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Message from the Chairman



Donal Hummer, Jr.

Well, it is every other February in the state of Nevada, and what does that mean? A new legislative session, and a new governor.

All I have to say so far is "Really, Governor. Really." You propose to take hundreds of millions out of education on top of the previous reductions

and at the same time you are not decreasing the prison budgets but are actually going to add hundreds of millions to their budgets. I guess it makes sense, trading teachers for guards. We already are the state with the lowest per capita spent on K-12 education in the United States, and that was before the budget cuts of the last three years.

Spending on higher education is equally bleak. But I guess the thought process must be, "Hey, we are already the lowest in the country so we can't go any lower. Plus with the crime rate going up in proportion to education spending going down, we will have all these well funded prisons to house people in."

Governor Sandoval's campaign message spoke of education as one of the cornerstones in helping Nevada get out of this recession. Sounded great, but in the State of the State address, he spoke about cutting education budgets and teacher salaries by an additional 5%. It doesn't sound too unreasonable until you realize that is on top of two previous budget reductions that now total 35%. Before the budget cuts, Nevada was already the winner of the title of the lowest per capita spending on education in the United States.

His comment to the effect that money doesn't equate to good education rings a little hollow. I be-

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Proposed Budget Cuts Threaten Your College

A Message from WNC President Carol Lucey

Your college needs your help! In these tough economic times, we know that all Nevadans have been struggling, and cutting back. At Western Nevada College, we have been reducing costs in all areas of the college for three years to meet the various budget reductions imposed by the state.

Over the next two years, the current budget proposal for state support to Western Nevada College cuts our General Fund support by 31.7%, on top of cuts already made in each of the last three years. These new proposed cuts would directly threaten our college's mission to serve students and employ-

ers across our 18,000-square-mile service area, and may make it impossible for many residents to earn a college degree and enhance or obtain workforce skills.

The college community has united to find ways to continue serving our students in the face of the past cuts. Our professors are admitting more students into their classes than ever before, and they are teaching more class sections. Members of our support staff are doing the work of several positions and all have taken pay cuts. Still, we

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Foundation Recognizes Donors Who Support Scholarships

WNC Foundation Awards \$131,000

WNC Foundation's Eleventh Annual Scholarship Appreciation & Recognition Reception drew a full house in October. Students expressed thanks to their donors, face to face. Donors learned more about the students whose lives they have changed. The foundation thanks the scholarship donors who enhanced the lives of over 150 students this year. Their generosity and commitment allowed the foundation to fund almost \$131,000 of the \$140,000 in scholarships awarded for the 2010-11 academic year.

View a list of the foundation's scholarship donors at www.wnc.edu/foundation/

RIGHT: Locke and Betty Ray Lesch with nursing student recipient Annie Newman



ABOVE: Marv Teixeira with baseball student-athlete recipients Brooks Klein and Sean Dwyer

Message from the Chair

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lieve that the better cliché would be, "you get what you pay for." These proposed cuts in education, compounded with the previous cuts, are an absolute recipe for disaster. Not only does the future of this state rely on our children, Nevada's very viability is at stake here. Without a strong educational system in place, new businesses will shy away from coming here and those that are here will eventually leave or downsize.

Economic growth and prosperity have been tied to education time and again. It is an easy correlation; good education begets prosperity. A poor and underfunded education system brings higher crime rates, higher and chronic unemployment, and economic ruin.

The concept of paying for performance has many supporters, and the idea is not without merit. But it is a two-edged sword. While paying more for higher performing teachers makes sense, cutting all teacher salaries in the interim will drive those high performing teachers out of our districts and into other states. This is because we already have the lowest paid educators in the country.

Maybe the Governor's words would mean more if Nevada was like California or some of the eastern states that have the highest paid educators in the country, but we don't. I currently have children in Nevada schools and over the years I have met their teachers, and worked with the schools. I can say, unequivocally, these teachers are some of the best in the nation. They are smart, hard working and self motivated to teach our children to the best of their abilities. To accuse them of anything less is insulting. I am sure that there are a few that don't perform so well but that is the exception and not the rule. Unless of course there are further reductions in already meager

educational budgets - then this will no longer be the exception.

The real problem here is not bloated budgets and overpaid kindergarten teachers; it is a lack of revenue. The plain fact of the matter is that Nevada's golden goose in the form of gaming tax revenue is gone, and it is never coming back. Dozens of some of this country's brightest economists have stated time and again that Nevada's recession will last a decade or more, longer than any other state, unless it stops solely relying on gaming. Economic recovery to pre-2006 economic levels will never happen again. The only way to improve our future is to change our revenue structure.

Now I know that "Tax" is a bad word and I am surprised that it is not referred to as just the "t" word in published material. "New Tax" is even more vile.

I think that with the Nevada Legislature in session, an earnest discussion about the elephant in the room has to take place. Not in the form of "New" or "Additional" or "Higher" T-word, but in the form of replacement tax revenue for the state. We need to look at other avenues and areas not for increased taxes but for replacement taxes for gaming revenue that has been lost and is never coming back.

The governor and state legislators need to reach out to Nevadans and ask them for their help. I think that if they leveled with the residents and businesses of Nevada about the dire consequences that lie ahead without immediate action, Nevadans would support some form of replacement revenue. A very little bit from us all is all that it would take.

