Success Story
An Inspirational Grad

It is truly good fortune to cross paths with a person who inspires. He may have overcome hardships with a positive outlook. He may acknowledge his success to important people in his life before he credits himself. He may have a global dream to improve the lives of people around him. This person is Adolfo Segura.

Segura was born in Nayarit, Mexico. His hard-working family moved to Carson City in 1989 when Adolfo was 9 years old. Segura, now 26, could not speak a word of English when he started sixth grade. Although he did not know the language, he said, “I did not see myself as a victim. I had to live it and overcome it.”

To address his situation head-on and help other young people confronting a language barrier, he started a bilingual TV show at age 11 called “Hola Carson City” with the help of Nevada Hispanic Services in Carson City. Since education is one of the program’s purposes, Adolfo was surrounded with a focus on the importance of staying in school to receive a good education. He credits this experience as the reason he attended college. Adolfo acted as one of the hosts on “Hola,” interviewing guests in both English and Spanish, including Senator Reid, several governors and the secretary of education. This experience, he says, led him to his career in the media.

Segura’s college education began at WNCC. Not wanting to be identified as an English as a Second Language student, he enrolled in a regular English class. He credits Dr. Ursula Carlson as one of his best professors and someone who helped him succeed. He worked two jobs while attending college, and graduated with an Associate of Arts degree. WNCC, he said, readied him for transfer to the University of Nevada, Reno, taught him how the college system worked, and prepared him to teach his own children how to succeed in college. He attained a bachelor’s degree in broadcast journalism with a minor in Spanish, since “working for a TV station, one’s Spanish has to be professional.”

Today, Segura is the news director for Azteca America-KAZR 46, Reno’s only Spanish-language, full-news cast television station. His responsibilities include production, script writing and editing. He is also a member of WNCC’s Carson City Advisory Board.

Adolfo credits his positive outlook and success in life to his religious beliefs and his parents. In his characteristic manner, he acknowledges them as the guides to his success while viewing his struggles as stepping stones rather than barriers. His road to success is an inspiration to us all.
WNCC has begun construction on its first baseball field at the Carson City campus. Heavy equipment began turning up sagebrush in March for the new intercollegiate athletic facility. First phase construction is scheduled for completion by June 15 with an estimated cost of $1.4 million to be paid entirely by private donations from individuals and companies in western Nevada.

The “Field of Dreams” will primarily serve as the home field for the new Western Nevada Wildcats baseball team but will have secondary use by Carson City community teams. The field may one day host the Nevada high school baseball championships and possibly American Legion/Babe Ruth championships or tournaments.

The lead gift of $800,000 was made in honor of John L. Harvey, a former Carson City Rotarian and Presbyterian minister. The gift comes from the owners of the Wingfield Nevada Group headed by Harvey Whittemore and Tom Seeno. In addition to providing the lead gift, the Wingfield construction team is managing the building of the stadium. Other area residents and companies working closely with the Wingfield group and generously contributing time and funds are WoodRodgers Engineering, Hershenow and Klippenstein Architects, Basalite, Sema, Cinderlite Trucking, PDM Steel, Dennis Banks Construction Company, Builder’s Association of Western Nevada and The Plaza Hotel.

WNCC’s baseball program is still actively seeking individuals and companies that would like to assist with the project. Many items are needed and funds must be raised before the stadium can be completed.

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Instructors Lead Pacific Rim Tour

A recent art exhibit at the Carson City campus Bristlecone Gallery highlighted a magnificent ocean voyage by two of WNCC’s instructors, Chris Ryan and Jayna Conkey. The photographs were taken by Conkey and Ryan in Alaska, Russia, Korea, Japan, China, Vietnam and Taiwan last summer as Professor Ryan led the Teachers at Sea program for Semester at Sea. The photographs chronicled the journey of K-12 teachers from throughout the U.S. as they learned about the human and physical geography of the Pacific Rim, while cruising in the Pacific Ocean.

Ryan has collaborated with the National Geographic Society since 1992 heading a program called Geographic Alliance in Nevada (GAIN) with the objective of teaching Nevada K-12 teachers about local and global geography. He is an instructor in the Geographical Information Systems program at WNCC.

Conkey is an instructor in the college’s Graphic Communications program. She will also teach Digital Photography beginning fall 2005. The photographs she took on the voyage will be distributed to K-12 teachers for use in their classrooms.

Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company

Presents the Best of Broadway... Right Here at Home

Crazy for You
Don’t miss this Tony Award-winning Gershwin musical, where boy meets girl in Deadrock, Nevada. Critics call it an “old-fashioned, good-natured tap-dance-‘til-the-stage-shakes celebration.”
Sept. 23-25 and Sept. 30-Oct. 2
Carson City Community Center

Fiddler on the Roof
In a little village in Czarist Russia, Tevye, a poor dairyman, tries to instill his family traditions in his daughters in the face of a rapidly changing world.
Nov. 5-6, 11-13 and 18-20
Carson City Community Center

Tickets: (775) 445-4249

POPPULAR PROGRAMS
Summer Driver Training Classes

WNCC is continuing its popular driver training classes on the Carson City campus for only $49* until August 15. The 30-hour, non-credit course meets the DMV training requirements to obtain a Nevada driver’s license and the criteria for discounts with most insurance companies.

CLASSES
Monday-Thursday • 8:30 am – 4 pm
Beginning June 20
Open to students age 15 and over

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* Regular price is $95. Price reduction available through generous grant from the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety.

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Keep up to date on WNCC happenings @ www.wncc.edu
Make it a bookmark!

PRODUCTION TEAM: Sandi Richman, Mike Greenan, Anne Hansen, John Hawkins, Michelle Legras Peltier
### Alumni Relations Committee

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The WNCC Alumni Relations Committee is dedicated to maintaining a communication link between alumni and WNCC, to heighten alumni awareness of the growth and improvement of WNCC, and to encourage their participation in that growth and improvement.

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**Grads!**

Send us your news for Class Corner. Tell us what's happening in your life... promotions, marriages, children, milestones. Please type or print clearly.

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**WNCC Greater Nevada Credit Union Golf Classic**

WNCC will tee off its eighth annual Golf Classic on Monday, Aug. 8, 9 a.m., at Thunder Canyon Golf Course. Enjoy a wonderful opportunity to play a beautiful golf course in a tournament that is expected to fill up quickly. The $150 entry fee includes golf, continental breakfast, refreshments on the course, door prizes, goody bag and barbecue. On Sunday, Aug. 7, 5:30 p.m., at Piñon Plaza, Clark Russell will host the Kick-off party. There will be “closest to the hole” and “longest drive” trophies as well as chances to win prizes for a hole in one on the three pars. Business signage sponsorship opportunities are available.

JOIN/QUESTIONS

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**CAMPUS CHAT is on the Air!**

Television viewers in the WNCC service area can get the latest news about WNCC from the comfort of their living room. This lively half-hour show updates viewers on new programs, people at the college, building projects and services to the community. Helaine Jesse, vice president of Institutional Advancement at WNCC, hosts the show.

**Carson City & Lyon County** – CAT 10 • Cable Channel 10, Wed. – 7 p.m., Fridays – 7:30 p.m.

**Churchill County** – CC Communications • Cable Channel 1 "ON NOW", Daily – 10 a.m., 2 p.m., & 8 p.m.

**Douglas County** – DCCATV • Cable Channel 26, Mon. – 7:30 a.m., Fridays, 7:30 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**Fallon** – FCT 25 • Cable Channel 25, Second Mon. & Wed. of each month – 7:30 p.m.

**Washoe County** – SNCAT • Cable Channel 16, Tuesdays – 6 p.m.

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**Hall of Fame Coach JOE SELLERS Speaks at Second Annual Athletic Dinner**

“Legends and Tales in Nevada Sports, An Evening with Coach Sellers” was a success April 27 at the Peppermill Hotel and Casino in Reno. National High School Hall of Fame Coach Joe Sellers was the featured speaker. His lively presentation delighted the many guests who attended to support the Western Wildcats athletic program.

Sellers, who has shared his talents as teacher, administrator, coach and athletic director for more than 30 years, has a long and storied tradition in northern Nevada athletics. He coached four different sports at the varsity level at three area high schools and was inducted into the National Hall of Fame in 2003. This was based on his outstanding career at Wooster High School, where he led the Colts to seven state football championships and compiled the most winning record in Nevada football history. Sellers has won more than 83 percent of his games over his career and has an overall record of 250 wins against just 45 losses.

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**New WNCC Academic Programs**

Do you know someone who is looking for a hot job? These exciting new WNCC programs lead to challenging, good-paying careers.

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