NEWS AND EVENTS
College to Graduate Largest Class in History
For the third consecutive year, the largest class in Western Nevada College history will graduate and enter into the Nevada workforce or continue their educational pursuit at four-year colleges or universities. The class of 2012 is 467 students strong, with a total of 511 degrees being issued. Five students will receive Bachelor of Technology degrees in construction management, and 10 students will graduate with bachelor’s degrees as part of WNC's teacher preparation partnership with Nevada State College. Receiving honorary degrees are Donal Hummer, Jr. and Senator Michael McGinness. Commencement ceremonies are Monday, May 21, 11 a.m. in Carson City at the Pony Express Pavilion, 888 N. Saliman Road, and Tuesday, May 22, 7 p.m., in Fallon at the Barkley Theatre at Oats Park Art Center, 151 Park Street.  [http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-05-11c.php](http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-05-11c.php)

Earth Week Activities Attract Attention

Top (l-r): Students view the electric car exhibit; John March with universal waste lamps for recycling; solar hotdog-cooking exhibit. Bottom (l-r): Black Rock Solar Executive Director Patrick McCully, WNC President Carol Lucey and NV Energy vice president-customer relations Bruce Bullock cutting the ribbon at the Solar Array Dedication event; students sort trash from WNC buildings to assess what items could have been recycled.
Foundation Golf Tournament Seeks Sponsors/Players
The WNC Foundation Golf Tournament will tee off at Thunder Canyon at 9 a.m., Monday, June 25. Player registrations are $700 for business teams and $125 for individual golfers, and sponsorships are available for businesses interested in having a presence at the event. All proceeds will benefit WNC programs and students. http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-05-07a.php

IN THE ARTS
‘Pajama Game’ Takes the Stage
The Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company presents “Pajama Game,” weekends, May 11-20 at the Carson City Community Center. The Tony Award-winning musical is set in the 1950’s and tells the story of a union fight in a pajama factory for a seven and a half cent raise. The plot thickens when the factory superintendent falls in love with one of the union reps. For tickets: www.wnmtc.com or 445-4249. http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-04-25c.php

Enjoy Spring Concert at WNC
The Western Nevada College Concert Choir and the Douglas High School Madrigal Singers present the annual spring choral concert on Tuesday, May 15, 7:30 p.m. in Marlette Hall, Cedar Building, Room 100, at the WNC Carson City campus. The choirs are directed by Bill Zabelsky and accompanied by Henry Melendres. The concert features a collection of 13 songs including favorites such as "Over the Rainbow" and "The Crawdad Song." The two choirs will unite and close the concert with a rendition of "May You Always Have A Song." The event is free and open to the public.

COLLEGE CORNER
ASWN Elects New Leadership
The WNC student body has elected Curtis Blackwell to represent them in the 2012-2013 academic year as the president of the Associated Students of Western Nevada. Also elected was Lorena Cedano-vice president, Alejandra Leon-treasurer, and Jacob Council, Kelsey Reece and Frankie Perez-senators. Pictured: 2012-13 ASWN members and student representatives. http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-05-07b.php

...And the Winner Is -
Ila Bottoms – The Carson City resident and pre-nursing student won the iPad that was offered in a drawing for students who completed their online course evaluation this spring. Ila is finishing her nursing prerequisites and hopes to be selected for the program for the fall. Ila said, “It’s pretty cool” to win, but added, “I would have done it (the survey) anyway. It’s important to have your say.”
**Bike to Work Week Activities**
Several activities are on tap for Bike to Work Week, Monday–Friday, May 14–18.

**Corporate Challenge**: The college has entered the Muscle Powered Bike to Work Week Corporate Challenge and is seeking members for the WNC team.
Information/registration: Brenda Kolling, kollingb@wnc.edu

**Morning Refreshments**: Anyone who bikes to work, or walks, carpools or uses public transportation is invited.

**The Bike Smith Presentation**: Bike Safety and maintenance tips, noon–1 p.m., Marlette Hall, Cedar building.

**Corporate Challenge Celebration**: Bike to Work team awards and celebration, Friday, May 18, Firkin and Fox.

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**WNC Douglas to Host Open House**
The public is invited to tour the WNC Douglas campus, Friday, May 18, from 3–6 p.m. Classrooms and the science lab will be open for viewing, and professors and instructors will offer presentations throughout the afternoon. Advisors will be available to assist with questions about admission and enrollment. For information: 782-2413

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**Students Honor Outstanding Faculty**
The Associated Students of Western Nevada College recently named Sociology instructor Dr. Tom Kubistant and English instructor Monica Fairbanks the Outstanding Faculty Members of the Year.

Additional recognition included Outstanding Service Awards to Kubistant and Derek Clickenbeard, Lifted Café manager; Academic Excellence Awards to students Josh Galarza and Cheryl Ann Danny - Communications and Fine Arts, Kelli L. McDonnell and Leanna Ogle - Nursing and Allied Health, Katherine Schnoor and James Ditmars - Science Mathematics and Engineering, Rebecca Glinka and Tag Spikes - Social Science, Education, Humanities and Public Service, and William “Shane” Jones and Randy Contreras - Technology; Regents’ Scholar recognition to Maira Ibarra; Student Ambassador Award to Erik Llamas, Latino Cohort Award to Lucrecia Salguero; and Outstanding Athletics Awards to Anthony Consiglio and Megan Hein.

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**Honor Society Inducts New Members**
Western Nevada College’s Carson City and Fallon chapters of Phi Theta Kappa recently inducted more than 45 members into the national honor society for two-year colleges. Phi Theta Kappa emphasizes the four hallmarks of leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and community service, and encourages members to be actively involved in their college and community. To be eligible for membership, a student must complete a minimum of 12 hours of associate degree course work and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher throughout their enrollment in the two-year college.

Child Development Center Receives National Accreditation
The WNC Child Development Center on the Carson City campus has received renewal of their accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The center is the only accredited facility in Carson City.

ATHLETICS
Baseball Team Moving on to Western District Tourney May 17-20
WNC Teams Compete at SWAC Tournaments
WNC’s softball and baseball teams traveled to Salt Lake City to vie for NJCAA Region 18 Championship titles, and the Wildcats baseball team is moving on to the next level. Wildcats Softball entered the SWAC tournament in the 5th place seed, and Wildcats Baseball entered as runners-up to Salt Lake Community College. The softball team bowed out on Friday, but the baseball team finished as runners-up in Region 18 and will now play in the NJCAA Western District conference. As the SWAC champion, Salt Lake Community College will host the tournament, which will include WNC, Central Arizona College, and Lamar Community College, Colo. WNC opens against Central Arizona on Thursday, May 17, at 6 p.m. PST. Listen live and find the latest tournament information at http://www.wnc.edu/athletics/

SAVE THE DATE
May 14-31: Employment Skills Workshops at WNC Fallon. View a full list of classes at www.campusce.net/wnc/
Monday, May 21, 11 a.m.: Carson City Commencement, Pony Express Pavilion
Tuesday, May 22, 6 p.m.: Fallon Commencement, Oak Park Art Center, Fallon
Monday, June 11: Summer classes start
Monday, June 18: Lavender Harvest and Marketing Workshop, WNC Carson City and Campie’s Lavender Patch, Stagecoach
Monday, July 30: Cut Flower Workshop, WNC Carson and Smith Farms, Dayton