Just as the local community has Chosen to make a Difference in WNC by supporting and giving to the foundation, I truly believe that Nevadans as a whole

would rally around our state for the same reasons.

Before any of you out there brand me as a tax and spend person, the fact of the matter is that I am a fiscal conservative who finds big bloated governments that can't spend within their means (California) nauseating. But that is not what we have here. Nevada is very much like a person who had an oil well over the last 40 years. And through no fault of its own, the well dried up and the income stopped. Just as the individual would do, Nevada cut back on its expenses and tightened its belt. But unlike Nevada, the individual realized that the well was dry forever and went out to find a new job and source of income. It is time for Nevada to do the same.

All the talk and sound bytes about Nevada becoming a technological mecca and/or the green energy producing state of the country will never happen unless we have smart and well-educated people to build and operate these industries. Governor, Legislators, it is not the time for sound bytes and worrying about your future re-election. It is time for strong leaders to have the will to do the right thing.

And please, Governor and Legislature, enough talk about "tough decisions" in cutting education budgets. Cutting is easy and it is the cowardly thing to do. This state is becoming like that the man who died from a thousand cuts. Any one cut was not fatal, but all of them together were. It is no different for Nevada; each cut is bringing us closer to the abyss.

The tough decisions will entail doing the right thing by fully funding the educational requirements of this state and getting the revenue to do so. It is time for our elected officials to man up and Choose to make a Difference.

***DONOR PROFILE-Honoring Helen Devereux
Patricia Devereux Continues
Mother's Lifelong Work***

Helen Devereux was a veteran kindergarten teacher. For 45 years, she taught children, largely minority, in Berkeley, Calif. When she died in 2008, her community service-minded daughter Patricia established the Helen Devereux Memorial Scholarship in her honor. Each year she honors her father by adding money to the endowment on his birthday. The scholarship is awarded annually to a Latina first-year student.

After graduating from University of California Berkeley with a degree in English literature, Patricia worked as a journalist in Grass Valley, Calif., and eventually earned the position of copy desk chief. Additionally, she taught English as a Second Language classes, something she continued to teach when she moved to Nevada.

Adventuresome, with an outdoors spirit, and interested in the natural history of the Sierra Nevada, perhaps Devereux was meant to live in northern Nevada. She went to work for the Nevada Appeal newspaper in 2002 and moved to the small community of Stagecoach.

"I love this state," she said, "because of its quirky pioneer spirit, wild contradictions and unlimited BLM land on which to camp and hike."

In 2007, at 52 years old, Devereux quit her editing job.

"I never envisioned dying at my work desk at 78 when I could have been out climbing mountains and snorkeling Caribbean reefs for 20 years," she said.

She became a renaissance woman of sorts – taking at least one overseas trip each year, where she travels frugally and mingles with the native culture. She performs secretarial work "for fun" for the Nevada Senate during its biannual session and takes one community college course per semester to "round out" her education.

The first Helen Devereux Memorial Scholarship was awarded in 2008 to a nursing student whose father was a Guatemalan immigrant, and the current recipient, Isabel, is a pre-nursing student. Giving specifically to female minority students with a relatively recent immigration history is a continuation of Helen Devereux's lifelong work to ensure that minority students, particularly those who learn English as a second language, have access to solid education.

"In my house," Patricia said, "there was full equality, and the norm was a belief that every one of Mom's students was high achieving. The hope is that the scholarship will help a female become the first college graduate from a Latino family. If one kid goes to college, then the chances skyrocket that her siblings will attend."

Setting up a scholarship with the foundation at WNC, Devereux said, turned out to be "astonishingly easy." She is continually moved by a photograph of Isabel, which she keeps on her desk at the Senate, and when people ask about the picture, she tells them with pride how easy it is to establish a scholarship with the college.

When Patricia attends the annual scholarship reception, she brings a book with photos of her mother to show her recipient. It puts a face to the name.

"Of all the things I could have spent my inheritance on, what would have more value than granting this smart, capable, ambitious, lovely young woman a start in college?"

**View Pat's worldwide adventures at
<http://wildwomendontgettheblues.webs.com/>**



**IGT Donates \$10,000 to
Jack C. Davis Observatory**

Many thanks to IGT for gifting \$10,000 toward enhancements to the Jack C. Davis Observatory. The gift will fund the extension of the observation deck on the east side of the observatory providing more space for telescope use. The funds will also fund extension of the wall that blocks light from the observation deck. The projects are set to break ground in late spring.



**Giving Spirit Alive & Well
on Campus**

Each year, Western celebrates the winter holiday season with an all-college potluck where administrators, faculty and staff re-ignite relationships after a busy fall semester. It has become a tradition to also assist the community through these "well-wishes" by contributing to neighbors in need. This year, employees donated close to \$500 in cash along with boxes full of groceries for the Carson City charity "Food for Thought," which helps local school children who are homeless or living in motels and who don't always have food during the weekends or holidays.

Computerized Manikins Bring Realism to Nursing

Nursing students at Western Nevada College now have access to a higher level of realism when learning to treat patients with the addition of two high tech manikins that can simulate symptoms and even “interact” with students.

