

E-HAPPENINGS

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

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NEWS

More Than 400 Students Earn Degrees, Certificates



HAPPY GRADS – Victor Festin, left, and Joshua Johnson celebrate before the Fallon ceremony.

The next step in life for 426 Western Nevada College students began this week with commencement. Now those receiving associate degrees and certificates of achievement will begin new careers or move on to other colleges. For some, the attainment of an associate degree was more than they imagined: perhaps as they struggled with English as a second language or the insecurity of years away from the classroom before they began college.

The Fallon commencement ceremony was Monday, May 19, in the Barkley Theater at Oats Park. WNC English instructor Kathy Reynolds gave the commencement address. Tuesday in Carson City's Community Center, the commencement address was given by Dan Klaich, executive vice chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-05-15a.php>

Students Dedicated to the Healing Arts Have Pinning Ceremonies

Fresh faces, courtesy of Western, will soon be serving the local medical community with the pinning ceremonies completed for both nurses and surgical technology graduates. Forty-nine associate degree nursing graduates will be entering the work force, as will 13 graduates of the Surgical Technology program, after they take the national certification tests. Those graduating were Debora Biddlecome, Jolene Daphne, Monroe Eskew, Edilberto Espitia, Rebecca Fejer, Elysia Fry, Steven Gerken, Caleb Joyner, Lindsey Marlow, Luz Raygoza, Svitlana Vasylieva, Emma Wagner, and Stacy Warland.

The 49 receiving an associate degree in nursing will test for their licenses as registered nurses.

Congratulations to all who have worked hard to begin a career of service in a vital field.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/>



Graduates of the Surgical Technology Program pose before their pinning ceremony on May 16.

Verbal Judo To Provide Tactical Communication Skills

Western is offering a free one-day training course on "Verbal Judo" on July 21 and 22 on the Carson City campus. The course teaches a philosophy of how to look creatively at conflict and then use specific strategies and tactics to find peaceful resolutions. Verbal judo teaches how to reach solutions while preserving individual dignity and organizational integrity. The principles and tactics calm difficult people, redirects the behavior of hostile people and diffuses potentially dangerous situations. Reserve a seat in the session of your choice by contacting Counseling Services at 445-3266 or 445-3267. The course runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Summer Session Registration Continuing

Students don't have to wait until fall to find pursue their interests or begin their college career. Western has fun summer classes in watercolor, ceramics and yoga. There are also hands-on geology trips to the Grand Tetons or the lava beds of Tulelake, Calif. These and many more credit and non-credit classes are available in the upcoming summer term.

Register online for courses that generally run June 9 through August 2, though many classes meet for a shorter period. Nearly 100 courses are being offered at the college's three campuses and online. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-05-22b.php>

ATHLETICS

Western Falls Just Short at SWAC Tournament



SAFE!--Lance Ray scores against CSN.

The Wildcats fell just short of capturing the Scenic West Athletic Conference baseball championship on May 10, giving up crucial ninth inning runs to lose to cross-state rival College of Southern Nevada 6-5. Western was just one strike away of downing the Coyotes before they rallied for four runs in the bottom of the ninth. CSN lost to Central Arizona College at the district championship.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-05-12a.php>

Baseball Players Earn Conference Recognition

Western ended the season with its share of honors. Left fielder Brian Barnett was co-player of the year for the Scenic West Athletic Conference, Chuck Howard was first team catcher, Travis Feiner was second team third baseman, Lance Ray was second team first baseman, and Jose Barajas and Josh Moody were second team pitchers. Western also placed catcher Chuck Howard and outfielder Jerome Pena on the All Region First Team. First baseman Lance Ray and third baseman Travis Feiner, plus pitchers Jose Barajas and Josh Moody made the All Region Second Team. <http://www.wnc.edu/athletics/baseball/>



BRIAN BARNETT



D. J. Whittemore Earns Coach of the Year Honors

Baseball Coach D.J. Whittemore was recognized by fellow coaches for his success with a mostly freshman team, with only six returning players from a year ago. He was named 2008 Scenic West Conference Coach of the Year. His team finished one game out of first in the regular season with a 29-11 record.

Women's Softball Signs Nevadans for First Season

Their first game is yet to be played, but all signs are positive for next year's inaugural season of women's softball. Consider: the coach is Dick Allen, who has been awarded multiple coach of the year honors as a championship softball and basketball coach at the high school level. The team is definitely going to be home grown, with eight women signed from northern and southern Nevada and a tryout in Carson City on May 31. Coach Allen won't be waiting around for next spring to begin play. Tournaments are tentatively scheduled for the last weekend in September and the first weekend in October.

"I'm trying to lock up a couple more pitchers, including one from Spanish Springs and another from Las Vegas," Allen said. "Several others are interested and things are falling into place. I want as many Nevada kids as possible and you bet we'll be ready to go. We're off to a good start."



CAMPUS CORNER

Latino Student Club Off to a Flying Start

Although it's only a couple of months old, the Latino Student Club already has a large number of events and a fundraiser to its credit. The club was part of College Day on April 11 and the



Multicultural Festival on May 10. They had a promotion for their club with pizza and soft drinks on May 5. The club's first fundraising event was a big success. Club members made more than 900 tamales and made about \$650.

Charter members of the club are Yesenia Fuentes, Nohemi Guzman, Angie Nabarete, Mariela Solis, Lisbette Lanuza, Vanissa Macias, Jan Stinnesbeck, Leandro Quispe, and Cesar Reyes. The advisor is Lupe Ramirez.

Prison Education Program Schedules Commencement Ceremonies

When: July 1, 1 p.m. Nevada State Prison, Carson City

July 2, 1 p.m. Northern Nevada Correctional Center, Carson City

To attend: Contact Jeffrey Council, 445-4406

One of the most important factors in a former inmate's success in the world is the amount of education they receive. Western has been doing this vital work for a number of years and invites those interested to attend ceremonies honoring those who have earned degrees and certificates. To make arrangements to attend, contact Jeffrey Council at the above number or at his e-mail: council2@wnc.edu.

In addition to these ceremonies, there will also be an event at the Lovelock Correctional Center at a date to be determined.

Tutoring Centers Register Big Gains

The Carson Tutoring Center showed a big gain in the number of students using the center and a doubling in the number of hours spent in the center. Thanks go to faculty members who recommended students as tutors, and those who urged their students to take advantage of the services. Josh Fleming, English instructor and ASC coordinator, said the Douglas center also had

large increases, and for the first time, Fernley students received tutoring in English, math and science. On-line students were able to access tutoring for writing. Tutoring will be offered during the summer on the Carson City Campus, and an announcement will be made shortly.