse and Western grad Cindy Greer was featured in the most recent edition of the Banner Health newsletter. “I love spending time with our patients,” Greer said. “Being able to engage with them on a professional and personal level is one of the reasons I love working in a small community—a community where our patients have become part of my family. . . “

Search for Alien Life Includes Carson City
One of the world’s top alien hunters attracted a good crowd at a lecture on June 6 at Marlette Hall. Dr. Seth Shostak kept those in attendance laughing and learning as he explored the public’s beliefs that aliens walk among us from galaxies millions of light years away, and the government is covering up alien autopsies. Shostak is the senior astronomer at the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute, in Mountain View, Calif., and studies radio signals from space in his work with the Hat Creek Radio Observatory in California. For much of his career, he has conducted radio astronomy research on galaxies, and has published approximately 60 papers in professional journals. While he believes the circumstances that created life on Earth exist in other parts of the universe, Shostak debunks a lot of popular literature that says aliens have already made contact with Earth. http://www.nevadaspacegrant.com/