The manikins, valued at more than \$42,000, are a gift from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the Nevada State College schools of nursing. The project was coordinated by the Health Sciences Center of the Nevada System of Higher Education. The manikins include a pregnant female (complete with a well-developed fetus) that can simulate giving birth, and a male. They will be used along with the college’s other simulation manikins – two with interchangeable body parts, one



Dr. Judith Cordia and professor Mike Malay prepare to transport the manikins from the Carson City Airport to the college.

simulation baby, and four simulators that emulate vital signs. These high-tech manikins offer Western’s 85 nursing students a learning experience that is close to treating live patients. From a nearby control room, a lab instructor can speak into a microphone that is heard from the mouth of the manikin and describes symptoms such as pain or shortness of breath. The simulators can go into shock, suffer a heart attack, or choke from an obstructed airway.

“Having appropriate technology is extremely important to help our students develop critical thinking skills,” said Dr. Judith Cordia, WNC Director of Nursing and Allied Health. “It allows our students to better understand and carry out the safe care of patients.”

Associated Students of Western Nevada

Community Service & Student Success

The Associated Students of Western Nevada officers and senators thought long and hard about their goals for the 2010-2011 school year. Community service is now a big part of the equation.

“ASWN has changed its focus from mostly putting on programs and events for the students to community service, as well as focusing on students’ retention and success,” said vice-president Ashley Cruz.

During the fall semester, members worked at the Carson City Animal Shelter. They participated in Holiday with a Hero, a program that pairs elementary and middle school underprivileged children with sheriff’s officers for a shopping spree. They sponsored 15 children selected from WNC nursing students’ Salvation Army Tree and bought them Christmas presents. Fallon Campus members sponsored a blood drive.

Also, says Ashley, “We are here to appreciate students going to college and acknowledge their

interest in improving themselves.” Members are available for tutoring peers in remedial math. They sponsor a full week of “student appreciation” activities in March to provide mid-semester support and camaraderie. In their spare time, they will be remodeling one of the spaces in the Cedar Building to make it more comfortable for students.

Keep up the good work!



2010-2011 ASWN

Employee Giving Campaign:

Mission Accomplished

Staff, faculty and administration at WNC proved again that they are willing to dig deep for the good of the college and its students. Acting as a team, they demonstrated that one small gift can truly lead to one giant leap for Western. This year’s giving campaign had record participation - 70% of employees made a financial pledge to the foundation, a giant leap from our benchmark of 39%.

The following letter was sent to administration, faculty and staff from Chancellor Daniel J. Klach:

“Over the years I have followed with a great deal of interest and admiration your contributions to support the college. Year after year the percentage given from administration, faculty and staff simply astounds me. This year, in the toughest economy any of us have seen in a long time, again, the campus community has overwhelmingly made contributions to the college to support critical projects, scholarships, and financial aid for your students.

“Western is such a wonderful community of scholars and givers, and you have proven it again this year as you have supported your college in so many selfless ways.”

In Memoriam

Math Professor Mark Dorio

Students and faculty alike are remembering math professor Mark Dorio who died in October. Professor Dorio taught at Western for 21 years and was a devoted teacher, mild-mannered and always available to assist students. Even the nurses who cared for Dorio at the hospital during his illness said they remembered how much he helped them so they could succeed in their classes. Some years ago, Dorio was asked to write an article with the prompt, "Why I Teach." The following excerpts are from the article.

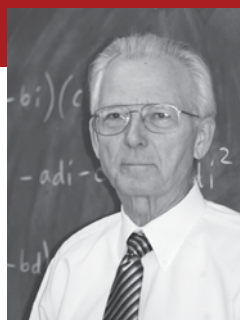
"Whatever one is doing today is for the most part simply that which one was doing yesterday. But, on rare occasions, decisions are made that actually change one's life. I came to WNC to teach mathematics because this job entailed both using mathematics and helping students.

"My office at WNC is across from the Academic

Skills Center. My door is usually open. Often, a student or even a tutor will come to my office for an explanation or a solution. I am happy to help. It's always a pleasure to do whatever I can to reduce the stress and frustration that so often accompany some students' mathematical experiences. So, why do I teach? The answer is that teaching college mathematics and helping students learn college mathematics is an occupation that gives my life greater satisfaction, purpose, and pleasure." A math scholarship in his memory has been established with the WNC Foundation.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION 775-445-3240

Professor Dorio is deeply missed and will always be fondly remembered.



Mark Dorio



Coffee w/Carol

The foundation is proud to present "Coffee with Carol" events to familiarize the community with the many outstanding faculty and programs at WNC. Join President Carol Lucey at these free, semester discussions. Enjoy coffee and a continental breakfast and receive a "Coffee with Carol" commemorative mug.

DOUGLAS CAMPUS

Friday, April 15 • 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Featured Instructor: Penny Nicely

Topic: "It Ain't Your Grandfather's Horse & Buggy:

Carriage Driving in the Modern Age"

Location: Bently Hall Room 106

RSVP to 775-782-2413 by April 13 or

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Bernice Sheldon

Foundation Mourns Passing of Beloved Trustee

Western Nevada College is mourning the passing of Bernice Sheldon, a foundation trustee from 1999-2011. An avid supporter of education, she worked hard to create opportunity for Western students. She and her husband, John, had a long history in manufacturing and became devoted supporters of the machine tool technology program at the college. Named for Bernice's late husband, the John Sheldon Trade and Industry Complex on the Carson campus houses the automotive, welding and machine tool programs. For many

years drafting, machine tool and engineering students have made their way into the workforce with the help of the John H. Sheldon Scholarship Endowment.

