NEWS AND EVENTS

Enjoy Multicultural Festival This Weekend
Looking for some free fun that's music to your ears? The 15th annual Western Nevada College Multicultural Festival is Saturday, May 15, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Carson City campus. Free entertainment and exhibits, along with cool raffle prizes and food from many cultures will be available for purchase. Local artists will perform throughout the day. [Link]

Meet Director Roger Nygard Thursday, May 13, 5:30-7:30 pm
Free Film Friday on the “Nature of Existence”
As a bonus, this year's Multicultural Festival includes a free showing of the provocative and entertaining film "Nature of Existence," Friday, May 14, 7 p.m. Director Roger Nygard will attend the screening and answer questions from the audience. He will also be on the Carson City campus Thursday, May 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m., in the Bristlecone Building Lobby with his pal, Daryl Frazetti, a WNC part-time instructor. Nygard has directed, produced, written and edited for film and television, including the HBO series “The Mind of the Married Man,” and the NBC series “The Office.” Meet and visit with Nygard. [Link]

Free! Concert Choir Presents Show Tonight
The WNC Concert Choir presents its annual spring choral concert at 7:30 p.m. in Sarah Winnemucca Hall, at the Carson City campus. Admission is free.

Specialty Crop Institute Travels to Owyhee Reservation
WNC’s Specialty Crop Institute recently hosted a workshop on the Owyhee Indian Reservation to educate the community about alternative farming methods to increase food production and hoop-house construction to extend the growing season. A new 20' x 30' hoop house will be used as a demonstration garden at the Owyhee Combined School. Students and teachers will plant the garden. [Link]
"Sound of Music" Plays This Weekend
The classic musical "The Sound of Music" continues at the Carson City Community Center, May 14-16. WNC’s Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company offers the timeless story of an Austrian postulant who proves too high-spirited for the religious life, and is sent to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval captain. Enduring songs include Edelweiss, My Favorite Things, Climb Every Mountain, 16 Going on 17, and many more. Features Maria Arrigotti as Maria Von Trapp. [http://www.wnc.edu/news/2010-04-07e.php](http://www.wnc.edu/news/2010-04-07e.php)

POST Academy Runs in Honor of Fallen Officers
Cadets from the Western Nevada State Peace Officer Academy participated in their annual Pride Run from the WNC Carson City campus to the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on the grounds of the Capitol and back. During May, members of law enforcement groups throughout the country honor fallen officers through memorials and ceremonies. [http://www.nevadaleo.org/Memorial/salute.html](http://www.nevadaleo.org/Memorial/salute.html)

COLLEGE CORNER

Students Present Faculty Awards
The Associated Students of Western Nevada College recognized outstanding faculty members during their annual awards banquets. Students from throughout the college chose two outstanding academic faculty members as Faculty of the Year. This year, English Professor/Academic Skills Center Coordinator Josh Fleming earned the award for Carson City/Douglas and History Professor Doris Dwyer was recognized by students in Fallon/rural areas.

ASWN Honors Dorothy Gallagher
WNC students honored long-serving Nevada System of Higher Education Regent Dorothy Gallagher at their annual awards and recognition banquets in Carson City and Fallon. Gallagher has been a champion for Nevada higher education for more than three decades, and plans to retire after this year. The Elko resident has steadfastly supported enhancements in programs and facilities that have helped WNC to grow and serve changing community needs.
Ceremony Recognizes Faculty, Staff and Students

WNC faculty, staff and student workers received awards for their outstanding contributions to the college at the Employee Recognition Ceremony, Friday, May 7.

Faculty and Staff Awards:

Classified Employee of the Year: Christina Hillis
Administrator of the Year: Katie Leao
Academic Faculty Member of the Year: Jim Kolsky
Part-time Faculty Member of the Year: Lane Simonian
Team of the Year: Latino Outreach Committee
Academic Advisor of the Year: Lupe Ramirez
Emeritus Faculty Awards: Mark Dorio, Linda Jacks, Jim Kolsky, Ron Martin, Paul Richey, Laura Whitelaw

Student Employee Awards:

Student Employee of the Year-Carson City/Douglas: Matthew Bradley, Facilities
Student Employee of the Year-Fallon/Rural Centers: Krista Llamas, Fallon Library
Outstanding New Student Employee of the Year-Carson City/Douglas: Rebecca Van Sickie, Business Office
Outstanding New Student Employee of the Year- Fallon/Rural Centers: Megan Herringshaw, Fallon Student Services