A sandstone sculpture of Saturn sits among the other planets on the Jack C. Davis Planetary Walkway having been purchased by Sheldon's sons in honor of their mother's devotion to students. It was constructed by inmates at the Nevada State Prison to whom Bernice showed her spunk when she decided to visit the prison and check on its progress. Accompanied by friends Helaine Morres, Vice President of Development & External Affairs, and fellow trustee, Sally Zola, she spent time in the quarry with the sculptors.

Bernice's sons, who own Industrial Logistics, took on the job of moving the multi-ton rock from the prison and placing it on the Walkway.

As Saturn is one of the five planets visible from Earth without a telescope, we can remember Sheldon's generous heart simply by looking up at the night skies. In the permanence of a sculpture, her spirit will forever overlook the community she loved.

"I had the pleasure of working with Bernice in our law office for ten years, as well as serving with her on the WNC Foundation Board," Zola said. "Bernice was a lovely woman who was tremendously proud of her three sons and their accomplishments. She was also extremely proud of the contributions she and her husband made to WNC. When we attended the scholarship receptions, she was busting at the seams as she told me about the recipients of the Sheldon Scholarships. Bernice will be truly missed by WNC as well as those who worked with her at our law firm."

(L-R) Assistant Warden James Baca, Sally Zola, Helaine Morres, Bernice Sheldon, Warden Michael Budge (picture 2002).



Change a Life with a Scholarship

Over and over, the foundation hears from students whose lives were changed by a scholarship they received. Establishing a scholarship is easy, and the options are many.

Annual Giving Awards - Generally donors establish annual giving funds in which they donate gifts to be placed in a WNC scholarship fund. The sum may or may not change annually, per donor wishes. The foundation office confirms donor participation annually and posts scholarship availability accordingly.

One-Time Awards - Donors may establish scholarship awards which are awarded once or in designated increments until funds are exhausted. Memorial donations are often established as this type of scholarship.

Endowment Funds - Donors may establish an endowment with a suggested minimum of \$10,000 and can choose to make payments over a two to four year period. It is suggested that the donor include an additional \$500 per year while the endowment is being funded to allow annual scholarships to be awarded during that time. When the scholarship is fully established, the foundation expends the interest earned during a fiscal year as the scholarship amount, leaving the principal intact to allow the scholarship to exist in perpetuity. Additional gifts to the fund may be made at any time.

The foundation would like to recognize and thank the following individuals and organizations establishing scholarships from September 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Al Hack Memorial Science Scholarship

In memory of her husband, Lillian Hack has established a scholarship for students pursuing a degree in a bio-physical science, math or engineering. Al was a planner and negotiator with one of the giants in the modern aerospace industry, Lockheed Corporation. Candidates for the scholarship must be Nevada residents attending full time, have a 3.0 or better grade point average, and have financial need.

Al Teixeira Memorial Baseball Scholarship

In memory of Al Teixeira, well known in the community for his involvement in youth sports, Helaine and Clark Morres established this scholarship. Son of former Mayor Marv Teixeira, Al is remembered for his spirit of giving to the community. He loved baseball, played most of his life and coached many young people. During his high school years, Al pitched for Carson High School and brought the team to state finals in the early 1970's. One baseball student-athlete will be awarded \$500. The student must be attending full time and have a 3.0 or better grade point average.

Indigenous Native American Scholarship

Established by Criminal Justice professor Richard Finn, this scholarship will benefit registered Native American students. Students must be a Nevada resident attending full time, have a 3.0 or better grade point average and financial need. The scholarship coincides with the college's efforts to increase Native American student success rate. Richard serves as head coach of the newly instituted Native American cohort at Western.

Leah Chiara Memorial Women's Softball Scholarship

Established by Helaine & Clark Morres, this scholarship is in memory of long-time Carson City resident Leah Chiara. Leah worked in the school district as secretary to the superintendent until her retirement in 1990. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a woman softball student-athlete who is attending full time and has a 3.0 or better grade point average.

Mark Dorio Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of WNC mathematics professor Mark Dorio. He was loved and admired by colleagues and students alike. His love of teaching was reflected in his devotion to his students. He is deeply missed. One scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a mathematics degree. The student must be enrolled at least half time with financial need.

P.E.O. Sisterhood Scholarship for Women

P.E.O. Sisterhood Chapters AJ and AA have joined Chapters H, N and X in offering annual scholarships to female students who are single parents, attend full time, have financial need, and have a 3.0 or better grade point average. Chapter H also funds \$100 book scholarships to each of the recipients.

ENDOWMENTS

Lesch Scholarship Endowment Fund

Locke and Betty Ray Lesch have added an additional \$10,000 to their original endowment that was established in 2007. They will now be awarding a student pursuing a degree in education in addition to a nursing student. Both nursing and education students must be attending full time, have financial need and have a 3.0 or better grade point average.

ONE-TIME AWARDS

Helen and John Sauerhage Scholarship

Kathryn Clark-Ross, WNC Financial Assistance Veteran Coordinator, has established a scholarship in memory of her mother and stepfather. Students eligible will be veterans who have a 2.0 or better grade point average.