Longevity Awards:

5-Year Award: Jeff Downs, Paul Eastwood, Joshua Fleming, Edda Gibson, Emily Howarth, John Kinkella, Michael Malay, Gil Martin, Susan Priest, Dan Neverett, Arion Smith, Eric Thornton, Lori Tiede, DJ Whittemore.
10-Year Awards: Beth Blankenship, Jayna Conkey, Nicole Davenport, Linda Jacks, Robert Martinez, Roberto Ramirez, Chris Ryan, Devona Scott
15-Year Awards: Brigitte Dillet, Barbara Ford, Jackie Gentine, Richard Kloes, Paul Muller, Jim Strange
20-Year Awards: Michael Batesel, Connie Capurro, Maxine Cirac, Dave Cook, Yvonne David, Mark Dorio, Julie King, Winnie Kortemeier, Lupe Ramirez, Laura-Lee Redwine, Richard Stewart, Marilee Swirczek
25-Year Awards: Valerie Andersen, Howard Collett, Irena Joanette-Gallio, Fred Kille
30-Year Awards: Doris Dwyer, Duc Ly, Ron Martin, Cheryl Pawluk, Michael Sady, John Yurtinus
35-Year Award: Don Carlson

Teri Zutter Receives Award of Merit

Adult Literacy and Language Director Teri Zutter was honored at the Mountain Plains Adult Education Association conference with an “Award of Merit,” the highest award given to one member of the MPAEA each year. A notable program to support adult learning is WNC’s GED Bootcamp, which Zutter and Instructor Angela Andrade shared with other educators at the conference.

Students Elect New President, Representatives

The Associated Students of Western Nevada welcomes a new president for 2010-2011. Jason McGill, right, is a graduate of Silver Stage High School and studies Criminal Justice. Others include Ashley Cruz, vice president, Carson campus, Leah Burfield, vice president, Fallon campus and Ashlee McGarity, secretary. Senators, Carson City senators are Jose Quiroga, Meagan Machart, Michael Hunter and Christopher Smith. Fallon senators are Kristin Campbell, Krista Llamas, Robert Grainer and Eric Franklin.
IN THE ARTS
"Sound of Music" Flash Mob Surprises Crowds
Members of the Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company recently promoted the current production of “The Sound of Music” for unsuspecting crowds at the Reno International Airport and the Meadowood Mall. The company created a flash mob, dancing and singing unannounced to the tune “Do-Re-Mi.” The performance astonished travelers and shoppers and left a memorable impression.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fr-qAnB4IE0
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJFFY2OxkR0

ATHLETICS
Hit the Golf Course to Support WNC Students
May is the month to dust off the clubs and get out on the course. Two golf tournaments are planned in Carson City and Fallon to support WNC students.

The Nevada Associated Students of Construction group at WNC is seeking players and teams for a golf tournament Friday, May 21, at Empire Ranch Golf Course, Carson City. The aim is to help raise funds for the program and mentor students who will soon be headed into the work force.


Baseball and Softball Teams Head for Post-Season Play
It was a tight race to the end for the Wildcats baseball team, whose fate for a second place finish in the Scenic West was in the hands of the College of Southern Nevada. CSN came through for the Wildcats, winning one game against Salt Lake Community College last week. WNC earned a first-round bye in the Region 18 tournament, May-12-15, in Las Vegas. The Wildcats play Thursday, May 13, at 1 p.m. Listen to a live audio broadcast online: http://www.carsonsports.com/

The Wildcats softball team travels to Salt Lake City for the Region 18 tournament where they open up against the College of Southern Nevada, Thursday, May 13, at noon. The Wildcats captured wins from the College of Southern Idaho and College of Southern Nevada in their final conference matchups, helping to secure a place in the tournament. Coach Leah Wentworth says she is proud of the team’s efforts. “We are peaking at the right time. We’ve played hard and are ready to show that we can compete against top-ranked teams.” Tournament brackets and scores: http://www.scenicwestsports.com/

HOLD THE DATE
Monday, May 24: WNC Graduation Ceremony in Fallon – Oats Park Art Center, 7 pm
Tuesday, May 25: Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Carson City Community Center, 1 pm
Tuesday, May 25: WNC Graduation Ceremony Carson City Community Center, 7 pm
(Note: seating is limited – Contact Admissions at 445-3277)
June 1-July 30: WNC Douglas Campus will be closed. It will reopen Monday, Aug. 2.