*A thousand words will not
leave so deep an impression
as one deed.*

Henrik Ibsen

Ways You Can Give

The foundation invites you to partner with the college in building a better community. Our greatest resource is education, and educated citizens are our greatest asset.

There are many ways that you can participate in the growth and improvement of WNC. One way is to make a financial gift to the college.

<p>Annual Gift - An individual annual gift has a tax advantage for donors who itemize their deductions. Funds can be designated to address a variety of the college's needs such as scholarships and athletics.</p>
<p>Memorial Gift - A gift which recognizes achievement and shows love of family or friend is a beautiful memorial. When the gift also benefits the community through the education of future generations, it is truly a living gift.</p>
<p>Charitable Gift Annuity - In return for a transfer of cash or property, WNC will send the donor generous fixed payments for life. Payments can be made to the donor, the donor and spouse, or two other persons if desired. This type of gift provides both security and tax benefits.</p>
<p>Endowment - Endowments are gifts that keep on giving. The fund's principal is invested and only the earnings are used to support the desired project. This is an extraordinary investment that changes many lives and builds many futures.</p>
<p>Gifts of Securities & Real Estate - This type of gift has both tax benefits and long term benefits for the college. The donor will receive a double income benefit by giving long-term appreciated securities and real estate rather than selling them to give an equal amount in cash. Initially, the donor receives a deduction for the full present fair market value of the gift. Then, the donor is allowed a complete avoidance of the capital gains tax on the appreciation.</p>
<p>Life Insurance - Donors may now make a charitable gift of life insurance for the cash surrender value of the policy and the current premiums. The insurance donor receives the same basic tax benefits as other donors contributing to WNC.</p>
<p>Will/Bequest - Naming WNC in a will is another way to support the college. This type of gift offers the flexibility in providing for family needs first while receiving the benefit of estate tax deduction for the value of the bequest.</p>

INFORMATION

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"We are beginning a period that will define our state, probably for decades. Much is at stake and we will be relentless in pursuing the goal of protecting and enhancing higher education in Nevada."

Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich - December 2010

CHOOSE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE – ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

- Yes! You can join Western Nevada College's efforts to make a difference by passing along some of your good fortune to those trying to improve their lives through education.
- Please make your check payable to WNC Foundation and mail it with the completed donation form to the WNC Foundation Office. All contributions are tax deductible and truly appreciated.

Enclosed is my check for: \$ _____ MC/VISA #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Please direct my contribution to:

Scholarships Athletics Observatory Greatest Need Other _____

Name: _____ (please print) Daytime Phone: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____ E-mail: _____

Thank you for caring!

Investing in Our Future

The following list recognizes those who made a gift to Western Nevada College between July 1, 2010 & December 31, 2010.

The WNC Foundation extends its deepest appreciation and gratitude to donors who have so thoughtfully invested in the support of the educational experience for so many students. Where would the college be without their dedicated support? One could argue that the college might not even exist. If your name was omitted from the Leadership Circles, please accept our apologies and contact the Office of Development and External Affairs at 775-445-3240. *On behalf of the college, thank you for the extraordinary opportunities you have helped provide.*

IN-KIND

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Bellissimo Boutique
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Charles Schwab-Dave Troeschler
D'Andrea Golf Club
Eagle Valley Golf Course
Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course
Empire Ranch Golf Course
Genghix Asian Fusion
Genoa Lakes Golf Club & Resort
Glen Eagles
Gold Dust West
Greenhouse Garden Center
Hidden Valley Country Club
Dave LaFata
Lakeside Inn & Casino
Les Schwab Tire of Nevada
Morgan Creek Golf & Country Club
Helaine Jesse Morres
NSHE Health Sciences System
Orinda Country Club
Outback Steakhouse
Pine Mountain Lake Golf Course
The Embroidery Doctor
San Marcos Grill
Somerset Country Club
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The Firkin & Fox
Thunder Canyon
Tito's Family Restaurant
Wolf Run Golf Club

LEADERSHIP CIRCLES 2010

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Shelly Cordia, Ed.D.
Cracker Box - Jerry Massad
Jamie Craig
Creative Woodworking
Bruce Crouch
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Belle Eckert
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WNC Reaches Out to Minority Students

Building Learning Communities to Foster Academic Excellence

Ruby Kennison-Fox felt secluded, without anyone to help her adjust to college when she arrived for her first semester at Western. A Native American member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, she experienced the myriad of trepidations unique to minority students.

Now, however, as a WNC student ambassador and the vice-president of the Indigenous Native American Club, Ruby has become an integral part of campus life offering peer support in a successful new program aimed at easing the transitional experience for new minority students.

When President Carol Lucey set student success as Western's number one priority, Dean of Student Services, John Kinkella, addressed the issue of student success in college for people of color. He found that a program of intensive hands-on guidance through the first college semester, called the cohort system, can significantly help in the area of minority student retention, grade point average, and completion. The cohort program started in summer 2010, focusing initially on the Latino students, our largest underserved minority population. The Native American cohort program will officially begin in summer 2011.

Counselors in the Bridge to Success program help all students complete the steps necessary to be successful when they start college. Working with high school counselors, the Bridge team identifies potential cohort participants. Through cohort, students receive help with degree identification, registration, scheduling classes, and financial aid applications. They are assigned peer academic coaches who provide supplemental instruction during their first college semester. Lupe Ramirez, Kinkella's executive assistant, serves as the Latino cohort head coach and Chair of the Latino Outreach Committee. Her office is a safe haven for excellent counsel, and she



is in continual contact with parents, helping them stay actively involved in their students' successes.

The following chart demonstrates the cohort program's effectiveness in its first year.

	COHORT	NON-COHORT
Course Completion	83%	60%
GPA	2.80	2.45
Retention	100%	79%

Professor Richard Finn is head coach for the Native American cohort program. He has experience working with reservation law enforcement. Because of his involvement in the cohort, WNC was invited to join and is a current member of the Education Advisory Committee for Native American and Alaska Natives. Finn recently established the Indigenous Native American Scholarship, funded through payroll deduction.

Interested in making a contribution to fund scholarships for Western's Latino or Native American students?

Send a check to: WNC Foundation
 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703
 E-mail: richmans@wnc.edu
 Specify the group of students you wish to support.

Come See the Stars at Jack C. Davis Observatory

The Western Nevada Astronomical Society, operating group of the Jack C. Davis Observatory, continues to bring the wonders of the night skies and the myteries of outer space right to our doorstep. Besides Saturday night Star Parties, always free and open to the public, the Observatory continuously puts on a variety of lectures and events.

According to WNAS President Mike Thomas, we are in a landmark period of astronomical achievements. On Jan. 26, scientists discovered the most distant galaxy ever observed in a Hubble Space Telescope Deep Field image from 2010. The galaxy is 13.2 billion light years from Earth.

On Feb. 2, NASA announced the results of the Kepler Telescope's first year of deep space exploration. To date, over 1,700 new extra-solar planets have been observed.

Learn more about the Observatory
www.wnas-astronomy.info

View video of the Dec. 2010 Red Lunar Eclipse, filmed at the Observatory and beautifully edited and set to music by WNAS members.

Jack C. Davis Observatory
 2699 Van Patten Ave., Carson City, NV



"You can't have a perfect day without doing something for someone who'll never be able to repay you."

John Wooden

A Milestone Year for WNC We've Turned the Big



This year brings a significant birthday to WNC. With it comes the chance to embrace the past and pay tribute to the collaborative effort of many who had a vision for our Silver State. WNC has successfully served thousands of Nevadans for decades. From rented classrooms in 1971 to three campuses and five education centers in 2011, we've come a long way.

There were 705 students that first semester. Today, the college serves close to 6,000 per semester. Join us on a walk down "Memory Lane".

1971 – WNCC opened using rented space in Reno, Carson City, Hawthorne, Yerington, Fallon, Incline Village and Zephyr Cove.

1972 – Enrollment tripled.

1974 – Bristlecone Building, WNC's first owned facility, opened on the new Carson City campus.

1979 – Western is split, with the north campus in Reno becoming Truckee Meadows Community College.

1981 – The Fallon campus opened with Sage Hall.

1987 – Local builders and manufacturers donate time and materials to construct a center for machine tool technology instruction.

1988 - The Pinon Hall classroom building opened at the Fallon campus.

1991 - Aspen Building opened at the Carson City campus, bringing science and art laboratories, and facilities for counseling and admissions.

1992 – Stillwater Hall (now Virgil Getto Hall) opened at the Fallon campus with science and art laboratories, student services areas, and library and media services. In Carson City, the library and media services addition opened and the first interactive video classroom was inaugurated.

1993 – The Child Development Center opened in Carson City.

1997 – Douglas Campus opened in Minden with Bently Hall. The John Sheldon Trade and Industry Complex opened in Carson City with new machining, automotive, and welding laboratories.

1998 - Cedar Building opened on the Carson City campus for nursing, physics, engineering and other classes.

1999 – Donald W. Reynolds Center for Technology opened on the Carson City campus housing drafting, electronics, construction technology and seminar rooms. The Jim Randolph High Tech Center opened at Carson High School providing joint use technology programs.

2003 - The Jack C. Davis Observatory opened on the Carson City campus.

2004 – The Joe Dini Jr. Library and Student Center opened in Carson City.

2006 – John H. Harvey baseball field opened at the Carson City campus.

2007 – Western Nevada Community College officially became Western Nevada College to reflect the college's expanded mission and baccalaureate degree opportunities.

2009 – A major retrofit is completed to make the Carson City campus easier for those with disabilities. Improvements include new lifts between floors, more accessible restrooms, and walkways with a gentler grade. Handicap parking lots were improved.



ABOVE: First home of WNCC-Carson City Civic Auditorium.

LEFT: Bristlecone building - Carson City. A campus of our own.

Task Force Looks at Western

What do others see when they take a "fresh look" at Western? For several of the 14 members of the "Fresh Look at Community Colleges Task Force," who gathered at the Carson campus in November, Western was an eye-opener.

One member called Western "one of our most important partners in economic development."

The "Fresh Look at Nevada Community College Task Force" was formed in June 2010 to examine the mission of Nevada's four community colleges and to identify resources to accomplish those missions. They will examine how the Nevada System of Higher Education can continue to meet increasing student demand while positioning Nevada as a national leader in workforce development and training.

Over the past decade, enrollment in Nevada's community colleges has grown by almost 23 percent with more than 66,500 students enrolled in fall 2009.



President Carol Lucey addresses members of the task force in Sarah Winnemucca Hall.

Education costs money, but then so does ignorance.

Sir Claus Moser



WNC Graduate Profile

Look Out Northern Nevada!

NOTE: To maintain confidentiality, we will use "Jane Doe" in place of the interviewee's real name.

At 16 years old, "Jane Doe" was already married, and pregnant. She had young sons at home when she got a job as a student worker at Western, starting college at just 17. She received scholarships which helped pay for her schooling and successfully completed the Western Nevada State Peace Officer Academy at 20 years old, the youngest member of the Academy at that time. When she turned 21, at the stroke of midnight, she was sworn in as a police officer. She has been with the Sheriff's Department ever since – over seven years.

Succeeding at the police academy requires both mental and physical tenacity. Doe said, "When I started the academy, I was very sensitive, had no real life experience, and was naive." Her life as a student was a whirlwind

of exhausting activity - she went to work, studied, picked up the kids, attended classes until 10 p.m., fetched the kids again, and then studied until one or two in the morning, just to start it all again at 5 a.m.

She has been over-the-top successful in law enforcement and has done everything from solo street patrol to undercover narcotics assignments. Doe is a central player in law enforcement. She is a real-life example of the adventure character we might think happens in fiction only -- that is, the woman who can balance her intense crime-fighting career with a family and home life.

Doe remembers those early years with her infant boys as difficult. "I was in a bad spot," she said, "and not in a position to support myself and my

kids. I would have had to constantly work two jobs."

Doe said the help she received at WNC changed her life. "My personal goals and objectives were met, which were just as important as career goals. I learned to be an independent, self-sufficient woman. I now have peace and happiness and make decisions for the right reasons. I support myself, my sons and have a house," she said.

Let this be a warning: "I'm still in the career the scholarships I received were intended for," Doe said. "I still love my job and have a lot of heart for it."

Look out, northern Nevada.

Tell Us About Yourself...

You are WNC! Some of you have earned associate degrees or have transferred to four-year institutions. You may have reached milestones in your life that you would like to share. A strong alumni association can provide opportunities for meaningful interaction. But first, we'd like to get reacquainted. Please fill out this form to help us update our alumni database.

Name: * _____
(please print)

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business: _____ Title: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

When did you attend WNC?* _____ Year Graduated* _____

Program of study* _____ Year of Transfer _____

Transfer School* _____

What's new in your life?* _____

*This information may be printed in Class Notes. Yes _____ No _____

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Message from the President

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have been forced to eliminate some academic programs, student fees have increased, and many students have been unable to get into classes.

Now Nevada colleges and universities have been asked to make up the lost funding by targeting students for tuition increases that would be so large that many may have to leave college and many more may be prevented from even starting college. At a time when Nevada has sky-high unemployment and a dire need to educate and graduate its citizens, education is a major driver for economic expansion. This is not the time to cripple higher education's ability to meet state needs. Our state must prepare for the future, not slip back into the past.

Following is a list of the state legislators who serve western Nevada. They are in session at the state legislature in Carson City right now, trying to solve the state's budget crisis. I ask that you find the name of your state

senator and assemblyperson on this list and contact them to ask that they protect higher education in Nevada from further economy-destroying cuts. The contact information for the governor's office is also on the list for your use.

We are proud of the thousands of WNC students and graduates. You represent the ultimate reason for our college's existence and you are making a difference in your communities. Your college needs you now. Nevada needs you. Please do what you can to help. Thank you.

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For additional information: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/>

Foundation Athletics Benefit

Baseball Great Kevin Jepsen Welcomed Home

The WNC Foundation held its eighth annual Wildcats Athletics Benefit in January. Keynote speaker Kevin Jepsen was welcomed home by over 300 supporters. Jepsen graduated from Bishop Manogue High School and joined major league baseball as a right-handed relief pitcher for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. He also

played for the United States national baseball team when it won bronze at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Regents Bill Cobb and Ron Knecht presented the foundation's first ever Wildcats Lifetime Achievement Award to Harvey and Annette Whittemore for their outstanding commitment to Wildcats Athletics.

The benefit, held at the Peppermill Resort Casino in Reno, raised \$18,000 to support WNC's intercollegiate athletics teams. Since athletics programs do not receive state general funding,



Keynote Speaker Kevin Jepsen

private support is critical to their existence.

Thank you to all who participated in this year's event. The proceeds will help fund travel, equipment, uniforms and officials' salaries for the baseball and softball teams.



Harvey & Annette Whittemore

Golf Tournaments Deemed a Success

Twenty-three teams of four teed off in September at Eagle Valley Golf Course for the thirteenth annual WNC Foundation Golf Classic. The Eagle Valley team earned bragging rights, winning the tournament for the third consecutive year. Of the tournament, WNC vice president of Development and External Affairs Helaine Morres says, "We are grateful of everyone who has supported the event year after year. It continues to be a success because of a continued commitment by our sponsors, participants and volunteers." The tournament raised \$10,500 which is being used for special projects – the annual Scholarship Appreciation and Recognition Reception, Newspapers in Education, the In touch magazine, the athletics program, and faculty/staff appreciation events.

Golfers had their fill of fun on the greens at the Fallon Golf Course in May. The fourth annual Golf for Greenwave Graduates tournament raised \$2,000 for scholarships. Four deserving students who graduated from Churchill County High School and attend WNC were awarded \$500 each. WNC thanks CC Communications and Greater Nevada Mortgage Services for their continued loyalty as sponsors of the tournament. "The golf tournament directly helps students," said WNC Fallon Dean Bus Scharmann. "In these tough economic times, the best way we can help students is with scholarships, and that's what this tournament is all about."

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CARSON CAMPUS

Main Gallery - Bristlecone Through March 25

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April 11 – May 6

"Student Art Show"

May 31 – Sept. 8

Paintings & Ceramics by Craig Whitehill

College Gallery - Bristlecone Through March 25

"Secreted Away" by Nancy Scarry

-
"The Call of Memories"

Works from Lone Mountain Writers Group

April 11 – May 6

"Student Art Show"

May 31 – Sept. 8

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November 4-20

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Three Wildcats Commit to Division I Universities

A trio of Western Nevada College players has signed letters of intent to play next fall for top college baseball programs. The signing sophomores include rightfielder Brooks Klein, third baseman Kevin Taylor, and catcher Patrick McMeel. This brings the total number of Wildcats to sign D-I scholarships to 36 since November 2006.

Brooks Klein will join the University of Nevada, Reno Wolf pack. He had a successful first year with Western, earning four home runs and 36 RBIs. He helped the Wildcats secure some big wins in 2010, including two come from behind, walk-off victories during a four game series against Southern Nevada last April.

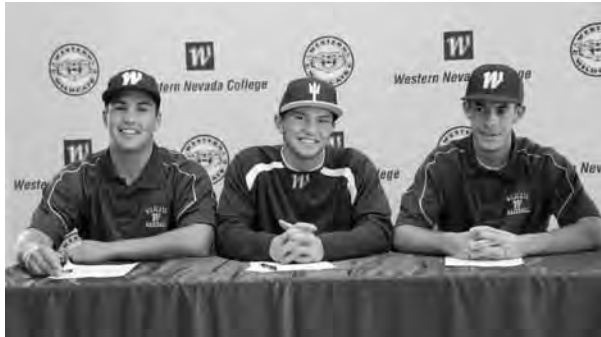
Kevin Taylor will join Arizona State University. He becomes the fifth Wildcat to sign with ASU in the past four seasons. Taylor was

a first team all-conference, all-region infielder in 2010. Taylor led the Wildcats with 45 runs scored, 41 RBIs, 18 doubles and 25 extra base hits.

Pat McMeel will play at New Mexico State University. He is the third Wildcat player to sign with NMSU. McMeel had a great 2010 season with the Wildcats where he threw out 11 of 29 would be base-stealers and earned all-conference, all-region mention hon-

ors for his work behind the plate. He finished the season batting .274 with an incredible .9921 fielding percentage. McMeel is originally from Olympia, Wash.

WNC Coach DJ Whittemore said, "All three of these young men are very talented and will be counted on to play major roles for our team this spring, just as they were a huge part of our team last year," when the Wildcats went 43-17.



Signing ceremony in November

Support the Wildcats at John L. Harvey Field on the Carson City campus.

ONLINE SCHEDULE

<http://www.wnc.edu/athletics/baseball/2011/schedule/>



Wildcats Softball Team is in Action

The Western Nevada College softball team is taking the field with new talent and a will to win in the 2011 season. Coach Leah Wentworth says, "The work ethic of these young ladies supersedes that of anything that we have had in the past. They are not only willing to let us push them further than they think is possible, but they are also willing to push themselves. We are excited to take the field and put all of our hard work into action."

Ashley Hall and Cassie Vondrak

are the only two Wildcats returning from last season. Hall led the 2010 team in hitting (.263) and homeruns (4), and her experience will be key to igniting the offense. Vondrak is coming off a medical redshirt and will be instrumental on the mound for Western. She throws with velocity and can be counted on to hit with power.

The Wildcats opened Feb. 11-12 against a tough opponent – Salt Lake Community College, the 2010 Region 18 champion that is ranked preseason No. 3 by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Support the Wildcats at Edmonds Park in south Carson City.

ONLINE SCHEDULE

<http://www.wnc.edu/athletics/softball/2011/schedule/>



Baseball Alums Move Up in Professional Ranks

Nine former Western Nevada College baseball players are wrapping up successful seasons in the MLB minor leagues, including five that advanced in the ranks this summer.

Head Coach DJ Whittemore offered a rundown of the players and their seasons "as they continue the long, difficult climb into major league baseball." He singled out pitcher Justin Garcia (2006-2007) who became the second Wildcat player in the team's five-year history to advance to AAA level competition when he was called up in July. To date, 11 Wildcat players have signed professional contracts.

- Jose Barajas – Baltimore Orioles
- Kyle Farrell – Atlanta Braves
- Justin Garcia – Tampa Bay Rays
- Dyllon Nuernberg – St. Louis Cardinals
- Jesse Rasner – Baltimore Orioles
- Lance Ray – Minnesota Twins Beloit Snappers
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